

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
TULSA, OKLAHOMA

Executive Order No. 2014- 04

ESTABLISHMENT OF A TASK FORCE TO CONDUCT A FEASIBILITY
STUDY AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE CONSOLIDATION
OF THE CITY OF TULSA PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
AND THE TULSA COUNTY PARKS DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the citizens of the City of Tulsa and Tulsa County expect efficient and effective government operations, regardless of city or county boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the City and County have a long and successful history of collaboration and cooperation, evident in such successful joint ventures as the City-County Health Department, City-County Library System, INCOG, Tulsa Metropolitan Planning Commission, and the River Parks Authority; and

WHEREAS, not only does the City's Park Master Plan recommend, but also recent fiscal and operational challenges facing both the City of Tulsa Park and Recreation Department and the Tulsa County Parks Department require that a serious evaluation of future park and recreation services and facilities be undertaken at this time; and

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Legislature enacted the City-County Parks and Recreation Act of Oklahoma, 19 O.S. §1001 et seq. to promote the establishment, maintenance, and cooperation of city-county parks and recreation systems in order to give all the citizens equal access to a comprehensive system of recreational facilities. Formation of such cooperative park and/or recreation systems has the potential to reduce unnecessary duplication in the maintenance and operation of public recreational facilities.

THEREFORE, by virtue of the power vested in me as the Mayor of the City of Tulsa, it is hereby ordered:

Section 1: Purpose – The purpose of this Executive Order is to establish a task force (“Parks Task Force”) to conduct a feasibility study on the consolidation of the City of Tulsa Park and Recreation Department and the Tulsa County Parks Department and make recommendations to the Mayor of Tulsa and to the Board of County Commissioners of Tulsa County.

Section 2: Membership – The Parks Task Force will consist of ten (10) members. The Mayor and the Board of County Commissioners shall by mutual agreement select each member. Each member of the Parks Task Force shall be from the private sector and possess a strong background in business management, strategic planning, parks and recreational programming and/or financial resource development. At the time of selection, the Mayor and the Board of County Commissioners will mutually designate two members as Co-Chairs. No member of the

Parks Task Force shall hold or be a candidate for public office, however a member may concurrently be a volunteer member of other civic boards, committees and/or commissions.

Section 3. Scope of Work - The Parks Task Force shall:

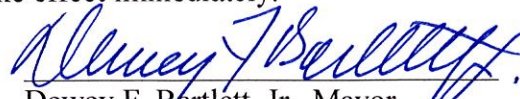
- a) Conduct a comprehensive evaluation and feasibility study on the merits of consolidating City and County park and recreation personnel, services, facilities, equipment, budget, funding and operations.
- b) Examine all laws, charters, ordinances, existing contracts and/or management agreements and other legal sources relevant to consolidation of City and County parks.
- c) Hold a minimum of two public meetings for the purpose of obtaining comments from residents of the City of Tulsa and of Tulsa County regarding consolidation of City and County parks.
- d) Meet at least once a quarter. Within 90 days of its first meeting, the Parks Task Force shall report on its progress to the City of Tulsa and Board of County Commissioners of Tulsa County and provide other such reports quarterly and/or as deemed necessary.
- e) Produce a final written report containing findings and recommendations, identifying items which merit further consideration and development. Within twelve months after its first meeting, the Parks Task Force shall submit its final written report to the City of Tulsa and the Board of County Commissioners of Tulsa County.

Section 4. Compensation – Each member of the Parks Task Force shall serve without compensation. All of the work and work product will be donated to City of Tulsa and Tulsa County upon completion of the feasibility study.

Section 5. Cooperation by City – The City of Tulsa will make available and accessible to the Parks Task Force any and all information and personnel working directly or indirectly for or in support of the City of Tulsa Park and Recreation Department.


Section 6. Duration - The work of the Parks Task Force shall end twelve months after its first meeting.

Section 7. Effective Date - This order shall take effect immediately.

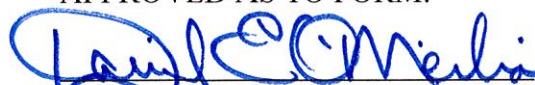

Dewey F. Bartlett, Jr., Mayor

Date: AUG 14 2014

ATTEST:


City Clerk
Deputy



APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney