

Regular Meeting | September 13, 2022 | 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

City Hall at One Technology Center

Members Present	Members Absent
Thomas Boxley	Daryll Bright
Marquess Dennis	Anthony Payne
Dewayne Dickens	Jameelah Stuckey
David Harris	
Brian Humphrey	
Margaret Love	
Larissa McNeil	
Burlinda Radney	
Greg Robinson II	
Maybelle Wallace	
Kristi Williams	

I. Call to Order and Introductions

- **a.** Chairwoman Williams calls the meeting to order at 6:03pm
- **b.** The commission welcomes Tony Williams to the commission

II. Approval of Minutes from May

- a. Commissioner Margaret and Commissioner Love note a discrepancy in the meeting minutes with mixed-up names.
 - i. Commissioner Harris makes a motion to approve the meeting, pending the correction
 - ii. Vice Chairman Robinson seconds
 - iii. All present in unanimous favor.

III. Chair Report

- a. Chairwoman Williams reports:
 - i. She's working to plan a commission retreat dedicated to organizing the committees.
 - 1. Commissioner Boxley requests that the commission consider hosting the retreat in early October.
 - ii. GTAAAC proposed a resolution that included the city apologizing for the massacre and implementing effective policy changes to address the massacre. Since then, they've created the "Beyond Apology" initiative, which spans across Tulsa. The initiative addresses topics related to, policy, and economic development.

IV. Committee Reports

- a. Housing Policy
 - i. No report
- b. Economic Development
 - i. No report
- c. Education Committee
 - i. No report



d. Cultural Awareness Committee

- i. Commissioner Wallace reports that Theatre North was the first runner-up for the TATE Award Tulsa Award for Theatre Excellence, and they received a \$5,000 prize from Kaiser. Commissioner Harris won an award for best actor.
- ii. Theatre North was first runner-up for the play NACIREMA Society and received another cash award.
- iii. Commissioner Wallace updates all upcoming plays in Tulsa for the next few months from various theatres.
- e. Equal Justice and Accountable Policing
 - i. No report
- f. Human Rights Commission
 - i. Commissioner McNeil reports that the commission

V. Old Business

a. Commissioner Robinson informs the commission that TAEO should provide an implementation update since their discussion in May. TAEO will be looking for organizations to collaborate with on implementation once the plan is revealed.

VI. New Business

a. None

VII. Announcements / Public Comments

- Commissioner Robinson announces updates to the ARPA Fund process, including the city's restrictions, allocation, availability, applications, and principals for eligibility.
 - i. Commissioners express concern with the quick turnaround time, communication, and restrictions for eligibility placed on the funds.
 - ii. Krystal provides some insight on guiding principles but directs commissioners with further questions, comments, or concerns to Alisa Douglas, who manages the funds.
 - 1. Learn more about eligibility for The City's ARPA Fund's here: City of Tulsa
 - 2. You can contact Alisa Douglas at: adougless@cityoftulsa.org
 - iii. Commissioner Robinson informs the commission that ARPA funding can also be received on the State & County level, with different levels of eligibility than the City, and encourages them to explore those options.
 - 1. Learn more about State ARPA Funds here: Oklahoma American Rescue Plan Act
 - 2. Learn more about County ARPA Funds here: American Rescue Plan Resources Tulsa County Public Website
 - iv. Commissioner Robinson informs commissioners that The Oklahoma Department of Commerce will be administering \$25 million in ARPA Funding. He encourages commissioners to register so that they'll know when it becomes available. This is one-time money
- b. Commissioner Williams gives commissioner Dennis a shout out for the work he's been doing with his organization, Birthright Living Legacy. They'll be hosting



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their first park crawl this weekend, where dads will meet up at LaFortune Park and connect with other children and fathers.

- i. Commissioner Dennis informs the commission that BLL will be hosting a conference on October 14th from 9am-3pm at Tulsa Dream Center.
 There'll be free food, and the discussion will be focused on co-parenting and fatherhood.
- c. Commissioner Robinson introduces Kyra Carby as the new community engagement coordinator for GPP. Kyra offers support and partnership to the commission their respective organizations on behalf of her workplace.
 - i. The park is looking for strategic partnership to make the gathering place even more accessible/equitable. The organization is working with central park to capture data and see who is utilizing what.

VIII. Adjournment

- a. Chairwoman Williams requests a motion to adjourn
 - i. Commissioner Boxley makes a motion
 - ii. Commissioner Dennis seconds the motion
 - iii. Meeting adjourned at 7pm