

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 6:03 pm
- b. The commission welcomes Tony Williams to the commission

II. Approval of Minutes from May

- a. Chairwoman Williams requests a motion to approve the May meeting minutes
 - i. Commissioner Harris makes a motion to approve the minutes
 - ii. Vice Chairman Robinson seconds
 - iii. All present in unanimous favor.

III. Chair Report

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



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- 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.
 - 1. Commissioner Harris won an award for best actor.
 - 2. Theatre North was also first runner-up for the play NACIREMA Society and received another cash award.
- ii. Commissioner Wallace updates the commission on 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. No report

V. Old Business

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

VI. New Business

a. None

VII. Announcements / Public Comments

- a. Commissioner Robinson announces updates to the City of Tulsa's ARPA Fund process, including the City's restrictions, allocation, availability, applications, and principles for eligibility.
 - i. Commissioners express concern with:
 - 1. The communication of the application's timeline. The application opened on Tuesday, September 6, and closed on Tuesday, October 4, at 5 pm.
 - 2. The requirements for eligibility placed on the funds. In addition to consistency with Federal ARPA guidelines, requirements for eligibility include a letter of intent informed by:
 - a. The pandemic recovery needs of Tulsans as reported by the City's Community needs Survey (or other needs independently identified by the non-profit community).
 - b. Prioritization of impacted or disproportionately impacted citizens.
 - c. Prioritization of collaboration with other non-profits.
 - d. Prioritization of projects with proposal budgets of at least \$10,000 and no more than \$1,000,000. Project programming should anticipate starting no sooner than the spring of 2023, with the entirety of the grant funds expended within 12 months. No brick-and-mortar capital expenses will be considered.
 - ii. Krystal provides some insight into her understanding of why these requirements were selected but directs commissioners with further questions, comments, or concerns to Alisa Douglas, who manages the funds.



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- 1. You can contact Alisa Douglas at: <u>adougless@cityoftulsa.org</u>
- 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 commissioners to explore those options.
- iv. Commissioner Robinson informs commissioners that The Oklahoma Department of Commerce will administer \$25 million in ARPA Funding. He encourages commissioners to register to know when it becomes available.
- 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 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 host a conference on October 14 from 9 am-3 pm 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 on behalf of her workplace.
 - i. The park is looking for strategic partnerships to make the gathering place more accessible and equitable. GPP is currently 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 7 pm