

Greater Tulsa Area Indian Affairs Commission 2022 Annual Report

1. The commission cohosted the “Dreamkeepers Gathering” from 10 a.m.- 4 p.m. with TPS Indian Education on April 23, 2022.
 - a. The event was a promotion for TPS students to enroll in Indian Education and to spread the word about this year’s Native American Day Celebration.
2. During its May commission meeting, the commission hosted its annual Students of Excellence Awards Ceremony and honored 11 outstanding Native students enrolled in TPS’s Indian Education Program. The students exhibited academic, cultural, and extracurricular excellence throughout their educational careers.
3. The commission voted to send a letter addressed to Speaker Pelosi and Representative Hern in support of Kim Teehee being sat as a delegate in the House of Representatives in honor of the New Echota Treaty of 1835.
4. In honor of National Native American Heritage month, the commission honored eight recipients at the 24th annual Dreamkeepers Ceremony in the City Council Chambers on November 15th.
5. The commission voted to approve the inaugural Archie Mason Scholarship for Native Students, which will be awarded to recipients of the Students of Excellence Award.
6. The commission voted to approve the appointment of the Osage Nation to the commission.
7. The Public Relations Committee circulated culturally relevant monthly updates, news, and reports to the commission and their list serve.

Native American Day

1. The Greater Tulsa Area, Indian Affairs Commission, celebrated the 6th annual Native American Day in the newly designated Dreamkeepers Park near 18th and Boulder. Important metrics to note:
 - a. The committee generated \$20,000 in revenue
 - b. 20 schools in attendance
 - c. 5,000 people estimated in attendance
 - d. 87 vendors
 - e. 40 parade entrants

Dreamkeepers Park

1. The commission is working to utilize Dreamkeepers park to its fullest potential by taking the following action:
 - a. PSO has offered to provide and install park lighting for free
 - b. The commission voted to seek bids from architects for a master plan of the park
 - c. The commission is working with the Parks Department and the Arts Council to create an RFP for a Dream Keepers Park monument.

New Commissioners

- Carly Griffith Hotvedt (individual County)
- Brandi Peyton (American Indian Chamber of Commerce)
- Waynetta Lawrie (North Tulsa Cherokee Organization)

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- Linda Leaf Bolin (Greater Tulsa Cherokees)
- Erica Waletz (Broken Arrow Intertribal Veterans)
- Olivia StandingBear (Osage Nation Appointee)

Guest Speakers

- Rock the Native Vote
- Down Town Tulsa partnership