

GREATER TULSA AFRICAN AMERICAN AFFAIRS COMMISSION

CHAIR REPORT

Chairman Dickens has been visiting with City Councilors with the intention of understanding their engagement with their African American constituents.

Dr. Dickens is also working on adding commissioners so that there will be a full commission by the end of the year. In that regard, two new commissioners joined just last month:

- **Donald Rose**, with the Black Wall Street Chamber, and
- **Mikeal Vaughn**, with Urban Coders Guild.



Members of GTAAAC tabled at this year's Black Wall Street Legacy Festival to share information about the commission.

EVENTS

May 31- June 1: Black Wall Street Legacy Festival - Greenwood Tulsa

1: Tulsa Race Massacre Observance Day

All June: Summer Reading Program - Tulsa City County Libraries (Activities all month!)

4: Appetizers Community Conversations (One Book, One Tulsa) - King's Way Wings, 1 p.m.

7: Keepin' It Reel Fishing Derby - Mohawk Park, 11 a.m.

8: Purple Rain Film Screening - Circle Cinema, 2 p.m.

9: Appetizers Community Conversations (One Book, One Tulsa) - Mack's Wings, 2 p.m.

9-13: Keepin' It Reel Youth Film Camp - Circle Cinema, 9 - 3 p.m.

12: The Horse and the Wof: A ThunderWof Comedy Special - Circle Cinema, 6:30 p.m.

12: Juneteenth Movie Night - Guthrie Green, 6 p.m.

14: All-Black Towns Tour - Rudisill Library, Bus leaves at 8 a.m.

14: Intimate Night of Jazz - Courtyard Marriott Tulsa Downtown, 7 p.m.

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20: Appetizers Community Conversations (One Book, One Tulsa) - Central Library, 2 p.m.

20-21: Juneteenth Festivities - Greenwood Tulsa

20-21: Black Economic Expo - Greenwood Cultural Center

20-22: Community Engaged Genealogy Workshops - 36th St Event Center

28: Appetizers Community Conversations (One Book, One Tulsa) - Suburban Acres Lib, 1 p.m.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

The **POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS COMMITTEE** is interested in hosting events. The op-eds they are writing will hopefully inform these programming needs.

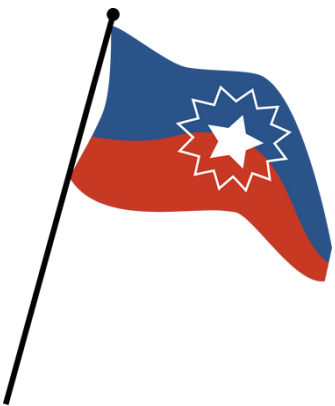
The **CULTURE & ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE**, unfortunately, is cancelling the Spoken Word Contest due to lack of student participation. With school just ending, the committee will pivot to see how they can redesign an impactful program.

The **EDUCATION & SKILL BUILDING COMMITTEE** has set a date for the 2nd annual Dr. LaVerne Ford Wimberly Black Educator Excellence Awards! It will be on October 28, 2025 at 6 p.m. Mayor Nichols will speak at the awards.

The **HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION** will be focusing on two goals in the next year. They are:

- Improve Tulsa residents' access to the City of Tulsa Department of Resilience and Equity's resources by modernizing, streamlining, and removing barriers to the City of Tulsa's human rights complaint filing process.
- Increase diverse representation and equitable recruitment practices across all City of Tulsa authorities, boards, and commissions.

JUNETEENTH



From “The First Juneteenth,” as written by the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History: “On June 19, 1865, nearly two years after President Abraham Lincoln emancipated enslaved Africans in America, Union troops arrived in Galveston Bay, Texas with news of freedom. More than 250,000 African Americans embraced freedom by executive decree in what became known as Juneteenth or Freedom Day. With the principles of self-determination, citizenship, and democracy magnifying their hopes and dreams, those Texans held fast to the promise of true liberty for all.”

We celebrate Juneteenth this month and continue to fight for the liberation of *all* Black Americans.