

# Greater Tulsa African American Affairs Newsletter

Next meeting: May 12, 2026

## CHAIR REPORT

Chairman Humphrey provided an update on funding efforts, sharing that establishing an account through the Tulsa Community Foundation is not feasible due to administrative fees. He expressed interest in exploring alternative options, including partnering with a nonprofit fiscal sponsor, and invited commissioners to email suggestions for potential 501(c)(3) partners.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Policy Recommendations:** Commissioner Ray shared that Vice Chair Wilson is gathering data on Tulsa's Black/African American immigrant community and pursuing collaboration with the Greater Tulsa Area Hispanic/Latinx Affairs Commission. Commissioners are also engaging with the Beyond Apology Commission Reparations Summit at Langston University–Tulsa and exploring housing-related policy initiatives.

**Community Engagement and Culture Promotion:** Commissioner McNeil reported progress on scheduling video content for Resilient Tulsa. The committee created a shared Gmail to host documents, including the newly formed database of community organizations and a shared calendar of events.

**Human Rights Commission:** Commissioners reviewed progress on their two goals. Most salient is goal two: increasing diverse representation and equitable recruitment across City of Tulsa advisory boards and commissions. There is strong engagement from City Council and the Mayor's Office, including an invitation to present at a future council committee meeting. Efforts are focused on using data to inform discussions and developing outreach strategies —such as partnering with neighborhood associations, schools, PTAs, HOAs, and community platforms—to encourage more Tulsans with diverse skills and backgrounds to apply.

## HISTORY CORNER



The Children's Crusade began in Birmingham, Alabama, on May 2, 1963, when over a thousand students skipped school to march against segregation. Organized by SCLC leaders including James Bevel to revitalize the Birmingham Campaign, children gathered at 16th Street Baptist Church and marched downtown, facing arrests and violent police tactics—including fire hoses and dogs—over several days. Despite the violence, the children's actions led to the desegregation of Birmingham's public facilities by May 10, 1963, and accelerated federal action on civil rights.



Commissioner Juddie Williams is currently the Member Integration Manager at Tulsa Remote. With an expansive background in education, she is an accomplished member of GTAAAC's Education Committee.

## EVENTS

**Wednesdays:** Food Truck Wednesday - Guthrie Green, 11 a.m.

**1:** First Friday Activities - Downtown Tulsa, 6 p.m.

**1:** DVIS Monarch Ball - Arvest Convention Center, 6 p.m.\*

**2:** Affordable Homeownership Community Impact Event - Tulsa Dream Center North, 12 p.m.

**2-30:** Tulsa Mayfest - Downtown Deco District

**8:** Earth, Wind, & Fire Concert- Riverspirit Casino, 8 p.m.\*

**9:** Pet Adoption & Kids Market - Mother Road Market, 11 a.m.

**14-16:** Black Wall Street Rally - Greenwood

**14:** Investing in Tomorrow Empower-Ed Fundraising Banquet Gala - Casa Roma Event Center, 5 p.m.\*

**20:** North Tulsa Senior Fair - Hutcherson YMCA, 10 a.m.

**22:** Branjae Live - Mercury Lounge Tulsa, 8 p.m.\*

**23-31:** Theatre North Presents "The Colored Museum" - TPAC, Various Times\*

**30:** Rudisill Regional Library 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration - Rudisill, 10 a.m.

**30:** Black Wall Street Legacy Fest - Greenwood

**30-1:** Greenwood Remembrance Day

\*Denotes ticketed event, purchase required