



TULSA PARK & RECREATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 9, 2024

The Tulsa Park & Recreation Board met at Lacy Community Center on December 9th, 2024.

A meeting agenda was filed with the Tulsa City Clerk's Office on January 4, 2024. Teresa Meinders-Burkett called the meeting to order at 8:43 a.m.

ROLL CALL:

Teresa Meinders Burkett	Present
Lauren Landwerlin	Not Present
Rodrigo Rojas	Present
Brandon Oldham	Present
Shane Fernandez	Present

Others Present: Mark Swiney, Tim Thornton, Jason Boyd, Dustin Jagers, Lisa Brannin, Ellen Averill, Anna Moore, Kacie Ryal, Vicki Williams, Stacie Martin, Constance Murray, Paul Stratton, Heather Michaelson-Hale, Zoe Hale, Amanda Fisher, Brian Boyaird, Maggie Regan, Nicole Brannon, Diane Wood, Holly Cole.

Approval of minutes: Rodrigo motioned to approve and Shane seconds. Minutes approved.

Directors report Anna America. The big focus for us right now is budget. A couple of areas for us right now in two areas are trees. We know it's a big issue broadly. The storm highlighted the issue for us we need more maintenance on trees. We have so many trees in so many parks and so many get those hangars. We are hoping to put more funds into preventative maintenance. We are also hoping to work with nonprofit communities and more planting. We forget trees are living things and if we don't have a commitment to plant them, we will lose them. The second is graffiti. It's shockingly expensive. To do removal right is expensive. We want to get a team to work on graffiti. We will be working on that presentation. One thing coming to council soon with Tracy Park when they added Tracy Park to the Historic District we worked with Stacie and Steven and the preservation commission, we worked through a process, and we came to an agreement for all the park functions we get to do all those things without having to go through the commission. Tracy Park, Swan Lake and possibly Owen Park. We won't put new buildings

without talking with them. We have a lot of historic elements, at Mohawk for example and at Council Oak for example we will come back with a list of items across the City and ask Park Board and the Commission to protect those things. It got support from TMAPC, council.

Teresa Meinders-Burkett – The preservation committee is it a mayor nomination?

Anna America – Yes, it is.

Teresa Meinders-Burkett – Who chairs it?

Rodrigo Rojas – Planning commission staffs it.

Anna America – The planning staff worked on it and did all the wording on it, and it went to TMAPC. There were some community members who wanted to protect broadly and didn't want us to sell off the park etc. We want to come up with a good process to protect the parks. It was a lot of work, but it was worthwhile, and it recognizes there are historic elements in the parks. We recognized we need to prioritize accessibility. The drinking in the park update in parks has been approved by the mayor. Police had to have the ordinance wording updated, it's on council committee to be approved so police can issue citations as such. Steve and Anna did presentations for IOT3 about the way the funding will be used in large amounts. Sports courts, facilities and play amenities. Steve has worked on that and it's really exciting. Over 50 playgrounds across the city will be enhanced. We will do the QR code signs at the playgrounds to see what users will want to see there. To prioritize the elements there. Ex. Playthings, shade, lighting etc. Same thing with the new playgrounds. We spoke at the committee at the end of the year, once it's approved it will be our blueprint. There's lots of work going on currently. At Johnson Park we have the consultant on board. The Berry and Chamberlain project is getting ready, and you will be updated. We put 5 million into IOT3 to go towards the new center at JAMC which is a fraction of what GKFF will contribute. Lacy with TIFF funds new tennis courts, walking trail is in the works. The mural is in the process of being updated.

Stacie Martin – The mural had some damage from roof leaks, which has been repaired. Omare started the process and we have been in conversation on how to start the process. It's called the Black Experience by Felix Cole. He recommended going through a conservator to repair the painting. We met with several people. We could expand on the mural, or we could leave the paint and try not to touch it as much as possible. The first step was cleaning the mural. The plaster then had to be secured, then touched up and painted over, and other damage repaired. Then it was protected and touched up again and then a final coat. If you ever wanted to reverse the work, you could. Rick Parker completed the work, and he did a really good job. He did a lot of research. Some areas that were difficult for restoration. Felix had come back in and drawn the White House and have Obama and other prominent figures, but he had passed away. It took Rick quite some time on how to protect that. We are working with marketing on signs and stanchions to keep people back from it properly. We are also working on moving storage away from that area so people can use the hallway to actually enjoy the mural. We are also working with the Lacy Council for more people to actually enjoy the mural. There is also offensive language on the mural, and we are also trying to figure out how to address that.

Anna America - The artist used the N word, and we didn't realize that until it was cleaned. It was part of the black experience. It was part of life then. But we want to make sure people understand that it was the artist's experience.

Stacie Martin – It's probably the most vibrant it's ever been. It's not brand new looking but it's definitely the most brand new looking.

Chivas Miller– Set in Feb to release.

Teresa Meinders-Burkett – About the Obama part we are releasing as is the Obama part is not being finished?

Stacie Martin - Correct we are not finishing it. There is space elsewhere where we could.

Anna America – There is other art here withing the building that is trying to echo that view.

Brandon Oldham - I know this room was added later but the blue wall seems like a great place

Anna America – The mural on Ben Hill is complete.

Teresa Meinders-Burkett –Is it on the way to Langston?

Anna America – For our focus here Maggie at Oxley has really fired up the programming there.

Maggie Regan – I've been at Oxley for coming up on a year now. Our first artist in residency program ended and we will host a solo exhibition for Kayla Anley. It went really well, and we will do it again in 2024. Applications will end this month. It's a trade exchange for a 10x10 space and they will teach one class a month. The residency will start March 1 and end in sept. We have had a lot of applications. This Saturday we are kicking off our winter lecture series. The wonder of wings. 3 Saturdays in a row. All the events are free and start at 2 p.m. Next month on Feb 10 will start intro to birding and will run 6 weeks. It will be taught by Josh Smith. He's an expert on birds. We are excited to offer this progressive course. One other program we have offered monthly is forest bathing. It's based on the mental health benefits of experiencing time in nature. We found a gifted instructor who's the science teacher at Holland Hall. They have been selling out. We have gotten a lot of positive feedback. They start back up in March. There will be more opportunities to do more focused groups soon. We have the best space for it. We have our monthly full moon walks, little seedlings, and nature walks.

Michelle Brown-Burdex – Update on financial status we are in a great position right now. We received a significant donation, we have 250k in pending donations. Our summer program has been fully funded. We can actually increase our programming. We have the after-school program at Emmerson. We sponsored a steppers class at Emmerson and participated in the arts alliance event. We just launched an initiative #blackkidsread. Their goal is to collect books that feature black authors. They want to give children at least 5 books to read over the summer. We have some local authors from whom we purchased their books for the kids. City of Tulsa mass graves traveling exhibit. Recently took a tour and was a volunteer. Was after Kevin Ross passed. Discussed how we could educate people about the mass graves. The narrative is from the community's voice. 12-15k for exhibit. Currently in the process to determine what the narrative will be. Current renovations- they reached out to a company to discuss holograms. They really want to incorporate them into the space. We want to create a way that we can

provide information on the history of Greenwood. When people come to Greenwood, they are often looking for connections to their family history and we want to be able to provide that for them. Construction updates *attached* working with Lindsay Jordan to do some grant writing. They know they will need a few million dollars to complete the renovations. They held vision sessions and included members from the community. The renovation plans are more extensive. The top floor is a rooftop venue. Recently met with OSU tulsa and they are open to removing the shrubs dividing their patio and our pond so we can have outdoor classrooms. We have a tentative # 25 million to do all these renovations. We need to discuss realistically how close we can get to this number with funding and fundraising. We are moving along.

Shane Fernandez – really excited, this holographic exhibit is really cutting edge because it allows you to embrace an audience world wide.

Michelle Brown-Burdex – it's amazing what you can do with technology now.

Nicole Brannon – do the books need to be new.

Michelle Brown-Burdex – no they do not

Board Reports

Shane Fernandez– question to Anna as we look at the national meetings do we want to steer them to Tulsa?

Anna America – yes if we can, I'm sure the Gathering Place would help us lure them here, we have county parks, City Parks. We have an interesting mix.

Teresa Meinders-Burkett – what year?

Shane Fernandez – they are about 2 years out 2027, 2028. I'll get with you to get a couple of them out to discuss.

Brandon Oldham – Major Kudos, thanks for the report You and the team have undertaken a lot of work. Gotten folks excited. We are excited about our next meeting. Emailed Anna about glass and it was taken care of

Teresa Meinders-Burkett – some things I've done with parks have been digging into history. Tulsa architecture gone into community, encouraged them to go to Forrest archery, we need to do history in maple ridge and different allotments and how it lead to Woodward park. It's interesting to see how we got to where we are and where we will go. Encourage you all to go out to the parks. I try to get to as many as I can finding things like the limbs etc. So excited to see the outdoor classroom at Mohawk. It's going to open that whole park to children and encourage them to see what all we have. It may encourage them to become a forester or another expert. Going on one of our walks a little boy saw a snake.

Rodrigo Rojas – We went to Oxley with the boys in November or December and they were looking for snakes the whole time and our guide did an amazing job. The boys were engaged the whole time. WE will have to go back soon. Over the break I heard great things about Whiteside. Having that opportunity for our kids to do things. They went on multiple field trips. Kudos for the team over there. Michelle, the things you showed us are amazing. I agree with

Shane the technology is amazing to engage a new generation. The genealogy work and how it continues. And thank you for honoring Kevin, it's going to be a special thing.

Anna America – you reminded me, Shane, when you talked about the convention. We are having the Midwest tree climbing competition here at Owen Park and TSAS. 40-50 families are coming for this. In June. Working with Dusin and the Rec team to make sure we have the space available. We want to talk about tree care.


Teresa Meinders-Burkett - I had no idea.

Shane Fernandez – Where were all these competitions as a kid.

Stacie Martin - I had no idea this was a career when I was a kid. It opens up a whole new adventure.

Anna America – We will be updating the meeting time. We have young parents and we have decided to shift everything 30 minutes. Gilcrease will start at 8:30 and Park Board will start at 9:00 moving forward.

Teresa adjourned the meeting at 9:37 a.m.



Anna America, Park Director

Secretary



Teresa Meinders-Burkett, Chair

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