

COMMISSION UPDATES

As summer officially hits, GTAAAC is preparing to for fall priorities.

Chair Humphrey and the **Strategic Focus Committee** are working to determine the best way to gather information on why African American residents may be leaving Tulsa. There is the possibility of a survey, focus groups, a listening session, and stakeholder interviews. More details to come as the committee continues to plan for the data gathering portion of the strategic focus.

The **Policy Committee** anticipates that the committee will discuss local elections and what that means for African American Tulsans moving forward.

The **Education Committee** is starting preparations for the LaVerne Wimberly Black Educator Excellence Awards! The committee is working to get on the Mayor's calendar to discuss his participating in the award ceremony. Additionally, the committee wants to expand this year, hoping to create a bigger award ceremony and even include trophies for the educators.

The **Culture and Engagement Committee** is hoping to go a step further than their newsletter and create a "Black Tulsa" guide. Ideally, this guide would include businesses, organizations, and events that cater to Tulsa's African American population. If there is anything you'd like to have included in the guide, please email gtaaacculturecommittee@gmail.com.



2026 Commissioners, pictured standing left to right: Brian Humphrey, Ray'Chel Wilson, Dr. Patricia Carter-Breeckner, Symone Gittens, Jon Paul Ray, Jameelah Stuckey, Marquess Dennis, Michelle Burdex, Mikaele Vaughn, Larissa McNeil, Dr. Dewayne Dickens, Juddie Williams, Tracye Love-Chandler, Tony Williams; sitting: Maybelle Wallace, Margaret Love.

EVENTS

Tuesdays - Starlight Jazz Orchestra, Guthrie Green, 7:30 p.m.

Thursdays - Summer's Fifth Night Concert Series, Utica Square, 7 p.m.

2 - The Green Book Road Trip, Osage Forest of Peace, 6 p.m.

3 - First Friday Art Crawl, Downtown Tulsa, 6 p.m.

9 - Live Music Night at Sisserous Featuring Darell Christopher, 6:30 p.m.

18 - Black Wall Street Food Festival, Greenwood, 12 p.m.

18 - Creating Stone Mosaics, Suburban Acres Library, 12 p.m.

24: Deborah Hunter Presents "Porches," Dennis R. Neill Equality Center, 7 p.m.

25 - Genealogy: Finding African American Ancestors before 1870, Suburban Acres Library, 2 p.m.

25 - Mas Tulsa: Caribbean Carnival, Guthrie Green, 4 p.m.

HISTORY CORNER

On July 2, 1964, President Lyndon B. Johnson signed into law the Civil Rights Act of 1964. This act legally ended segregation in public places and banned employment and voter discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.

This act came at the end of years of civil rights activism, including protests, sit-ins, marches, lobbying, and negative global attention.