

Tribal Relations Committee

CITY HALL, 175 E. 2nd STREET

One Technology Center, 10th Floor, Chat Room North

10:00 am

MINUTES

January 17th, 2023

1. *Call to Order*: Councilor Decter Wright called the meeting to order at 10:10 am.

Present:

a. Tulsa City Council:

- i. Councilor Grant Miller (District 5)
- ii. Councilor Christian Bengel (District 6)
- iii. Councilor Lori Decter Wright (District 7)
- iv. Councilor Jayme Fowler (District 9)
- v. Sarah Davis (City Council Staff)
- vi. Brandon Worley (City Council Staff)
- vii. Chris Baughman (City Council Staff)

b. Tribal Representatives:

- i. Zach Harjo (Muscogee Nation)
- ii. Randall Hicks (Muscogee Nation Council)
- iii. William Lowe (Muscogee Nation Council)
- iv. Galen Cloud (Muscogee Nation Council)
- v. Sandra Golden (Muscogee Nation Council)
- vi. Kim Teehee (Cherokee Nation)
- vii. Cheryl Cohenour (GAIAC)

2. Review and vote on the minutes from Tribal Relations Committee meeting held on Tuesday, November 8, 2022.
 - a. Minutes were reviewed by the committee. The motion to approve was moved by Cheryl Cohenour and seconded by Kim Teehee. The motion passed.
3. Discussion and overview of the City of Tulsa's upcoming funding packages and examples of past infrastructure projects.
 - a. Councilor Decter Wright provided an overview of the City of Tulsa Capital Improvement Project process and upcoming packages. Brandon Worley provided the committee members with examples of previous packages. The committee then discussed ideas for future packages. The committee agreed that they would bring meeting ideas for upcoming funding packages and ways we can partner with the April meeting. Sarah Davis provided a tentative timeline for what the IOT3 package could look like.

4. Discussion of the Tribal Nations Relations Committee's potential discussion topics for upcoming meetings and goals for the 2023 year.
 - a. Councilor Decter Wright presented the proposed goals and schedule for the committee for 2023. She articulated that these are all tentative and would like to know what the tribes would like to discuss in the upcoming year. Cheryl discussed that she would like to investigate the possibility of working with the GAIAC to help with the design and infrastructure of Dream Keepers Park. She expressed that this is currently in the RFP and design process and design. Representative Teehee discussed the current programs that the Cherokee Nation is working on, specifically talking about the new facility for Women and Children in Stillwater. Zach Harjo talked about the Muscogee Nations' work with a tiny home village in Okmulgee and how that can be leveraged for emergency and long-term housing for homeless veterans. Speaker William Lowe communicated how this program has been a success within their nation. Committee members would like to discuss tribal placemaking signs for the City of Tulsa.
5. Update from Tribal Representatives on their election season and update/overview of their elections.
 - a. Speaker Lowe gave a quick overview of the Muscogee Nation elections. He said candidates need to declare for seats in July and the primary will be in September. The election would include both the principal chief and the second chief. Representative Teehee discussed that the Cherokee Nation is also holding elections for their representatives, chief, and second chief. Their primaries will be in June and the general election will be in the fall.
6. Upcoming Tribal Nations Relations Committee agenda items
 - a. There are no upcoming items.
7. Adjournment
 - a. Meeting was adjourned at 10:59 am.