

Tribal Relations Committee
CITY HALL, 175 E. 2nd STREET

Room 411

10:00am

MINUTES

December 14th, 2021

1. Call to Order: Councilor McKee called the meeting to order at 10:06am.

Present: Council Chair Vanessa Hall Harper, Councilor Jeannie Cue, Councilor Christa Patrick, Councilor Kara Joy McKee, Councilor Mykey Arthrell-Knezek, Councilor Jayme Fowler, Krystal Reyes, Chris Baughman, Jeff Stephens, Cheryl Cohenour, Vanessa Adams-Harris, Brandon Worley

2. Review and approve last meetings minutes.

Minutes were reviewed by the committee. Motion to approve the minutes was moved by Councilor Christa Patrick and seconded by Councilor Jeannie Cue. Motion passes with unanimous vote.

3. Discussion on committee organization, including but not limited to, goals, outcomes, schedules, meeting format, participants, potential partnerships, and other committee support needs.

Councilor Vanessa Hall Harper was selected to be the co-chair of the committee with Councilor Kara Joy McKee as the chair. They then discussed the upcoming members for the committee. The proposed participants were as follows: A representative of the mayor's office, a representative of the Greater Tulsa Area Indian Affairs Commission, a member of each of the three tribes' governments, and the sitting members of the Tulsa City Council. Cheryl suggested that we include a member of both the chief's office and a member of the tribal council or a designee of their choosing. They then continued discussion on the committees' goals and outcomes for the year. Councilor Arthrell-

Knezek suggested that we continue this conversation for when the tribal representatives are present to include them in the conversation. Cheryl said that the number one goal of this committee should be to improve communication and relationships with the tribe. Councilor Patrick agreed that communication with the tribes is the main goal. She says she is unsure who residents should contact when they want to reach out to a tribe. She would also like to build a bridge between the entities to create a specific line of communication for residents. Councilor McKee would like to visit the council homes of each tribe to learn more about their governments.

4. Review of potential meeting schedule for the committee.

Councilor McKee reviewed the upcoming 2022 meeting schedule for the tribal relations committee. Everyone approved of the meeting schedule.

5. Review of Invitation Letter for tribal members.

The committee agreed that invitation letters were to be sent to each of the tribes chief and chair of their tribal council.

6. Upcoming Committee Agenda Items

The first meeting after the invitation letters are sent out will be a discussion of the tribal governments specific structures and also the structure of the City of Tulsa government. Councilor Patrick would like to start putting together a list of resources both physical and online that are specific to each tribe. This would be a resource that could be sent out to the residents in need of help. Start a dialog of policy items that that committee can partner with the tribes on.

7. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 11:02am by Cheryl Cohenour and seconded by Jeannie Cue.