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## **Beyond Apology Commission**

Regular Meeting | November 1, 2024 | 1:00 – 2:30 pm

City Hall at One Technology Center | 10 North Conference Room

### **Meeting Minutes**

Commissioners Present: Keith Mayes, Mattece Mason, Greg Taylor, Jacqueline Evans, D'Marria Monday, Corinice Wilson, TheRese Anderson Aduni, Greg Taylor, Phil Armstrong

Commissioners Listening via Phone: Damali Wilson, Vanessa Hall-Harper, Kristi Williams

Commissioners Absent: None

#### **I. Call to Order and Introductions**

#### **II. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

- a. Mattece Mason made motion to approve.
- b. Greg Taylor second motion.
- c. No discussion requested.
- d. Approved by majority, Tim Newton abstained due to not being present at first meeting.

#### **III. Nominations for Commission Chair and Vice Chair**

- a. Corinice Wilson nominated self for Chair.
- b. Therese Anderson Aduni nominated Mattece Mason for Vice Chair.
- c. Keith Mayes nominated Kristi Williams for Chair.

#### **IV. Guest Speakers**

- a. Presentation on housing landscape and demographics in Tulsa from Tulsa Planning Office: Susan Miller (Director of Planning) and Daniel Jeffries (Principal Planner) presented on housing demographics such as number of owners, renters, household size, vehicle access and housing preferences. Much of the data was pulled from census data.
  - i. There was discussion among commissioners about specific needs and interests in Greenwood district, and that the overall data on housing preferences may not reflect what is desired in north Tulsa neighborhoods. The commission asked for more disaggregated data, specifically north Tulsa zip codes.
  - ii. Some of the issues raised by commissioners included bias in appraisals in specific neighborhoods, and zoning as agricultural in space within or surrounded by neighborhood that could provide additional housing supply. Zoning changes could be part of what the commission recommends.
  - iii. Planning office slides to be shared with Commissioners.



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- b. Presentation on Improve our Tulsa Housing funding: James Wagner (Director of Department of City Experience) and Travis Hulse (Housing Policy Director) presented on Improve Our Tulsa Housing Initiative (Handout of slides provided). Travis and James reviewed the background on the 3H Task Force, the Improve Our Tulsa (IOT) tax provision of \$75 million for housing initiatives, the Path to Home initiative, data from the Tulsa Housing Strategy, and proposed program buckets for the IOT funds. There are five categories outlined in the Improve Our Tulsa funds including: Housing grant fund; Housing investment fund; Housing acquisition fund; Housing infrastructure fund; Housing preservation and rehabilitation fund.
  - i. There are no specifics on what programs in these categories look like. The aim was that the commission's housing reparation program recommendations can be funded from these buckets.
  - ii. Discussion among commissioners about specific data needs and interests related to housing in Greenwood District/north Tulsa/by zip code.
  - iii. There was a concern from commissioners that because the IOT funds are spread across many needs, the recommendations may not be prioritized.
  - iv. There was about question equity in the bidding process for developers who would apply for tax credits.
  - v. The commission was reminded that the housing recommendations delivered this month are only the first piece in a larger process the commission will undertake.
- c. Presentation on legal framework: Jack Blair (City Attorney, Legal Department) presented on the legal framework of the Beyond Apology Commission including Oklahoma Constitution limitations, protections of racial equity challenges, city of Evanston Class Action Complaint, observable geographical disparities present in ordinances, City of Tulsa Equality Indicators data, and the importance of documented observable geographic disparities with objective data and the broader public purpose and public benefit. Jack offered guidance to the commission: Focus reparative work on documented effects of the 1921 Massacre and observable geographic disparities reflected in objective data, and continually demonstrate the broader public purpose and public benefit of the commission's work.

**V. Election of Commission Chair and Vice Chair**

- a. Moved to next meeting.

**VI. Adjournment**

- a. Motion to adjourn by Corinice Wilson.
- b. Second motion by Phil Armstrong.
- c. All in favor.
- d. Meeting adjourned at 3:01 pm.