



TULSA PRESERVATION COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, March 8, 2018, 11:00 A.M.

City Hall @ One Technology Center, 175 East 2nd Street
10th Floor - North Conference Room

A. Opening Matters

1. Call to Order and Verification of Quorum

Chairman Reeds called the Regular Meeting to order at 11:03 A.M.

Members Present

Ted Reeds, Chair
David Schoell, Vice-Chair
Peter Grant, Secretary
Chris Bumgarner*
Mike Craddock
David Pounds
Robert Shears
Jim Turner

Members Absent

Susan McKee
Mary Lee Townsend

Staff Present

Jed Porter, Addison Spradlin, Bob Edmiston

Others Present

Lisa Hefner, Jane Malone, Monica Haynes, Al Barber, Edwin Malone, Lynda Ozan,
David Chunn, Arglenda Friday, Mechelle Brown, Charles Sceldorf

*Late

2. Approval of Minutes from February 27, 2018

Commissioner Craddock made a motion to approve the Minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Schoell and approved by majority.

Vote: Meeting Minutes, February 27, 2018

<u>In Favor</u>	<u>Opposed</u>	<u>Abstaining</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
1. Reeds		Pounds	Bumgarner
2. Schoell			McKee
3. Grant			Townsend
4. Craddock			
5. Shears			
6. Turner			

3. Disclosure of Conflicts of Interest
No Conflicts of Interest were disclosed.

B. Actionable Items

- 1. Nomination of the African Methodist Episcopal Church to the National Register of Historic Places**

Lynda Schwan Ozan, Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer, presented the nomination, referring to the Multiple Property Documentation of the Greenwood Community Historic Resources as the context for the nomination and noting that the documentation is not a nomination itself but a basis for the nomination. According to the nomination, the Vernon A.M.E. Church is eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places at the state level of significance under Criterion A – Ethnic Heritage for its role in understanding race relations in the United States under legal segregation, for its role in Community Planning and Development for its representation of the initiation and growth of a segregated community within Tulsa as well as reconstruction after the Tulsa Race Riot, also referred to as the Massacre of 1921, and for its role in Social History for depiction of racial intolerance against African-Americans. Criteria Consideration A is applicable as it is a religious institution.

After the presentation, Commissioner Reeds inquired whether a national level of significance had been considered and was informed that evaluation at that level would have required comparison with churches nationally. Commissioner Turner inquired about the reference to the Tulsa Race Riot as the Massacre of 1921 and was informed that this term had been adopted after consultation with the staff of the Greenwood Cultural Center. Commissioner Craddock commented on the confrontation with our history and the importance of being fully informed about events. Mr. Edmiston noted that several survivors and

descendants of deceased survivors filed a federal lawsuit in 2003 seeking damages from the City of Tulsa and the State of Oklahoma which was dismissed when the Court ruled that the statute of limitations barred any remedy. That decision was appealed to the 10th Circuit Court of Appeals and was affirmed. An appeal was filed with the United States Supreme Court seeking a Writ of Certiorari to the 10th Circuit but the Writ was denied by the Court which let stand the decision of the Court of Appeals.

As there was no further discussion, Commissioner Reeds made a motion to approve the nomination. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Schoell and approved unanimously.

Vote: Nomination of the Vernon African Methodist Episcopal Church to the National Register of Historic Places

<u>In Favor</u>	<u>Opposed</u>	<u>Abstaining</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
1. Reeds			McKee
2. Schoell			Townsend
3. Grant			
4. Bumgarner			
5. Craddock			
6. Pounds			
7. Shears			
8. Turner			

2. **Review and Approval of Application for Funds from Certified Local Governments Program**

Staff noted that the City of Tulsa as a Certified Local Government had been awarded \$11,250 by the State Historic Preservation Office with funds from the Historic Preservation Fund of the National Park Service. Proposed as activities were two workshops on preservation of wooden windows and historic materials. Other efforts would include the notification of owners of property in the Historic Preservation Overlay Districts about the requirement for an Historic Preservation Permit. Funds would be provided to address the expenses related to the staff's attendance at the National Alliance of Preservation Commissions FORUM 2018 and the Statewide Preservation Conference.

As there was no discussion, Commissioner Reeds made a motion to approve the application. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Schoell and approved unanimously.

Vote: Review and Approval of Application for Funds from Certified Local Governments Program

<u>In Favor</u>	<u>Opposed</u>	<u>Abstaining</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
1. Reeds			McKee
2. Schoell			Townsend
3. Grant			
4. Bumgarner			
5. Craddock			
6. Pounds			
7. Shears			
8. Turner			

C. Reports

1. Chair Report

None

1. Staff Report

Staff presented the draft of a card with information about the activities of the Tulsa Preservation Commission and the impact of the creation of the overlays on the value of property. The efforts were complimented, and proposals for revisions were offered.

D. New Business

None

E. Announcements and Future Agenda Items

None

F. Public Comment

None

G. Adjournment

Chairman Reeds adjourned the Regular Meeting at 11:25 A.M.