

GREATER TULSA
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NEWSLETTER

February Meeting:
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Mikeal Vaughn is one of the more recent commissioners, joining in May 2025. He is the Founder and Executive Director of Urban Coders Guild.

FEBRUARY EVENTS

- All Month: Black Historians and Storytellers of Oklahoma Exhibit - Rudisill Library
- Thursdays: Strong and Steady Chair Exercise and Balance Classes - Vernon AME Church, 11 a.m.
- 5: Oral & Written Storytelling Workshop - Rudisill Library, 6 p.m.
- 7: Black Wall Street Heritage & History Festival, 36th St. Event Center, 11 a.m.
- 11: Opening of Homeward to the Prairie I Come: Gordon Parks Exhibit, Philbrook Museum
- 11: African Presence in Early America III Lecture - Rudisill Library,
- 17: Digital Storytelling Workshop - Rudisill Library, 6 p.m.
- 19: Screening of *Zora Neale Hurston: Claiming A Space* - Rudisill Library, 6 p.m.
- 21: State of Black Tulsa Summit - 36th St. North Event Center, 9 a.m.
- 21, 22, 28, 1: Theatre North Presents: Nat Turner in Jerusalem - TPAC, Various Times
- 21: Funktion Comedy - LowDown, 8 p.m.
- 24: Tulsa Flyer Book Club Kick-Off - 101 E. Archer St., 6 p.m.
- 25: Soulful Sounds - 36th St. North Event Center, 7 p.m.
- 27: Opening Night of "for colored girls who have considered suicide when the rainbow is enuf" - World State Theatre, 7:30 p.m.

COMMISSION UPDATES

Chair Dickens and Vice-Chair Humphrey's terms are over and will transition from their roles at the end of the February meeting. Commissioner Love was appointed Chair of the Nominating Committee and worked with Commissioners Wilson and Carter-Breekner to develop the slate of nominees for the new Chair and Vice-Chair. Elections will occur during the February meeting and the new appointees will begin their terms at the March meeting.

The committees are gearing up for the new year. The Policy Committee has nominated Commissioner Ray as the Chair, pending direction from the new commission Chair. The Culture & Engagement committee is working to solidify their goals for the year. The Education committee hopes to expand both their committee and the educator awards that occurs in the fall.

Additionally, January's meeting was attended by several community members who shared interest in learning more about Tulsa and ensuring the commissioners were aware of events and changes happening in North Tulsa. We invite any community member to attend the commission meetings.

2026 marks 100 years of Black History Commemorations.

In 1925, Dr. Carter Godwin Woodson, considered the "father of Black history," announced a weeklong observance of Black history as a way for Black Americans to honor their history and show a path to where they could go forward. Negro History Week was officially established in 1926.

A century later, Black Americans continue to hold space in history. Peoples of African descent in the United States have fought through struggles to gain freedom from enslavement and inequality, commanding respect while doing so. Amidst the struggles, Black Americans have continued to thrive, holding critical roles in the development of this country as well as allowing space for joy and culture.

HISTORY CORNER

