

### Item

Discuss potential design guidelines and zoning code amendments related to City of Tulsa parks within Historic Preservation (HP) Overlay Districts

### Background

The Tracy Park HP Overlay was adopted by the Tulsa City Council in November 2022 and became effective in January 2023. As adopted, the overlay excluded Tracy Park itself because of concerns brought forward about the standards and approval process for future updates to the park. However, the City Council instructed Tulsa Planning Office staff to consider amendments to the Unified Design Guidelines and to return in six months with a new proposal for inclusion of the park in the HP Overlay.

Since then, staff has met with the City of Tulsa Parks, Culture, and Recreation Department to discuss possible amendments to the Unified Design Guidelines for Non-Residential Structures that would address projects within City parks.

From that discussion, staff determined that amendments to the Tulsa Zoning Code will also be necessary to exempt typical park amenities, such as playground equipment and park furnishings, from the HP permit requirement. Staff has also heard from the Tulsa Preservation Commission's (TPC) HP Permit Subcommittee and some Tracy Park neighborhood residents about the possible amendments to the Unified Design Guidelines.

### Next Steps

Staff will continue working with the City of Tulsa Parks Department, the TPC, and Tracy Park neighbors to draft proposed amendments to the Unified Design Guidelines for Non-Residential Structures and the Tulsa Zoning Code. Once a draft is finalized, the HP Permit Subcommittee and then the TPC will make a recommendation on the proposed design guideline amendments. The Tulsa Metropolitan Area Planning Commission will then make a recommendation on the design guideline and zoning code amendments at a public hearing before the City Council makes a final decision.

The HP Zoning Map Amendment to include Tracy Park in the HP Overlay will go through the review and approval process one (1) to two (2) months behind the design guideline and zoning code amendments. It is expected that the text and map amendments, if adopted, could be effective sometime this summer.