



City of Broken Arrow

Request for Action

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Broken Arrow City Council
Meeting of: 10/01/2019

Title:

Presentation regarding the Ronald D. Flanagan Gold Project Award for The Together Project

Background:

The Together Project is a unique and unprecedented partnership between the City of Broken Arrow and the Broken Arrow Public Schools. This collaborative partnership utilizes adjacent and adjoining property to use as an outdoor classroom and training center. The goals of the program are to provide sufficient flood protection of localized properties, improve overall water quality of the localized watershed, and to preserve the natural habitat of the properties and floodplains. On June 4, 2018, the Council adopted the name Tiger Creek Nature Park for the detention facility and City-owned property located immediately north of Albany Street across from Broken Arrow High School.

Since the inception of this program, Donna Gradel, Broken Arrow Public Schools and Kenny Schwab, Assistant City Manager of Operations have had numerous opportunities to present to various in state and out of state organizations about the outcomes of this overwhelmingly successful and innovative collaboration.

On September 17, 2019, *The Together Project* was presented with the Ronald D. Flanagan Gold Project Award at the Oklahoma Floodplain Managers Association (OFMA) annual conference in Durant, Oklahoma in recognition of this partnership. Mr. Flanagan was a founding member of OFMA and an instrumental voice to help Tulsa overcome its significant flooding issues in the 1970s and early 1980s. Due to his efforts coupled with many others, Tulsa went from the number one flood-prone community in the United States in the 1980s to the number one flood-resistant community just a couple of decades later. It is a great honor to have received this award.

City staff would like to present this award to the Council.

Cost: None

Funding Source: N/A

Requested By: Kenneth D. Schwab, P.E., CFM, Assistant City Manager - Operations

Approved By: City Manager's Office

Attachments: None

Recommendation:

No action required.