



City of Broken Arrow

Request for Action

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Broken Arrow City Council
Meeting of: 03-07-2017

To: Mayor and City Council
From: Office of the City Attorney
Title:

Consideration, discussion, and possible approval of and authorization to execute a Letter of Intent to accept the donation of real property located at 709 Magnolia Court, Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, from the Tulsa Community Foundation, by and through the City of Broken Arrow Neighborhood Park Fund or other such fund deemed appropriate, and to construct a Memorial Garden and Park honoring the victims of violence and tragedy and City of Broken Arrow

Background:

Council Member Mike Lester has spearheaded an effort through the Tulsa Community Foundation to raise money for the acquisition of real property located at 709 Magnolia Court, in Broken Arrow. Donations will be accepted into a City of Broken Arrow Neighborhood Park Fund through this organization. Once sufficient funds are raised for acquisition of the property, it will be transferred to the Tulsa Community Foundation. This organization will then transfer the property to the City of Broken Arrow for construction of a Memorial Garden and Park. As the Council is aware, on July 22, 2015 tragic events unfolded in which the two young men murdered their parents and three siblings. Two children survived this terrible attack.

It is the intention of the City Council that the Memorial Garden will assist First Responders in healing from the trauma they experienced in responding to the horrific crimes carried out at this location. Additionally, the City Council believes that it is important to address this blighted property, curb vandalism, and assist neighbors in moving beyond memories associated with this residence.

The attached Letter of Intent has been requested by the Tulsa Community Foundation to formally memorialize the City's intent to accept donation of the property, ensure the residence is demolished, and construct a Memorial Garden and Park.

Cost: \$0 to obtain the property. Cost to construct the park to be determined.

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Reviewed By: Russell Gale, Assistant City Manager - Administration

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Police Department
Fire Department
Parks and Recreation Department

Approved By: **Michael L. Spurgeon, City Manager**

Attachments: **Letter of Intent**

Recommendation:

Approve the Letter of Intent and authorize its execution.