



2017 Public Policy Initiatives

To: The Honorable G.T. Bynum
Mayor, City of Tulsa

Issue: Civic Engagement

Public information should be managed and published by the City of Tulsa in a manner that is:

- **Relevant and accessible:** Information should be presented in plain and comprehensible language and formats appropriate for different stakeholders. It should retain the detail and disaggregation necessary for analysis, evaluation, and participation. Information should be appropriate for different audiences with different needs for accessibility.
- **Timely and accurate:** Information should be available in sufficient time to permit analysis, evaluation, and engagement by relevant stakeholders. This means that information available while planning, as well as during and after the implementation of policies and programs. Information should be managed so that it is up-to-date, accurate, and complete.
- **Delivered using modern technical methods:** It is common, secure, reliable, and easily produced using available and willing local resources to deliver legal, effective, understandable, and consistently formatted public notices by a variety of electronic methods that are in common use today.
- **Ethical and accountable:** It is supported by city ordinances and formally adopted city policies that ensure more than minimum compliance with state open meeting and open records statutes. Establish the most lengthy and least ambiguous advance notice practicable of meetings and actions of local agencies, boards, commissions, councils, public trusts, and other official city governmental bodies.

Position:

Smart Growth Tulsa advocates the City of Tulsa establish a single point of access to information which is a usable, navigable, unambiguous, timely and comprehensive public resource regarding the management and operation of the government of the City of Tulsa.

SGT seeks to partner with the City of Tulsa to rapidly develop and deploy a single internet-based point of access to public notices, agendas, minutes, ordinances, regulations, policies, procedures, official plans, budgets, financial statements, and other public records that is open, unabridged, responsive, interactive, and proactive that promotes citizen understanding and engagement.

As stated by the national Transparency and Accountability Initiative:

"As a principle, public officials, civil servants, managers and directors of companies and organizations and board trustees have a duty to act visibly, predictably and understandably to promote participation and accountability.

"Simply making information available is not sufficient to achieve transparency. Large amounts of raw information in the public domain may breed opacity rather than transparency."

The **Smart Growth Tulsa Civic Engagement Initiative** is a commitment to development and adoption of a product that is transparent, gives citizens a voice, and results in citizen ownership.