Background:

Owner: 21 North Greenwood, LLC  
Developer: 21 North Greenwood, LLC & 1921 Tulsa Race Massacre Centennial Commission  
Architect: Selser Schaefer Architects  
Location: Southeast Corner of East Archer Street and North Greenwood Avenue  
Size of Tract: N/A  
Number of Lots: N/A  
Development Area: Block 53

Potential Info:

Kajeer Yar is coming before the Board on behalf of GreenArch Project, located on the Southeast corner of Greenwood Avenue and Archer Street with a request to amend its original plan specifications to incorporate into the project plan a new site for the Greenwood Rising History Center. To that end, 21 North Greenwood, LLC has partnered with the 1921 Tulsa Race Massacre Centennial Commission to establish a new site for the Greenwood Rising History Center. Greenwood Rising will be built to the same specifications as were planned when it was to be constructed in the parking lot South of the Greenwood Cultural Center.

Construction is expected to begin immediately and has an expected completion date of June 2021, when the Tulsa Race Massacre Centennial Commemoration is scheduled to occur.

Attachments: N/A

Recommendations: Staff recommends this item be accepted as presented.

Reviewed By: Nancy Lynn Roberts, Acting Executive Director
May 1, 2020

Nancy Roberts, Chairperson  
Tulsa Development Authority  
1216 N Lansing Ave.  
Tulsa, OK 74106

CC/BCC Block: Tulsa Development Authority Board of Commissioners

Dear Tulsa Development Authority Board,

It is with much enthusiasm that I write to you in support of the Hille Foundation and 21 N Greenwood, LLC’s decision to donate their lot on the southeast corner of Greenwood and Archer to the Tulsa Race Massacre Centennial Commission. This donation will allow the construction of a history center, Greenwood Rising, set to open in 2021. In addition to providing space for an unprecedented in Tulsa history center focused on the origin and evolution of Historic Greenwood, the originally proposed development will still occur. As a result, the site use is maximized and the potential for impact in the district will surpass what was originally envisioned. This land was part of a larger parcel Tulsa Development Authority swapped in 2009 to clear the way for the construction of ONEOK Stadium.

I support the donation of this land for the construction of a building dedicated to preserving the history and legacy of Historic Greenwood. It is significant because it will further establish the southern boundary of historic Greenwood (beyond the railroad tracks) and align with the momentum in the corridor to create more economic opportunities benefiting the Black community and other residents.

This will be a positive, fruitful addition to the Historic Greenwood District and a move Tulsa Development Authority can confidently support.

Best regards,

Mayor G.T. Bynum  
Ashley Harris Philippsen  
Mayor  
Deputy Chief, Community Development &Policy