

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THE CULTURAL AND HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE OF THE PROPERTY AT 1440 NORTH EVEREST AVENUE, KNOWN AS THE BROCKWAY CENTER, AS A SIGNIFICANT PART OF THE OKLAHOMA CITY COMMUNITY; FURTHER EXPRESSING THE CITY'S STRONG SUPPORT FOR COLLABORATIVE EFFORTS TO PRESERVE THE HISTORY OF THIS MONUMENT TO THE STRENGTH AND PERSERVERANCE OF MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY IN THEIR EFFORTS TO PRESERVE AND ENHANCE THE MORAL, SOCIAL, SPIRITUAL, ECONOMIC AND CIVIC WELFARE OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN IN OUR CITY; AND FURTHER DECLARING THAT THIS RICH PART OF THE HISTORIC FABRIC OF OUR CITY SHOULD BE FOREVER MEMORIALIZED THROUGH THE COLLABORATIVE EFFORTS OF THE OKLAHOMA CITY FEDERATION OF COLORED WOMEN'S CLUBS (OCFCWC) AND THE CARE CENTER IN A MANNER THAT EXPRESSES AN ARCHITECTURAL SENSITIVITY THAT IS RESPECTFUL TO THE CONTEXT AND CHARACTER OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD IN WHICH THE BROCKWAY CENTER SITS, AS REPRESENTED BY A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE OCFCWC AND THE CARE CENTER.

WHEREAS, The City of Oklahoma City has declared that the historical, architectural, cultural and aesthetic features of the City represent some its finest and most valuable resources; and

WHEREAS, in order for this great City to continue to grow – and indeed thrive – it is critical that City leadership recognize and safeguard the rich heritage of the City by preserving and protecting its historic landmarks for the culture, prosperity, education and welfare of the City and visitors to this great City; and

WHEREAS, the 1960s were one of the most tumultuous and divisive decades in world history, marked by the civil rights movement, the Vietnam War and antiwar protests, political assassinations and the emerging “generation gap,” with racism rearing its ugly head both nationwide, and in our fair City; and

WHEREAS, after establishing Club Houses at two other location, the City Federation of Negro Women's Clubs (also known as the Oklahoma City Federation of Colored Women's Clubs)

relocated its Club House to 1440 N Everest in 1968, when the OCFCWC purchased the property. The property was then named the Brockway Center, in honor of former OCFCWC president Maude Brockway; and

WHEREAS, the OCFCWC continued with its mission to advance the moral, economic, social and spiritual welfare of all families, continuing to live up to its motto “Lifting As We Climb” at the Brockway Center location for some 43 years, positively impacting the lives of many; and

WHEREAS, even after the property was sold by OCFCWC, it remained known as the Brockway Center, a visual beacon and tribute to what had begun in 1896 as a new era in African American womanhood, providing a vehicle for positive action through organized effort; and

WHEREAS, the CARE Center acquired the property in 2018, with plans to expand its Child Abuse Response & Evaluation services for children with its worthy mission to end child abuse in Oklahoma County; and

WHEREAS, as part of its expansion, plans were made by the CARE Center to demolish the existing former Brockway Center; and

WHEREAS, The City of Oklahoma City commends the continued mission of the CARE Center to provide important and necessary services to continue its positive impact on City youth; and

WHEREAS, the City Federation of Negro Women’s Clubs has long served as a beacon in this community – not only for women and youth, but also for all who gleaned hope for a bright future because of the efforts of the courageous and devoted women who established the magnificent Brockway Center; and

WHEREAS, the property has an official Determination of Eligibility, via the federal review process, for listing in the National Register of Historic Places as a contributing property to the Gaston Heights-Culbertson Heights Historic District; in addition, the Oklahoma State Historic Preservation Office has identified this property as individually eligible for the National Register of Historic Places; and

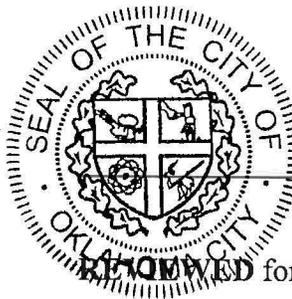
WHEREAS, The City of Oklahoma City recognizes the Brockway Center's contribution to the historical, architectural and archeological heritage of the Capitol-Medical Center Improvement and Zoning District, and indeed the State of Oklahoma.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of The City of Oklahoma City that the former Brockway Center is of such great historic and cultural significance that the Care Center's new structure on the site should serve as a perpetual recognition and testament to the merging of old and new, and the continued acknowledgment of the importance of this great beacon to raising the level of women and children to the highest plane in the home, morally, socially, spiritually, economically and civically, and for its contribution to the historical, architectural, archaeological heritage of this great City.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of The City of Oklahoma City hereby recognizes the efforts of the Oklahoma City Federation of Colored Women's Clubs and the Care Center toward collaboration in a manner that expresses an architectural sensitivity to the context and character of the neighborhood in which the Brockway Center now sits, as represented by a Memorandum of Understanding between the OCFCWC and the CARE Center.

ADOPTED by the Council of The City of Oklahoma City this 12th day of March, 2019.


City Clerk




Mayor

APPROVED for form and legality.


Assistant Municipal Counselor

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This Memorandum of Understanding is between the Oklahoma City Federation of Colored Women's Clubs, of (address) Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, whose mission is to advance the moral, economic, social and spiritual welfare of all families, continuing to live up to its motto "Lifting As We Climb," and the CARE Center, located at 1403 Ashton Place, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73117, which has as its worthy mission plans to expand its Child Abuse Response & Evaluation services to end child abuse in Oklahoma County. This Memorandum of Understanding is entered into on the date of the last signature below for the collaborative purpose of continuing to enrich the lives of children in our City. The parties hereto agree that any new construction on the site of the former Brockway Center should be designed with architecture that is respectful of, and sensitive to the architecture of the historic Brockway Center and the context and character of the neighborhood in which the Brockway Center currently sits.

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the Brockway Center has long served as a visual beacon and tribute to what began in 1896 as a new era in African American womanhood, providing a vehicle for positive action through organized effort; and

WHEREAS, the CARE Center advocates programs to educate and heal and teaches children age-appropriate topics including home safety, body safety and survival, with licensing partners across the country, and through its ROAR program teaches children ages 4 -8 how to protect themselves from abuse; and

WHEREAS, both parties hereto recognize the critical need to merge the old and the new, with a continued recognition of the worthy goals of both the ladies of the OCFCWC and the CARE Center, and agree that this MOU is to formally establish parameters for a manner in which the joint - yet separate - goals to raise the level of women and children to the highest plane can continue in a manner that enhances the community as a whole.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties hereto specifically agree as follows:

I. TERM

This MOU shall be effective immediately upon the signing by the last party hereto, and shall remain in perpetuity as a monument to the commitment between the parties hereto in recognition of both the former Brockway Center structure and its important part of the fabric of our City's rich history and the OCFCWC's service to women and children, as well as to the worthy mission of the CARE Center as it continues its mission to provide important and necessary services in continuation of its positive impact on the youth in our City.

II. CONSIDERATION

The parties hereto mutually agree to support the worthy goals of each entity as both maintain a commitment to the historic testament of the merging of the old and the new in support of women and children in our community. In that cooperative spirit, the parties hereto specifically agree as follows:

1. The ladies of the OCFCWC will withdraw their formal objection to demolition of the historic Brockway Center structure and continue their efforts in collaboration with the CARE Center through assistance with education to the public of the mission of the CARE Center.
2. Subject to availability, The CARE Center will permanently provide a designated space at no charge within the new facility for OCFCWC use for meetings which are typically held on the first Saturdays of January through June and September through December from 10:00 a.m. until noon, and other times as may be agreed upon by both parties hereto, events and community service activities which will include a display of historic markers regarding the OCFCWC in a room dedicated to the history of the Federation; a marker at the curb of the new facility with a picture of the Brockway Center building at the 1440 N Everest site, including a brief history of the OCFCWC prepared and submitted by the OCFCWC; and a permanent Marker attached to the structure near the front entrance of the new CARE Center facility acknowledging the rich history of the OCFCWC.
3. In order to ensure an impartial and professional evaluation of the compatibility of the new center with the legacy of the Brockway Center and the surrounding context, the CARE Center agrees to participate in a non-binding, advisory review of the new design by a qualified body, such as the City of Oklahoma City Historic Preservation Commission.
4. A member of OCFCWC or a designee shall be named to membership on the CARE Center Board of Directors, subject to compliance with the Board Commitment Contract.
5. A member of OCFCWC shall be named to the Future Planning or similar Committee of the CARE Center.

III. MISCELLANEOUS

This MOU shall be governed by and constructed according to the laws of the State of Oklahoma.

IV. NOTICES

Notices or other communications to the Oklahoma City Federation of Colored Women's Clubs pursuant to this MOU shall be sufficient if sent by email or registered or certified mail, postage prepaid, addressed to:

Sandra Finney, President, OCFCWC
333 NW 5th Street #1515

