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WNBA Tulsa group travels to Chicago



A group of investors and supporters of the effort to bring the WNBA to Tulsa spent last week in Chicago. The group watched a game between the Chicago Sky and Los Angeles Sparks and attended the WNBA's Inspiring Women Luncheon. Cokie

Roberts, political commentator for ABC News, senior news analyst for NPR News and bestselling author, was the recipient of the 2009 WNBA Inspiration Award. "This award celebrates inspirational and motivational women who are role models and ignite the dreams and aspirations of women, men and young people," said WNBA President Donna Orender.

At the game, the Tulsa group watched Chicago win 75-63 in front of a crowd of 5,600.

President Obama: 'WNBA inspiring'

President Barack Obama says the WNBA serves as an inspiration for his two young daughters, according to an Associated Press story. Obama last week said his daughters, Sasha and Malia, have never known a time when women did not play professional basketball in the United States. He says his girls watch the female players on television.

Obama welcomed the WNBA champion Detroit Shock to the White House's South Portico to honor their season. He says

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that it's dicey for a president from Chicago to say nice things about a team from rival Detroit, but adds that their accomplishments deserve praise.

ESPN: Tulsa 'positive' for league

Michelle Voepel, who covers the WNBA for ESPN.com, recently wrote about the economic future of the WNBA.

She wrote that the league is looking at ways to spend its money wisely, but a move into a market like Tulsa would be a good one.

"Another positive piece of economic news for the WNBA is the interest in bringing a team to Tulsa, Okla. This week, Orender met with a group of potential investors, led by Bill Cameron and David Box, about the possibility of having a team play in that city's BOK Center," Voepel wrote July 24.

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