

MEMORANDUM

TO: Native American Commission
FROM: Kara Gloe, Community Development Assistant Planner
DATE: January 25, 2018
SUBJECT: Fargo Native American Commission Meeting

The next meeting of the Fargo Native American Commission will be held on Thursday, February 1st at 12:00 p.m. in the City Commission Room at Fargo City Hall. If you are not able to attend, please contact staff at 701.241.1474 or planning@FargoND.gov.

NATIVE AMERICAN COMMISSION Thursday, February 1, 2018 City Commission Room AGENDA

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Approve Agenda & Minutes
3. YouthWorks Presentation: Clare Mark
4. Public Comment
5. Strengthening Government to Government Relationships and Partnerships Update
6. Welcoming Newcomers Procedure
7. US Department of Justice Partnership re: MMIW
8. FM Coalition for Homeless Persons Request
9. Executive Committee Meetings and Agenda Protocol
10. Committee Updates/Announcements
11. Old Business
12. New Business
13. Adjourn

Native American Commission meetings are broadcast live on cable channel TV Fargo 56 and can be seen live by video stream on www.FargoND.gov/streaming. They are rebroadcast each Tuesday at 8:00 p.m. and Thursday at 5:00 p.m.

People with disabilities who plan to attend the meeting and need special accommodations should contact the Planning Office at 701.241.1474 or TDD at 701.241.8258. Please contact us at least 48 hours before the meeting to give our staff adequate time to make arrangements.

Minutes are available on the City of Fargo Web site at <http://fargond.gov/city-government/boards-commissions/native-american-commission>.

BOARD OF NATIVE AMERICAN COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

Regular Meeting:

Monday:

January 8, 2018:

A regular meeting of the Board of Native American Commissioners of the City of Fargo, North January 8, 2018.

The Native American Commissioners present or absent were as follows:

Present: Rebecca Knutson, Lenore King, Ruth Buffalo, Guy Fox, Sharon White Bear, and Maylynn Warne

Absent: John Strand, Francis Oak Grove, Clinton Alexander,

Also Present: Nicole Crutchfield (City of Fargo)

Item 1. Honoring Willard Yellow Bird

To honor Willard Yellow Bird's retirement, the Native American Commission members presented him a plaque, a star quilt and thanked him for his years of service to the City of Fargo and the Fargo Native American Commission.

Item 2. Welcome and Introductions

Vice Chair White Bear welcomed Members to the meeting and introductions were made.

Item 3. Approval of Agenda and Minutes

Mr. Foxed moved to approve the agenda and minutes. Ms. King seconded. All members affirmed aye and the motion passed.

Item 4. Whitney Fear & Jillian Gould: Update on Human Trafficking Escalation and Targeting of Indigenous Women

Ms. Fear, Homeless Health R.N. and Case Manager, stated that she and Ms. Gould, Homeless Outreach Specialist for the Gladys Ray Shelter and Veterans Drop-In Shelter, work closely together to address the social and health aspects of homelessness and are increasingly working on human trafficking, as well. Ms. Fear stated that they are seeing specific targeting of Native American women and children. Ms. Fear shared recent North Dakota human trafficking statistics. Ms. Fear stated that they are seeing more and more apparent activity downtown and more brazen interactions with suspected traffickers. Ms. Fear and Ms. Gould discussed the need for public awareness, signs and symptoms, education on ways traffickers are using social media, etc. Ms. Gould talked about how beneficial a downtown drop-in center would be to help keeping individuals safe.

Item 5. Public Comment

Jered Pigeon, Program Coordinator NDSU, talked about the annual Woodlands and High Plains Pow Wow, scheduled for April 14th. He stated that the Native American Commission typically donates about \$1,000 and asked if there's a process he needs to follow to request those funds. Ms. White Bear stated that it has already been included in the Native American Commission Budget.

Item 6. Update on Native American Commission's City Liaison Position

Nicole Crutchfield updated the Native American Commission regarding a meeting she had with Ms. White Bear and Mr. Yellow Bird. From that meeting, Ms. Crutchfield gained insight on what qualities should be included in the job description. She further stated that it will take some time to hire someone. In the mean time, Kara Gloe will be the day-to-day contact.

Item 7. Panelist Request – Strengthening Government to Government Relationships and Partnerships

Ms. White Bear stated Willard Yellow Bird was invited to be a panelist at a conference called Government to Government Relationships and Partnerships. She asked the Commission members if they are interested in attending. Ms. King stated she and Ms. Buffalo are interested in attending. Ms. White Bear volunteered to call the organizer to get a better idea of who they want in attendance and will share that information with Ms. Crutchfield, Ms. King, and Ms. Buffalo.

Item 8. Executive Committee Elections

Ms. White Bear opened nominations for Vice Chair. Mr. Fox nominated Ms. King. Ms. Knutson seconded. All members affirmed aye and the motion passed.

Ms. White Bear opened nominations for treasurer. Mr. Fox nominated Mr. Oakgrove. All members affirmed aye and the motion passed.

Item 9. Monthly Meeting Times

Ms. White Bear stated that the first Thursday of the month at 5:30 p.m. is open again and asked for other day/time suggestions. Mr. Fox suggested the first Thursday of the month at Noon. Ms. Crutchfield said she would check on room availability.

Item 10. Committee Updates/Announcements

Education Committee: Mr. Fox stated they have met with West Fargo Public Schools and Fargo Public Schools to identify ways to strengthen Indian Ed. Chasley Snyder, Vice Chair of the Indian Ed Parent Committee, developed a tutoring program with MSUM elementary education students in partnership with the Boys and Girls Club of the Red River Valley. Kindergarten through 5th grade group tutoring will be on Monday nights from 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. Sixth through 12th grade students will receive group tutoring or one-on-one on Wednesday nights. Mr. Fox stated that the administrators are excited about this program and want to house it in the Indian Education Department.

Item 11. Old Business

Ms. King gave an update on the New Year's Eve Pow Wow. Four hundred fifteen people attended. Ms. White Bear is working on sending Thank You notes to folks who have donated.

Ms. Buffalo requested a follow up regarding a Facebook page for the Native American Commission. Mr. Fox requested a redefining of the Public Relations Committee, which is in charge of the social media, Indigenous Peoples Day, Fargo Marathon, and other events. Ms. Buffalo is the point of contact, Ms. Warne, Ms. White Bear, and Ms. King volunteered.

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Sweat Lodge Committee: Mr. Fox and Vince Kempf volunteered. There is still one spot on this committee.

Item 12. New Business

Ms. Buffalo gave an update regarding the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women Mayor's task force. Ms. Buffalo agreed to head up an effort to organize an event on February 14th for MMIW awareness.

Ms. Warne suggested that the Native American Commission get cards that are blank inside and have the logo on the outside. Ms. White Bear agreed to work with the Public Relations Committee to look into that.

Item 13. Adjourn

From: Walters, James L
To: [John Strand](#); [Guy Fox](#); [Kara Gloe](#)
Subject: RE: John Strand Contact Form
Date: Wednesday, January 17, 2018 3:18:58 PM

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Thank you John. You all are leading the way on this incredibly important issue and we are ready to assist in any way we can be of assistance and would love to have the NAC join us in our efforts to both identify the extent, contributing factors and develop strategies to safely recover our missing sisters and daughters.

From: John Strand [mailto:jstrand@FargoND.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, January 17, 2018 3:15 PM
To: Walters, James L <waltersj@fvtc.edu>; Guy Fox <guy@foxunderground.net>; Kara Gloe <kgloe@FargoND.gov>
Subject: Re: John Strand Contact Form

Jim, I'm including NAC chair and staff in this reply. Thanks for reaching out.

John

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

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From: waltersj@fvtc.edu
Date: 1/17/18 11:28 AM (GMT-06:00)
To: John Strand <jstrand@FargoND.gov>
Subject: John Strand Contact Form

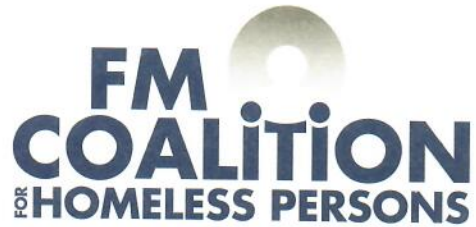
Name: Jim Walters

Email: waltersj@fvtc.edu

Question/Comment: John,

I wanted to reach out to you because I have been following the progress of the Fargo Native American Commission on the issue of missing and murdered women. I am the Program Administrator for the US Department of Justice AMBER Alert Training and Technical Assistance Program and have been working an initiative in this area for the last two years. We are planning a workshop in the Dakotas for the Spring and I would love to involve the City of Fargo and your working group. We are grant funded, there is no cost to the City and we can actually support your efforts in this area through our program. I would love to share more if you or the Commission members have time and or interest. I would be happy to attend a commission meeting or provide information in whatever format works best. Thanks for your time.

Jim Walters, Program Administrator. 214-797-2971. National Criminal Justice
Training Center



January 16, 2018

Guy Fox
Fargo Native American Commission
200 3rd St N
Fargo, ND 58102

Dear Guy:

In 2016, "Going Home, a 10 Year Plan to End Long Term Homelessness in Fargo" came to a formal end. Over the past year, the FM Coalition for Homeless Persons and its partners have been reflecting on the successes and assessing the work that remains unfinished. While data indicates we've made progress, our shelters remain full and more people remain on our housing prioritization lists than housing opportunities available. It is time for a new plan to end homelessness.

Because homelessness is an issue effecting our entire metro area as a community and not just any one of our individual cities alone, the FM Coalition believes that the next chapter in a plan to end homelessness needs to be supported by all four of our cities. This will truly unify our efforts and marshal all available resources to reach our lofty, yet achievable, goal.

The FM Coalition is inviting over 70 leaders from across the spectrum of nonprofit, social service, business, and government to engage in a process of developing a metro wide plan to end homelessness. This plan will build on the work that was done in the previous 10 Year Plan and will set new strategies and goals. This process will take place over the next several months through four stakeholder meetings, one held in each represented city. The first of these meetings is scheduled for 8:00 a.m. on February 21, 2018 at the Hjemkmost Center. The dates and locations of the remaining meetings will be announced.

The FM Coalition invites you, as a leader in our community, to participate in this process as a member of the steering committee. Your participation will serve to represent your work and sector of the community to develop this metro area plan to end homelessness in Dilworth, Fargo, Moorhead, and West Fargo. If you are not able to participate in all the meetings, please appoint someone to participate in your stead. Please RSVP by February 16 to project intern Laney Klein to laney@fmhomeless.org.

If you have any questions, or would like to discuss this process or homelessness in our communities further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Cody J. Schuler
Executive Director
cody@fmhomeless.org