

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Native American Commission  
**FROM:** Maegin Elshaug, Planning Coordinator  
**DATE:** July 30, 2018  
**SUBJECT:** Fargo Native American Commission Meeting

The next meeting of the Fargo Native American Commission will be held on Thursday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:planning@FargoND.gov).

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### **NATIVE AMERICAN COMMISSION Thursday, August 2, 2018 City Commission Room AGENDA**

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Prayer
3. Approve Agenda & Minutes
4. Presentation: American Indian Public Health Resource Center - Melanie Nadeau, Vanessa Tibbitts, Gretchen Dobervich, and Ryan Eagle
5. Roles & Responsibilities
6. Budget Request
  - a. The Human Family
7. Fargo Project Update – August 5<sup>th</sup>
8. Native American Picnic Update – August 25<sup>th</sup>
9. Navy Week Update
10. Indigenous People's Day Update
11. Sweat Lodge Update
12. Public Comment
13. Announcements
14. 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](http://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:**

**Thursday, July 5, 2018**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Native American Commissioners of the City of Fargo, North Dakota, was held in the City Commission Room at City Hall at 12:00 p.m., Thursday, July 5, 2018.

The Native American Commissioners present or absent were as follows:

Present: Sharon White Bear, Ruth Buffalo, Lenore King, Rebecca Knutson, Chalsey Snyder, Whitney Fear

Absent: John Strand, Guy Fox, Clinton Alexander

**Item 1. Welcome and Introductions**

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

**Item 2. Prayer**

Member King led the Board in a prayer.

**Item 3. Approve Order of Agenda & Minutes**

Member Knutson moved the Order of Agenda and the minutes of the June 7, 2018 Native American Commission meeting be approved. Second by Member King. On the call of the roll Members Buffalo, Fear, King, Knutson, and White Bear voted aye. Absent and not voting: Members Strand, Fox, Snyder, and Alexander. The motion was declared carried.

Member Snyder present.

**Item 4: Hate Free Crime Communities Presentation – Barry Nelson**

Barry Nelson, North Dakota Human Rights Coalition (NDHRC), provided a presentation for the Board on information regarding the North Dakota United Against Hate Initiative, its three working groups, and their work against hate crimes in the community. He shared that there are opportunities for collaboration between the HDHRC and the Native American Commission. Member Buffalo is a currently member of one of the working groups.

Discussion was held regarding community populations that are being targeted, the current communities that are being reached, and possible ways to collaborate in the future.

**Item 5. Public Comment**

**a. Budget Request**

Kelly Noack and Sandy Berlin from the Indigenous Community Circle provided information about the upcoming community picnic on July 11th. They requested financial support and donations of supplies from the Board.

Member King moved to approve the funding request in the amount of \$593.88 for the Native American Commission to be a sponsor of the Indigenous Community Circle Picnic. Second by Member Snyder. On the call of the roll Members Knutson, King, Snyder, Buffalo, Fear, and White Bear voted aye. Absent and not voting: Members Strand, Fox, and Alexander. The motion was declared carried.

Discussion was held regarding what role the Native American Commission would play with a sponsorship since the date is so close.

Item 7 was heard before Item 6.

**Item 6. Roles & Responsibilities**

Chair White Bear noted that if there are any revisions or changes regarding the roles and responsibilities of Board Members, they can be submitted for the August meeting.

**Item 7. Fargo Project – August 5th**

Member King provided a handout to the board and gave an update on the event. She shared that posters will be distributed once they arrive.

**Item 8. Native American Picnic – August 25th**

Member King provided an update on supplies and planning for this picnic. She noted that a sign-up for volunteers would be forthcoming.

**Item 9. Indigenous People’s Day Update**

Chair White Bear provided an update that meetings have been held regarding the planning, format and organization of the day. She mentioned that volunteers are needed. Member Buffalo shared that she is on the parade committee and is also looking for volunteers.

**Item 10. Sweat Lodge Update**

Willard Yellow Bird Jr., Planning Department Consultant, provided an update on the status of the Sweat Lodge. He shared that the Sweat Lodge is not currently open due to construction.

Discussion was held on the process of scheduling use of the Sweat Lodge.

Planning Director Nicole Crutchfield confirmed that the process for scheduling the Sweat Lodge begins with contacting Guy Fox.

Mr. Yellow Bird shared that the policies, applications forms, and process for use are being updated.

**Item 11. Announcements**

Chair White Bear shared that during Navy Week, the Native American Commission will be doing a presentation on July 25th. She noted she will be looking for help.

Ms. Gloe noted an additional funding request that was handed out to the Board from The North Dakota Human Rights Film and Arts Festival.

Member Snyder moved to table the funding request to the August 2nd meeting. Second by Member Knutson. On the call of the roll Members Snyder, Buffalo, Fear, Knutson, King, and White Bear voted aye. Absent and not voting: Members Strand, Fox, and Alexander. The motion was declared carried.

**Item 12. Adjourn**

The time of adjournment was 1:04 p.m.

**Native American Commission Budget 2018 - Monthly Update Format**

**Total Budget**

**\$45,200.00**

Description	2018		
	Social Service/CDG FY '18	Amount Paid	Remaining Budget
<b>Administration</b>	<b>\$1,500.00</b>	<b>\$492.99</b>	<b>\$1,007.01</b>
Meeting Supplies, plaques, name takes, workshops, retreats	\$1,000.00	\$492.99	\$507.01
Community Honoring	\$500.00		\$500.00
<b>Executive Committee</b>	<b>\$4,000.00</b>	<b>\$1,143.88</b>	<b>\$2,856.12</b>
Community Picnic	\$2,500.00	\$550.00	\$1,950.00
Sponsorship Applications	\$1,500.00	\$593.88	\$906.12
<b>Sweat Lodge Committee</b>	<b>\$5,000.00</b>	<b>\$900.00</b>	<b>\$4,100.00</b>
Sweat Lodge Operation	\$5,000.00	\$900.00	\$4,100.00
<b>Public Relations Committee</b>	<b>\$7,500.00</b>	<b>\$1,107.74</b>	<b>\$6,392.26</b>
Advertising of NAC Events	\$1,000.00	\$284.00	\$716.00
Police Picnic	\$800.00	\$412.62	\$387.38
Indigenous Peoples Day	\$5,000.00		\$5,000.00
MMIW Event	\$700.00	\$411.12	\$288.88
<b>Cultutre &amp; Education Committee</b>	<b>\$15,000.00</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>	<b>\$14,000.00</b>
Budget	\$4,000.00		\$4,000.00
Woodlawn & High Plains Powwow (sponsorship)	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
Crossroads Powwow (sponsorship)	\$10,000.00		\$10,000.00
<b>Health &amp; Wellness Committee</b>	<b>\$12,200.00</b>	<b>\$2,564.40</b>	<b>\$9,635.60</b>
Budget	\$3,000.00		\$3,000.00
Fargo Marathon	\$1,800.00	\$1,124.52	\$675.48
NYE Powwow	\$7,400.00	\$1,439.88	\$5,960.12
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$45,200.00</b>	<b>\$7,209.01</b>	<b>\$37,990.99</b>



**CITY OF FARGO  
NATIVE AMERICAN COMMISSION**

**Sponsorship Application**

Please complete this application to apply for City of Fargo Native American Commission sponsorship funds. You will be contacted by City staff if additional information is required.

The Fargo Native American Commission (NAC) assists in funding events that fit within its mission to work together to strengthen the Native American Community to promote understanding, recognition and respect for Native American cultures and to enrich the whole community. If the NAC commits funds to an event, it must be listed as a sponsor in all publicity. The NAC will consider written funding requests monthly, with a deadline of the 1st of each month, and will make decisions with consideration of budget constraints and established budget line items. Priority will be given to organizations/events who have not received funding in the same calendar year. If you would like more information about NAC sponsorships, please contact the Fargo Planning Department at 701-476-4143 or kgloe@FargoND.gov.

The Human Family

ORGANIZATION NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PROGRAM/PROJECT NAME: The North Dakota Human Rights Film and Arts Festival

DATE SUBMITTED: 7-3-18

AMOUNT REQUESTED: \$ 500

Date of event: Nov. 15 & 16, 2018 and January 2019

**PLEASE ATTACH A PROJECT SUMMARY, INCLUDING A DESCRIPTION OF WHAT THE FUNDS WILL BE USED FOR (attach summary and description on the back of this page or on another sheet)**

**BASIC INFORMATION:**

Address: PO Box 9468 Fargo, ND 58106

Contact Name: Sean Coffman Phone: (701) 205-0248

Fax: (701) 212-4197 E-mail: sean@human-family.org

Legal structure of organization (ex. Non-profit or for profit, 501(c) (3), etc.) 501(c)(3)

Mission and Actions: In one or two sentences, what are you planning to do? Please attach additional information as applicable.

See attached

The Human Family is excited to share that the North Dakota Human Rights Film and Arts Festival is preparing for its 2018 exhibition. This year, we're proud to announce that the festival has expanded as a touring festival, and will hold screenings and receptions in three cities in North Dakota: Bismarck, Fargo and Grand Forks. This grant application is for costs associated with the Fargo component of the festival.

In Fargo, the film festival will take place over two nights in November, 2018: Thursday, November 15 and Friday, November 16. This year the festival will utilize Theater 1, expanding the number of seats available at the festival to 700 people. Submissions to the film festival began in February, and to date 79 films from 23 countries have been received. Announcements about the films selected to screen at the festival will be made in early October, 2018.

Panel discussions including local human rights and social justice leaders and advocates will take place at the end of each screening. They include:

- **Thursday, November 15:** To commemorate Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week, a panel discussion about **Homelessness in North Dakota** will take place. We have invited Jessica Thomasson, ED of LSSND moderate the discussion. Invitations to participate as a panelist have also been extended to: Cody Schuler, ED of the FM Coalition for Homelessness; George Connell, Professor at Concordia College; Jan Eliasson, ED of the Gladys Ray homeless shelter; Whitney Fear, of Homeless Health; and Jesseca White of the Fargo PD. We may also have a current or former homeless individual to share about their experiences, but that won't be confirmed until closer to the event.
- **Friday, November 16: The Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women Crisis.** We have invited Michael Yellowbird to moderate an intimate discussion with Lisa Brunner, enrolled member of the White Earth Ojibwe Nation and 2016 Bush Fellow, and B.J. Jones, Director of the Tribal Judicial Institute and Affiliated Faculty at UND's School of Law. Their discussion will educate the audience around the impacts of historical trauma and the roots the MMIW crisis has in colonization - and how that history still impacts women today.

As part of this panel discussion, we are also currently working with artists and will be coordinating an exhibition that will take place in Fargo as part of the film festival (separate from the traveling exhibition, and taking place only in Fargo). We're currently working on engaging the [REDress Project](#), and working with as many downtown businesses as possible to adorn their store-front windows that week with Red Dresses or the like to bring awareness to the MMIW crisis.

The Human Rights Art Festival will be held separately from the film festival in 2018. The art festival is opening in Grand Forks in November, and is expected to come to Fargo in January of 2019. We are currently working with a local art museum as a potential host for the festival (the facility is ADA compliant). Details about the art festival's location in Fargo will be finalized in the coming weeks.

The Fargo Native American Commission branding will be utilized on all materials relating to the festival from approval of the grant through the conclusion of the festival in March of 2019.

Funding provided by the Fargo Native American Commission will be used directly to:

- Offset the cost of an art event such as the REDress Project (\$250)
- Offset the cost of travel, room and board for Lisa Brunner and B.J. Jones (\$250)

Questions or request for additional information may be directed to Sean Coffman, Executive Director of the Human Family: (701) 205-0248 x101 or [sean@human-family.org](mailto:sean@human-family.org)