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NATIVE AMERICAN COMMISSION
Thursday, May 4, 2023 | 12:00PM
City Commission Chambers
AGENDA

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Approve Agenda & Minutes……..Action Item
3. Public Comment
4. Bylaws……...….Action Item
5. Nominating Committee for July Special Election……..Action Item
6. Indigenous Association Report
7. Subcommittee Reports
8. Staff Reports
9. Announcements
10. Adjourn

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BOARD OF NATIVE AMERICAN COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES

Regular Meeting: **Thursday, December 1, 2022**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Native American Commissioners of the City of Fargo, North Dakota, was held in the Commission Chambers at City Hall at 12:00 p.m., Thursday, December 1, 2022.

The Native American Commissioners present or absent were as follows:

Present: Whitney Fear, Emily Sargent, Seth Holden, Sharon White Bear (via conference call), John Strand, Ashley Littlewolf, Dale Sayers, Amanda Strauss, Suzanne Senske

Item 1. Welcome and Introductions
Chair Fear welcomed Members to the meeting and introductions were made.

Item 2. Approve Order of Agenda & Minutes
Member Sargent moved the Order of Agenda and the minutes of the October 6, 2022 Native American Commission meeting be approved as presented. Second by Member Littlewolf. All Members present voted aye and the motion was declared carried.

Member Strand Present.

Item 3: Public Comment
Wess Philome spoke on the comments made by former Deputy Mayor Dave Piepkorn at the October 3, 2022 City Commission meeting and on comments made at previous meetings. He also shared his concerns with the reaction Mayor Tim Mahoney had to the comments of Commissioner Piepkorn.

Item 4: Affordable Homeownership Presentations
Jodi Deplazes, Edge Home Finance, presented on the Housing and Urban Development 184 Native American Home Loan program.

Pete Christopher and Brianna Gruenberg, Lake Agassiz Habitat for Humanity, shared information on their program covering Cass and Clay counties and shared the application process.

Discussion was held regarding Lake Agassiz Habitat for Humanity.

Member Senske present.

Trenton Gerads, Cass Clay Community Land Trust Executive Director, shared information about his organization.

Item 5. Indigenous Association Report
Interim Executive Director Brandon Baity shared that the November International Potluck had a good turnout and community engagement. He also shared that Native Youth Programming will begin in January 2023 along with workshops and activities.

Discussion was held regarding sensitivity training for the Fargo Police Department. Mr. Baity stated he would follow-up with the Police Department.

Item 6. Subcommittee Reports
No Subcommittee reports were provided.

Item 7. Staff Reports
Assistant Planner Catlyn Christie shared that the Fargo Public Library programming for "The Night Watchmen" was attended by over 640 people. She also provided information on the active housing needs analysis survey found on the Metro COG website (www.fmmetrocog.org).

Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, Dr. Terry Hogan, stated nominations will be accepted for individuals and organizations whose work embodies Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s legacy that are part of the Fargo community. Nominations may be submitted online by December 16th. The Umoja 54 MLK Day Celebration will be held Monday January 16th, 2023 at the Fargo Theater, from 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. and is free to the public.

Item 7. Announcements
Chair Fear congratulated Darlene Ten Bear on winning the 2022 Gladys Ray award and also provided congratulations to Heather Keeler, past member of the Native American Commission, for winning her second term for the State of Minnesota House of Representatives.

Chair Fear reminded the community that December 21 is Homeless Awareness Day.

Item 8. Adjourn
The time of adjournment was 12:37 p.m.

CITY OF FARGO NATIVE AMERICAN COMMISSION BYLAWS
ADOPTED [DATE]

ARTICLE 1. NAME

The City of Fargo Native American Commission, hereinafter referred to as "NAC," does hereby adopt these bylaws that shall govern its internal operations.

ARTICLE 2. PURPOSE

The mission of the Native American Commission (NAC) is to work together to strengthen the Native American community in order to promote understanding, recognition, and respect for Native American cultures and enrich the whole community.

Pursuant to the Resolution of its original charter on June 15, 2006, the Commission is charged with developing recommendations for City participation in Native American projects/programs, identifying Native American assets, evaluating existing information on local Native American assets and needs, and providing oversight to city-funded Native American projects/programs/facilities

ARTICLE 3. MEMBERSHIP

1. Composition - The NAC shall be composed of seven voting members representing the local Native American community. In addition, a representative of the Fargo City Commission and a representative of the Fargo Public Schools Board of Education shall serve as non-voting liaison members.

2. Application - Interested applicants may contact the City of Fargo for application procedures and deadlines.

3. Appointment - Members shall be appointed by the Mayor of Fargo for three-year terms with the option to renew at the end of each term.

4. Vacancy - The Mayor shall appoint a replacement when a vacancy occurs and that appointment shall serve to complete the term that becomes vacant.

5. Member Duties - Duties of members include:
    a. Serve on one NAC standing committee;
    b. Attend regular and special meetings of the Commission;
    c. Follow guidelines of the NAC Roles & Responsibilities

6. Membership Removal - To recommend removal of membership to the Mayor, a two-thirds affirmative vote is needed.

ARTICLE 4. OFFICERS

1. Chair Duties – Duties of the Chair include:
    a. Preside over regular meetings;
    b. Ensure meeting agenda three days prior to meeting;
    c. Notify members of meeting date, time, and location three days prior to meeting date.

2. Vice Chair Duties – Duties of the Vice Chair include:
    a. Preside over meetings in the absence of the Chair;

b. Coordinate the storing and distribution of NAC records
c. Coordinate minute-taking at special meetings of the NAC

3. City staff Duties - Duties of City staff include:
   a. Disseminate the meeting agenda to appropriate members
   b. Notify members of meeting date, time, and location at least three days prior to meeting date
   c. Take minutes at regular meetings

4. Officer Terms - Chair and Vice Chair shall both serve two-year terms as officers.

5. Chair Vacancy - Vice Chair shall become Chair upon vacancy of Chair position or end of Chair's term as Vice Chair.

6. Vice Chair Vacancy - A new Vice Chair shall be elected by NAC members upon vacancy of Vice Chair position or end of Vice Chair's term as Vice Chair.

7. Officer Removal - To remove an officer, a two-thirds vote for removal of an officer is needed.

ARTICLE 5. MEETINGS

1. Regular meetings – The NAC shall meet on the first Thursday of every other month at 12:00 p.m.

2. Special meetings – The Chair or a majority of the NAC may call a special meeting with not less than three days notice to Commission members and the public.

3. Meeting Location – All regular meetings of the Commission shall be held in the City Commission Room unless otherwise published or distributed in the public notice for the public hearing.

4. Order of Business - The agenda of business items to be considered at any regular or special meeting shall be transmitted to each member not later than three days immediately preceding the meeting date. Items of business at any meeting will be considered by the NAC in the order in which they appear on the meeting agenda and, except in the cases of emergency or mistake, no items shall be added thereto after said written agenda is transmitted to NAC members. NAC members or members of the public seeking to be on the agenda shall contact the Chair or Vice Chair at least three weeks before the next regularly scheduled meeting.

5. Public Comment Period – The time allowed for public comment at Commission meeting shall be limited to two minutes per person, monitored by a person designated by the Vice Chair. Anyone wishing to make a public comment will sign up using the sign-up sheet provided by City staff at each public meeting. Comments shall be respectful and not contain profanity or personal attacks. The commission reserves the right to end any person's comment due to time constraints or questionable decorum. The Commission does not specifically support any comment provided by a member of the public without due consideration, and by a vote of the majority of the commission at a later date.

6. Quorum – A quorum shall consist of the majority of the existing and qualified members of the NAC.

7. Cancellation of Meetings – If a quorum is not expected for a Regular meeting within 24 hours, the meeting shall be canceled.

ARTICLE 6. SUBCOMMITTEES

1. Approved Subcommittees – Members shall participate in at least one of the following approved subcommittees:
    a. Education & Cultural Awareness
    b. Health & Wellness
    c. Housing

2. Purpose & Goals – Subcommittees shall collaborate with community stakeholders to develop policy recommendations and action steps for the NAC, City Commission, and/or community partners to consider.

3. Subcommittee Chair – Each committee must include one NAC member who will serve as the committee chair. The NAC shall determine each committee chair informally. The subcommittee chair will be responsible for organizing quarterly meetings to include community partners and members and will serve as the official contact for the community regarding their designated committee.

4. Reporting – Subcommittees will report back to the full NAC at least quarterly.

   Action – Substantial action items must be brought before the NAC for discussion and approval before subcommittee may proceed with action.

5. Public Relations – Each committee shall create public relations-related goals and contribute to broader NAC outreach and public relations on an ongoing basis.

ARTICLE 7. AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS

1. Bylaws may be amended or repealed from time to time by the affirmative vote of a majority of the appointed NAC members at a regular or special meeting.

2. Members shall present their proposed amendment(s) in written form for consideration prior to voting.

ARTICLE 8. DISSOLUTION

1. The City of Fargo may dissolve the NAC according to City policy.

2. A public hearing shall be held by the City of Fargo to inform the community at large prior to the dissolution of the NAC.

ARTICLE 9. ETHICS/CONDUCT

The NAC follows the ethics, conduct, and gift policy of the City of Fargo commissions and the Federal Grants Ethics policy of the City of Fargo boards and commissions.

ARTICLE 10. CONTROL OF LAW

The procedures and operations of the NAC shall be governed by applicable ordinances of the City of Fargo, North Dakota, law of the State of North Dakota, and applicable laws of the United States of America; and any provisions herein inconsistent or in conflict with such laws or ordinances shall be deemed void.