

NATIVE AMERICAN COMMISSION
Thursday, September 5, 2024 | 12:00PM
City Commission Chambers
AGENDA

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Approve Agenda & Minutes.....Action Item
3. Public Comment
4. Presentation: Essentia Health Community Engagement
5. SENDCAA Land Acknowledgement Statement
6. Savanna’s Day Update
7. Indigenous Association Report
8. Subcommittee Reports
9. Staff Reports
10. Announcements
11. Adjourn

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BOARD OF NATIVE AMERICAN COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

Regular Meeting:

Thursday, May 2, 2024

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, May 2, 2024.

The Native American Commissioners present or absent were as follows:

Present: Lisa Ducheneaux, Whitney Johnson, Ashley Littlewolf, Dale Sayers,
Amanda Strauss

Absent: Emily Sargent, Suzanne Senske

Also Present: Fargo School Board Liaison Seth Holden, Mayor Tim Mahoney

Item 1. Welcome and Introductions

Chair Johnson welcomed Members to the meeting and introductions were made.

Item 2. Approve Order of Agenda & Minutes

Member Littlewolf moved the Order of Agenda and the minutes of the March 7, 2024 Native American Commission meeting be approved. Second by Member Sayers. All Members present voted aye and the motion was declared carried.

Item 3: Public Comment

No public comments were made.

Item 4: Indigenous Association Report

Executive Director Brandon Baity shared that the Indigenous Association hosted the North Dakota Human Rights Summit and it went well.

He also shared that he had an opportunity to speak on the Native Lights podcast. Mr. Baity noted that the Indigenous Association is in the process of starting their own podcast with content being made available possibly by the end of May.

He stated that open craft nights are still ongoing and anyone is welcome to come.

Mr. Baity also shared that the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives Task Force will be hosting the Faceless Doll Project event at the Indigenous Association. This event will be led by Agnes Yellow Bear and Melanie Moniz. He added that attendees are asked to wear red.

Candi Smith, leader of the breastfeeding support group, shared that there will be an Indigenous Lactation Training held June 24 - 28. She noted that the training will be free

and per diem funds will be made available by the North Dakota Department of Health for those travelling from outside the Fargo-Moorhead area. Ms. Smith also stated applications for the training will be posted on the Indigenous Associations webpage soon. She invited anyone who has questions regarding this training to reach out to her via email at candi@indgns.org.

Ms. Smith also shared that there will be a Doula training class soon. She stated the details will be added to the Indigenous Associations webpage along with the applications.

Mr. Baity noted that the Indigenous lactation training will be specifically for Indigenous community members whereas the Doula training will be for anyone who is involved with those services in the Indigenous community.

Item 5. Subcommittee Reports

Member Sayers gave an update for the Health and Wellness subcommittee stating that the subcommittee will be part of a group advising the Fargo Cass Public Health Department on their tobacco prevention campaign geared towards Indigenous community members.

Member Littlewolf gave an update about the Savannah's Day Resolution. She noted they are waiting for feedback on the finalized draft and are hoping to have it approved and ready by August 9.

Item 6. Staff Reports

Mayor Tim Mahoney spoke on Housing First, Milwaukee's guaranteed rental program, and the possibility of the Native American Commission assisting with communications with the area Tribal Agencies.

Discussion was held regarding the Housing Subcommittee having had previous conversations about local homelessness, Housing First, and how tribal agency partnerships could be beneficial.

Item 7. Announcements

Chair Johnson announced the Woodlands & High Plains Powwow will be held this Saturday, May 4 with Grand Entries being held at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. and the community meal will be at 5:00 p.m.

Ms. Johnson also announced the Moorhead Indian Education program's end of year celebration will be next Wednesday evening, May 8.

Member Strauss added to Mr. Baity's earlier mention of the Faceless Doll Project that the event will be held on May 5, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and a light meal will be offered.

Item 8. Adjourn

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The time of adjournment was 12:23 p.m.

Draft of SENDCAA Land Acknowledgement

SENDCAA is situated on the lands of the Oceti Sakowin (Oh-cheh-tee Sha-koh-wee), who are the Dakota, Lakota, and Nakoda people, and the Anishinaabe (Ah-ni-shin-nah-bay) people of this area. SENDCAA is committed to honoring and preserving the sacred land that belongs to the original Native peoples.

Indigenous people are not relics of the past. Indigenous peoples are still here, and continue to demonstrate our talents and gifts amidst a backdrop of ongoing colonialism and oppression.

Land acknowledgment is only one small part of supporting Indigenous communities. We hope our land acknowledgment statement will inspire others to stand with us in solidarity with Native nations.

Solidarity can look like:

- Donating time and money to Indigenous-led organizations.
- Amplifying the voices of Indigenous people leading grassroots change movements.
- Returning land.

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THE CITY OF FARGO

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Savanna Greywind was born August 9, 1995 and she lived and worked in Fargo; and

WHEREAS, Savanna's life and tragic death call attention to the need for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women's awareness and justice initiatives; and

WHEREAS, according to the US Department of Justice, Indigenous women are murdered at a rate 10 times the national average of any other race per capita and the number of missing and murdered Indigenous women in the US is impossible to calculate due to missing data; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fargo has joined in solidarity with Canada, where for more than 20 years there have been annual marches, events and awareness-raising endeavors, to spur awareness in North Dakota of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women; and

WHEREAS, Savanna's date of birth is designated as Savanna Greywind Day in celebration of the life she lived; and

WHEREAS, such designation be in honor of Savanna's life and the life of her surviving child rather than the manner of her death.

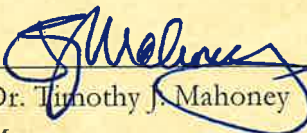
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, Dr. Timothy J. Mahoney, Mayor of Fargo, do hereby proclaim August 9 to be

SAVANNA GREYWIND DAY

in the City of Fargo and call upon the citizens to observe this day in recognition of fallen Indigenous women with appropriate awareness programs and activities.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Fargo, North Dakota to be affixed this 5th day of August, 2024.



Dr. Timothy J. Mahoney

Mayor

Fargo, North Dakota