

MEMORANDUM

TO: Native American Commission
FROM: Tia Braseth, Community Development Coordinator
DATE: September 26, 2019
SUBJECT: Fargo Native American Commission Meeting

The next meeting of the Fargo Native American Commission will be held on Thursday, October 3 at 12:00 p.m. in the Commission Chambers at **NEW** 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, October 3, 2019 Commission Chambers AGENDA

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Prayer
3. Approve Agenda & Minutes
4. Sponsorship Request: Youthworks Native Youth Circle
5. Gladys Ray Award Winner
6. Indigenous Peoples Day – October 14, 2019
7. Public Comment
8. Announcements
9. Staff Report
10. Next Meeting – November 7, 2019
11. Adjourn and move to Meadowlark Room for Strategic Planning Session

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:

Thursday, September 5, 2019

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, September 5, 2019.

The Native American Commissioners present or absent were as follows:

Present: Sharon White Bear, John Strand, Guy Fox, Lenore King, Rebecca Knutson, Chalsey Snyder, Whitney Fear, Heather Keeler

Absent: Anna Johnson

Item 1. Welcome and Introductions

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

Item 2. Prayer

Member King led the Board in Prayer.

Item 3. Approve Order of Agenda & Minutes

Member Strand moved the Order of Agenda and the minutes of the August 1, 2019 Native American Commission meeting be approved. Second by Member Knutson. All Members present voted aye and the motion was declared carried.

Item 4: Presentation: High Plains Fair Housing, Michelle Rydz

Angela Urlacher, High Plains Fair Housing Specialist, provided a background of the services the High Plains Fair Housing Center provides to promote fair housing practices in North Dakota. She handed out a folder of information to the Board Members.

Member White Bear present.

Ms. Urlacher shared they have conducted research and have evidence there is still housing discrimination in North Dakota. She highlighted research they conducted on LGBTQ housing. She also noted they are looking for “secret shoppers” to assist with the process to see if discrimination is taking place, particularly Native Americans.

Member Snyder present.

Item 5. Presentation: 2020 Census, Audra Stonefish

Chair White Bear stated that volunteers are needed to help with the registration of Native Americans for the 2020 Census. She noted that Audra Stonefish was unable to attend today’s meeting.

Item 6. Sponsorship Request: FM Crossroads Powwow

Scott Satermo, FM Crossroads, provided a brief history of the FM Crossroads Powwow.

Discussion was held regarding the intended use of the requested \$10,000, plans for future funding requests, and what other funding relationships exist for the Powwow.

Member Fox spoke on behalf of FM Crossroads, noting that this is the largest Powwow in the region.

Discussion continued on venue options for the event.

Member Knutson moved to approve the \$10,000 sponsorship for the FM Crossroads Powwow. Second by Member King. On call of the roll Members Keeler, Fear, King, Knutson, Strand, Snyder, and White Bear voted aye. Member Fox abstained from voting. Absent and not voting: Member Johnson. The motion was declared carried.

Item 7. Budget Proposal

Chair White Bear presented the proposed budget.

Member Snyder moved to approve the proposed budget for the remainder of 2019. Second by Member King. On call of the roll Members Knutson, Snyder, Fox, Keeler, Fear, King, Strand, and White Bear voted aye. Absent and not voting: Member Johnson. The motion was declared carried.

Item 8. Indigenous Peoples Day – October 14, 2019

Member Keeler shared there will be a presentation held in the Moorhead City Hall, and gave an overview of events scheduled for the day. She noted that citizens and those willing to volunteer could find more information on the Moorhead Indigenous Peoples Day Facebook page.

Discussion was held noting the Gladys Ray award will be awarded on that day, and that applications are available on the City of Fargo website. The deadline for applications is September 25.

Item 9. Public Comment

Edwin Hahn, Lightspring Co-founder and CEO, provided a brief background on the company and the work they have been doing with the United Tribes Technical College in Bismarck, regarding energy storage systems and creating energy independence. He noted that he wanted to introduce himself and would like to return to a future Native American Commission meeting to give a formal presentation.

Item 10. Announcements

Chair White Bear shared that upcoming classes will be held for training to become a Qualified Expert Witness (QEW) in the community. She spoke on the importance of QEW's for child custody cases, and stated that those wanting more information can contact her.

Chair White Bear also shared that additional school supplies have been donated for MHA (Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara) Nation students, and can be picked up at 401 3rd Avenue North in Fargo.

Member Keeler shared that the Moorhead Public Schools have an open position for the Native American Liaison position.

Item 11. Staff Report

Planning and Development Director Nicole Crutchfield provided an update on the status of hiring a Consultant for the Native American Center. She noted that three finalists have been interviewed, and a recommendation should be made at the next Native American Commission meeting.

Assistant Planner Catlyn Christie provided a handout to the Board regarding upcoming Strategic Planning Units. She provided an overview of the materials and goals, and asked the Board to review and provide feedback for the next meeting.

Item 12. Next Meeting – October 3, 2019

Item 13. Adjourn

The time of adjournment was 1:06 p.m.

MEMORANDUM

TO: NATIVE AMERICAN COMMISSION

FROM: TIA BRASETH, PLANNING COORDINATOR

DATE: SEPTEMBER 26, 2019

SUBJECT: MEETING REPORT

Item 4. Sponsorship Request: Youthworks Native Youth Circle

See attachment. Sheyenne Puetz of Youthworks will be present to describe the program and answer questions.

Recommended Action: Table this sponsorship request until January 2020 due to no remaining 2019 budget for sponsorships.

Item 5. Gladys Ray Award Winner

Each year, the Native American Commission solicits nominations for the annual Gladys Ray Indigenous Peoples Day Award. This award was created in honor of Gladys Shingobe Ray, who was a dedicated lifelong human rights advocate and volunteer. Each year, her family members convene to review applications and determine their top recommendation for a winner. The award will be presented at the upcoming Indigenous Peoples Day celebration.

Recommended Action: Approve the 2019 Gladys Ray winner per the recommendation of Gladys Ray's family members.

Item 6. Indigenous Peoples Day – October 14, 2019

This year for the first time, the City of Moorhead will join Fargo in officially recognizing October 14, 2019 as Indigenous Peoples Day. Programming will take place throughout the day in celebration, including:

- 1) The Moorhead-Fargo Indigenous Peoples Day Morning Kickoff, from 9-9:30am at Moorhead City Hall, featuring the Buffalo River Singers and messages from local leaders.
- 2) Indigenous Peoples Day Cultural Competency Lunch and Learn: Understanding Inter-Generational Issues as Impacted by Historical Trauma, from 12-3pm at Fargo City Hall. See attachment and register for more information.
- 3) A community-wide Inaugural Moorhead Indigenous Peoples Day Meal and Powwow, from 5-9pm, at Moorhead High School, free and open to the public. This event will include the presentation of the Gladys Ray Award.

In addition, at the start of the October 7 Fargo City Commission meeting, there will be a brief ceremony to officially present the five North Dakota tribal nations' flags to the City.

Item 9. Staff Report

a. Strategic Planning

Staff expects the regular meeting to be shorter than normal and suggest moving the meeting to the Meadowlark Room for a strategic planning session focused on subcommittees. If able, we seek your attendance until 1:30 pm



**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 Planning and Development Department at 701.241.1474 or Planning@FargoND.gov.

ORGANIZATION NAME: YOUTHWORKS
PROGRAM/PROJECT NAME: NATIVE YOUTH CIRCLE
DATE SUBMITTED: 8-29-19
AMOUNT REQUESTED: \$ 1,000

Date of event:

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: 317 UNIVERSITY DR S FARGO, ND 58103
Contact Name: SHEYENNE PUETZ Phone: 701-232-8558
Fax: 701-532-6121 E-mail: spuetz@youthworks.org
Legal structure of organization (ex. Non-profit or for profit, 501(c) (3), etc.) Nonprofit

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

Develop a safe and culturally relevant space for Native youth to connect with peers, community members and Youthwork staff by meeting 1-2 times per month to engage in Native activities and teachings.

N8V Youth Circle Project Summary

The project we would like additional funding for is called N8V Youth Circle, and it will meet 1-2 times a month at Youthworks. This project has been developed and will be operated by 3 Native American members of the Youthworks staff. N8V Youth Circle will partner with adults in the local Native American community to pass along cultural knowledge and teachings through art, crafts, cooking, and stories. This project will provide a safe and culturally relevant space for Native American youth ages 12-21 in the Fargo-Moorhead area.

We have secured a grant to cover the cost of art and craft supplies as well as a stipend for the speaker/presenter/artist. Youthworks will be funding the other parts of the program, but the amount of available funds is limited. Support from the Native American Commission would help us with our remaining expenses. One of the largest expenses remaining is the cost of food and the cost of paying a community member to prepare the food. Our budget for this is \$3,000 for the 12-month period starting in September.



INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY CULTURAL COMPETENCY LUNCH & LEARN:

Understanding Inter-Generational Issues
as Impacted by Historical Trauma

Monday, October 14, 2019
12pm - 3pm (Bring Your Own Lunch)
Fargo City Hall, 225 4th St. N



Limited seats available!
Pre-registration required at:

<https://forms.gle/vN73mLxE2c7qadsT7>

This event is free of charge and geared toward all professionals with Indigenous clients. In addition, .3 CEUs available for general, social works (ND only) and counselors (NBCC) for \$10.