

NATIVE AMERICAN COMMISSION
Thursday, November 7, 2024 | 12:00PM
City Commission Chambers
AGENDA

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Approve Agenda & Minutes.....Action Item
3. Statement from the Chair
4. Public Comment
5. Nominating Committee for January Election
6. Indigenous Association Report
7. Subcommittee Reports
8. Staff Reports
9. Announcements
10. 2025 Calendar
11. Adjourn

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BOARD OF NATIVE AMERICAN COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

Regular Meeting:

Thursday, September 5, 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, September 5, 2024.

The Native American Commissioners present or absent were as follows:

Present: Lisa Ducheneaux, Whitney Johnson, Ashley Littlewolf, Emily Sargent, Dale Sayers

Absent: Amanda Strauss, Suzanne Senske

Also Present: City Commission Liaison John Strand, Fargo School Board Liaison Nikkie Gullickson

Item 1. Welcome and Introductions

Chair Johnson 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 May 2, 2024 Native American Commission meeting be approved. Second by Member Littlewolf. All Members present voted aye and the motion was declared carried.

Item 3: Public Comment

No public comment was given.

Item 4: Presentation: Essentia Health Community Engagement

Alli Fast and Matthew Knodle, Essentia Health, gave a presentation on a community health survey and work plan. They asked board members for suggestions on how to better connect with Native communities.

Discussion was held regarding connecting with Indian Health Services on the Reservations, making sure collected data is accessible, timing of the survey, wording of the survey, and making connections.

Ms. Fast and Mr. Knodle shared ways that Essentia is currently connecting in the community, exposing students to healthcare professions, and career awareness.

Item 5. SENDCAA Land Acknowledgement Statement

SENDCAA Deputy Director Sarah Hasbargen shared the Land Acknowledgement Statement developed by their diversity committee.

Members shared that the statement is good and thoughtful and expressed gratitude that it was developed.

Item 6. Savanna's Day Update

Chair Johnson noted Mayor Mahoney signed a proclamation, included in the packet, declaring August 9 as Savanna Greywind Day. She thanked Members Sayer, Littlewolf, and Strauss for their help, and noted the family was satisfied with it.

Member Littlewolf shared that Ruth Buffalo is hoping this will be an annual proclamation, and hopes in upcoming years there will be more time to prepare to celebrate and honor.

Item 7. Indigenous Association Report

Chair Johnson noted that Executive Director Brandon Baity was unable to attend the meeting today, but he passed along information to be shared. She noted that open craft nights will be held on Thursday evenings from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. beginning this week, parent and kid play groups would be beginning soon, lactation support is available, and planning has begun for Indigenous Peoples Day.

The website address for the Indigenous Association has been updated to NativeFM.org.

Item 8. Subcommittee Reports

Member Littlewolf shared that the Housing Subcommittee met in July and discussed what tribal partnerships could look like in the community.

No other subcommittee reports were given.

Item 9. Staff Reports

Assistant Planner Catlyn Christie noted the City Commission recently passed a new City ordinance related to camping on public property and that there are temporary rules. She noted additional information can be found on the Gladys Ray Facebook page, and in the City Commission meeting information.

Item 10. Announcements

No announcements were given.

A reminder was given for those who would like to help with planning for Indigenous Peoples Day to reach out to the Indigenous Association.

Item 11. Adjourn

The time of adjournment was 12:45 p.m.

MEMORANDUM

TO: ALL DEPARTMENTS

FROM: ALBERT GIBSON, PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

DATE: OCTOBER 21, 2024

SUBJECT: 2025 NATIVE AMERICAN COMMISSION MEETING SCHEDULE

Listed below are the Native American Commission meeting dates for the calendar year 2025.

2025 Meeting Schedule

Native American Commission Meetings
January 2
March 6
May 1
September 4
November 6
Native American Commission meetings will be held the 1st Thursday of each month, on a bi-monthly basis, at 12:00 p.m. in the Commission Chambers at City Hall.