

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Native American Commission  
**FROM:** Tia Braseth, Community Development Coordinator  
**DATE:** October 28, 2020  
**SUBJECT:** Fargo Native American Commission Meeting

The next meeting of the Fargo Native American Commission will be held on Thursday, November 5, at 12:00 p.m. as a virtual meeting. If you are not able to participate, please contact staff at 701.241.1474 or [Planning@FargoND.gov](mailto:Planning@FargoND.gov). Thank you.

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### **NATIVE AMERICAN COMMISSION Thursday, November 5, 2020 Virtual Meeting AGENDA**

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Approve Agenda & Minutes Action Item
3. Public Comment
4. Presentation: Trenton Gerads, Cass Clay Community Land Trust
5. Old Business
  - a. Indigenous Association Update
  - b. Indigenous Peoples' Day Summary
6. COVID-19 Update
7. Subcommittee Reports
8. Announcements
9. Staff Report
10. Next Meeting – December 3, 2020

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. 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>.

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Native American Commission  
**FROM:** Catlyn Christie, Assistant Planner  
**DATE:** October 29, 2020  
**SUBJECT:** Meeting Report

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**Item 1. Welcome and Introductions**

**Item 2. Approve Agenda & Minutes**

Chair King will seek a motion to approve or amend the agenda.

Recommended Action: Approve the November 5, 2020 agenda.

Recommended Action: Approve the minutes of the October 1, 2020 meeting.

**Item 3. Public Comment – Citizens to be Heard**

Chair King will open the floor to public comment. Citizens who wish to address the Native American Commission must use the sign-in sheet. Speakers must state their name at the microphone and will be limited to two minutes. Comments should not contain profanity or personal attacks. At the chair's discretion, an overall time limit may be placed on this agenda item.

**Item 4. Presentation: Trenton Gerards, Cass Clay Community Land Trust**

Executive Director Trenton Gerards will provide an overview of the recently launched Cass Clay Community Land Trust, and the homeownership opportunities it affords.

**Item 5a. Old Business: Indigenous Association Update**

An Indigenous Association representative will provide an update.

**Item 5b. Old Business: Indigenous Peoples' Day – October 12, 2020**

Members of the Indigenous Peoples' Day planning committee will provide an update.

**Item 6. COVID-19 Update**

Vice Chair Fear will provide a brief status report of local COVID-19 conditions, including health disparities that may be emerging for Indigenous populations.

**Item 7. Subcommittee Reports**

The Chair of each subcommittee will provide a progress report and present any action items recommended by their subcommittee.

**Item 8. Announcements**

Chair King will open the floor to commission members for any announcements.

**Item 10. Staff Report**

See attachment. Chair King will open the floor to commission members for any questions or discussion related to the August staff update.

**Item 11. Next Meeting – December 3, 2020**

Upon no further business, Chair King will adjourn the meeting.

**BOARD OF NATIVE AMERICAN COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES**

**Regular Meeting:**

**Thursday, October 1, 2020**

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, October 1, 2020.

The Native American Commissioners present or absent were as follows:

Present: Sharon White Bear, John Strand, Lenore King, Rebecca Knutson, Chalsey Snyder, Whitney Fear (via conference call)

Absent: Heather Keeler, Sonya Donahue, Anna Johnson

**Item 1. Welcome and Introductions**

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

**Item 2. Approve Order of Agenda**

Member Snyder moved the Order of Agenda be approved as presented. Second by Member Knutson. All Members present voted aye and the motion was declared carried.

Member Snyder moved the minutes of the September 3, 2020 Native American Commission meeting be approved. Second by Member White Bear. All Members present voted aye and the motion was declared carried.

**Item 3. Public Comment**

No public comment was provided.

**Item 4: Subcommittees and Work Plan**

Member Knutson moved to approve Member Snyder as the Chair of the Education and Cultural Awareness Subcommittee. Second by Member Fear. On call of the roll Members Strand, Knutson, White Bear, Fear, and King voted aye. Member Snyder abstained from voting. Absent and not voting: Members Donahue, Johnson, and Keeler. The motion was declared carried.

Member White Bear moved to approve Member Fear as the Chair of the Health and Wellness Subcommittee. Second by Member Knutson. On call of the roll Members Snyder, Strand, Knutson, White Bear, and King voted aye. Member Fear abstained from voting. Absent and not voting: Members Donahue, Johnson, and Keeler. The motion was declared carried.

Member Snyder moved to approve Member White Bear as the Chair of the Housing Subcommittee. Second by Member Strand. On call of the roll Members Snyder,

Knutson, Strand, Fear, and King voted aye. Member White Bear abstained from voting. Absent and not voting: Members Donahue, Johnson, and Keeler. The motion was declared carried.

Chair King opened the floor for Members to provide feedback on the questionnaire provided regarding meeting frequency and format.

Discussion was held regarding the best way for the Board to engage and connect, quarterly or monthly meeting frequency, times for subcommittees to meet, and wanting to maintain forward motion with the Board.

Board Members were asked to complete the questionnaire and submit to staff.

### **Item 5. Old Business**

#### **a. Indigenous Association Update**

Member Snyder provided an update from the Indigenous Association. She noted if community members would like to display the interactive mural created at the Census and Native vote event to contact [www.Indgns.org](http://www.Indgns.org). She added that they are in the process of securing a space and more information will be provided next month.

Donations can be given to the Indigenous Association through the website.

#### **b. Indigenous Peoples' Day – October 12, 2020**

Member White Bear provided an overview of the scheduled events.

Assistant Planner Catlyn Christie stated the opening ceremony will be streaming on the City of Fargo social media channels and the other events can be seen throughout the day at [www.Indgns.org](http://www.Indgns.org).

The Board discussed events, speakers, and outreach for the event.

### **Item 6. Announcements**

Member Snyder acknowledged Member White Bear as the recipient of the 2020 YWCA Women of the Year Lifetime Achievement Award.

### **Item 7. Staff Report**

Chair King provided a recap of the staff report included in the packet.

Member Fear indicated interest in having the Health and Wellness Subcommittee connect with the Fargo Youth Initiative.

Member Snyder inquired about the process and timeline for items to be included on meeting agendas.

Ms. Christie stated ideally agenda items should be sent to [planning@FargoND.gov](mailto:planning@FargoND.gov) or Native American Commission Members three weeks prior to the next meeting.

**Item 8. Next Meeting – November 5, 2020**  
The time of adjournment was 12:36 p.m.

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Fargo Native American Commission  
**FROM:** Catlyn Christie, Assistant Planner  
**DATE:** October 28, 2020  
**RE:** October Staff Report

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This agenda item is an effort to summarize and memorialize issues, concerns, or staff action related to the work of the Native American Commission since the last meeting. During the meeting, the Chair may open for discussion or questions concerning these items.

### **1. Local COVID-19 Response**

Staff continues efforts to set up a temporary homeless quarantine and engagement center at the former downtown police station, with the goal to be operational by November 1. In addition, they are collaborating with shelters to identify winter overflow needs and options as shelters are already reporting to be full.

Staff also continue to support and administer funds for several other supportive services, including housing and utility assistance, enhanced quarantine capacity at local shelters, and mobile outreach through Gladys Ray Shelter and Family HealthCare. If you know someone in need of assistance, call FirstLink at 2-1-1.

Staff is also conducting research to collect data and identify gaps in existing programs that relate to COVID-19 related housing needs. Currently, data has been limited to testimonies from those working closely with those who are significantly impacted by COVID-19, with no one entity compiling the data. Now that resources are making their way into the community, better data collection is expected to be available, to better inform funding decisions.

### **2. LDC Diagnostic Brown Bag – November 30**

There will be a Land Development Code (LDC) Diagnostic Brown Bag meeting on November 30 at 11:30 a.m., to review the consultant's top recommendations. Meeting call-in information will be forthcoming.

### **3. HUD CDBG & HOME Funds**

The City received over 30 applications in response to its recent Notice of Funding Availability Request for Proposals. This year, funding will be heavily focused on COVID-19 response. A draft of the City's 2020 Action Plans and the 2020-2024 Consolidated Annual Action Plan is anticipated to be available for public comment in the next month.

### **4. Housing Ownership Study**

The Planning Department is beginning to work with NDSU's Center for Social Research to study the home ownership and rental rates. The first step will be to better understand the characteristics of homeowners versus individuals that rent. A better understanding of the characteristics of homeowners and renters can help us understand residents' housing choice and help guide and inform policy and decision makers as they explore potential avenues to make home ownership more attainable. The objective of this study is to create a socio-economic and demographic profile of homeowners and renters in Fargo, ND and compare those characteristics to other cities.