

MEMORANDUM

TO: Native American Commission
FROM: Catlyn Christie, Assistant Planner
DATE: January 28, 2021
SUBJECT: Fargo Native American Commission Meeting

The next meeting of the Fargo Native American Commission will be held on Thursday, February 4, 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. Thank you.

NATIVE AMERICAN COMMISSION Thursday, February 4, 2021 Virtual Meeting AGENDA

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Approve Agenda & Minutes Action Item
3. Public Comment
4. Honoring of Outgoing Member Heather Keeler
5. Induction of New Member Emily Sargent
6. Savanna's Law and Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women
7. North Dakota Legislative Session
8. Woodrow Wilson High School Renaming
9. Indigenous Association Report
10. Subcommittee Reports
11. Announcements
12. Staff Report
13. Next Meeting – March , 2021

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. 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>.

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SUBJECT: Meeting Report

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 February 4, 2021 agenda.

Recommended Action: Approve the minutes of the January 7, 2021 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. Honoring of Outgoing Member Heather Keeler

Item 5. Induction of New Member Emily Sargent

Item 6. Savanna's Act and Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women

An overview will be provided on Savanna's Act, which was signed into law on October 10, 2020, as well as updates on any current or upcoming MMIW initiatives.

Item 7. North Dakota Legislative Session

North Dakota Representative Ruth Buffalo will provide an update on 2021 legislative items that may be of interest to the Native American Commission. The 2021 North Dakota legislative session began on January 5, 2021.

Item 8. Woodrow Wilson High School Renaming

Representatives of the Fargo School District will provide an update on the process of renaming Woodrow Wilson High School to Dakota High School.

Item 9. Indigenous Association Report

A representative of the Indigenous Association will provide an update.

Item 10. Subcommittee Reports

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

Item 11. Announcements

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

Item 12. Staff Report

See attachment. Chair King will open the floor to commission members for any questions or discussion related to the staff report. Lt. Vinson will provide an update on the Police Department.

Item 13. Next Meeting – March 4, 2021

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

**BOARD OF NATIVE AMERICAN COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES**

Regular Meeting:

Thursday, January 7, 2021

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Native American Commissioners of the City of Fargo, North Dakota, was held virtually in the Commission Chambers at City Hall at 12:00 p.m., Thursday, January 7, 2021.

The Native American Commissioners present or absent were as follows:

Present: Whitney Fear, John Strand, Sonya Donahue, Anna Johnson, Lenore King, Rebecca Knutson

Absent: Chalsey Snyder, Sharon White Bear

Item 1. Welcome and Introductions

Chair King opened in prayer, welcomed Members to the meeting, and introductions were made.

Item 2. Approve Order of Agenda & Minutes

Member Fear moved the Order of Agenda and the minutes of the December 3, 2020 Native American Commission meeting be approved. Second by Member Johnson. All Members present voted aye and the motion was declared carried.

Item 3. Public Comment

No public comment provided.

Item 4. Indigenous Association Report

Member Fear provided an update from the Indigenous Association highlighting that arrangements are being finalized for a rental space. She noted a press release will be released soon with more information.

Member Fear additionally shared the Indigenous Association was awarded a grant from the Upper Midwest Assembly.

Item 5. Subcommittee Reports

No subcommittee reports were presented.

Item 6. Announcements

Member Knutson shared that Fargo Public Schools has chosen new name for Woodrow Wilson School and the name Dakota was chosen. She noted the School Board has been having discussions on how Dakota would be spelled; noting they want to make sure the name change is done in an inclusive and healthy way.

Discussion was held on contacts to connect with, building a story behind the name, and the importance of honoring Native American tribes.

Item 7. Staff Report

Assistant Planner Karin Flom noted the staff report is included in the meeting packet.

Lt. George Vinson, Fargo Police Department, provided an update on the committee working to develop a mission statement, vision, and values for the Fargo Police Department.

Item 8. Adjourn – Next Meeting February 4, 2021

The time of adjournment was 12:24 p.m.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Fargo Native American Commission

FROM: Catlyn Christie, Assistant Planner

DATE: January 28, 2021

RE: January Staff Report

This agenda item is an effort to summarize and memorialize issues, concerns, or staff action related to the work of the Human Relations 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 to support overflow shelter needs through the Gladys Ray's temporary homeless quarantine and engagement center downtown, as well fitting up a temporary shelter in Moorhead. Over the course of 2020, the Planning Department has provided oversight of nearly \$4 million for emergency relief in Cass County. From general funds (through direct CARES Act distribution), the City of Fargo is allocating almost \$600,000 for emergency sheltering. Staff will continue to collaborate with shelter directors and the FM Homeless Coalition on a weekly basis 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. Some highlights include:

- Over past 2.5 months, staff directly administered over \$550,000 for direct housing assistance through its landlord/tenant program, as well as funding other agencies over \$1.5M for direct housing assistance through SouthEastern North Dakota Community Action Agency (SENDCAA) and Presentation Partners in Housing (PPIH).
- In addition to these funds for direct housing assistance, SENDCAA and PPIH were recipients of the City's allocation of Community Development Block Grant funds from the CARES Act, or CDBG-CV. These two organizations received \$690,000 for direct housing assistance. PPIH also received \$150,000 from CDBG-CV to staff a housing navigation program at the Gladys Ray Shelter.
- Staff continues to administer over \$150,000 for several other supportive services, such as enhanced quarantine capacity at local shelters and case management.

The Planning Department is supporting Public Health in submitting an application for ESG-CV funds. Staff is also coordinating with the state regarding new allocation related to the recent stimulus announcement.

As a reminder, if you know someone in need of assistance, call FirstLink at 2-1-1. If there are system issues you would like to bring to our attention, please do so. It is very important to use the 2-1-1 system when possible; doing so ensures that the City and other agencies are aware of the services that are available and the coordination required to administer these services to as many people as possible.

2. HUD CDBG & HOME Funds

The City's 2020-2024 Five Year Consolidated Plan and 2020 Action Plan was approved by City Commission on January 25. It is available for viewing at www.fargond.gov/planninganddevelopment/plansandstudies. The plan's top goals/priorities are:

1. Affordable Housing Development
2. Preventing & Ending Homelessness
3. Neighborhood Improvements & Initiatives
4. Assistance for Vulnerable Populations

Its 2020 Action Plan activities include:

1. Housing Assistance/Emergency Subsistence Payments & Operations through SENDCAA and PPIH.
2. Homeless Outreach and Harm Reduction through the Gladys Ray Shelter
3. Single Family Homeownership through Cass-Clay Community Land Trust and Lake Agassiz Habitat for Humanity

3. Green Dot Training

The Rape and Abuse Crisis Center will be holding a virtual Green Dot Overview bystander training on Thursday, February 11, 2021 from 1:00-2:30PM. To RSVP, email Greg at GreenDot@raccfm.com.

4. Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI Director) Position

Review of applications for this position is underway by the selection committee, with interviews anticipated later in February. The selection committee includes Mayor Mahoney, City Commissioner Arlette Preston, Human Relations Commission Chair Matuor Alier, Native American Commission member Anna Johnson, and city staff.

5. Fargo Police Department

Lieutenant Vinson will share an update on behalf of the Fargo Police Department.