

MEMORANDUM

TO: Native American Commission
FROM: Tia Braseth, Community Development Coordinator
DATE: July 1, 2020
SUBJECT: Fargo Native American Commission Meeting

The next meeting of the Fargo Native American Commission will be held on Thursday, July 9 at 12:00 p.m. in the Commission Chambers at Fargo City Hall. **This meeting has been rescheduled from July 2 to July 9.** If you are not able to attend, please contact staff at 701.241.1474 or Planning@FargoND.gov.

NATIVE AMERICAN COMMISSION Thursday, July 9, 2020 Commission Chambers AGENDA

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Approve Agenda & Minutes Action Item
3. Bylaws Update Action Item
4. Presentation: Northern Plains Summer Art Institute, Joe Williams
5. Indigenous Peoples' Day
6. Old Business
 - a. FM Native Programs Consultant Update
 - b. Indigenous Garden/Orchard Project Update
7. Public Comment
8. Announcements
9. Staff Report
10. Next Meeting – August 6, 2020

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**BOARD OF NATIVE AMERICAN COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES**

Regular Meeting:

Thursday, March 5, 2020

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Native American Commissioners of the City of Fargo, North Dakota, was held in the Sky Commons at the Fargo Civic Center at 12:00 p.m., Thursday, March 5, 2020.

The Native American Commissioners present or absent were as follows:

Present: Sonya Donahue, Anna Johnson, Lenore King, Rebecca Knutson, Chalsey Snyder, Whitney Fear, Heather Keeler, John Strand (via conference call)

Absent: Sharon White Bear

Item 1. Welcome and Introductions

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 Johnson moved the Order of Agenda and the minutes of the February 6, 2020 Native American Commission meeting be approved. Second by Member Keeler. All Members present voted aye and the motion was declared carried.

Item 4: Presentation: Historical & Cultural Society of Clay County, Markus Krueger

Markus Krueger with the Historical and Cultural Society of Clay County, Minnesota spoke on the upcoming community anniversaries celebrating the founding of many local cities along the Northern Pacific Railway. He noted that the Hjemkomst Center will be doing an exhibit and want to honor the Native people who were here before the Europeans. The exhibit will be hosted from February 2021 through December 2023, and they are looking for partners to help create additional programming.

Member Fear present.

The Board discussed connecting with the Fargo Public Schools, local Indian Education Programs, the MMIW (Murdered Missing Indigenous Women) Task Force, and the Plains Art Museum as partners.

Member Snyder present.

Item 5. Sponsorship Request: Woodlands and High Plains Powwow

Glory Ames, Co-President of the MSUM (Minnesota State University-Moorhead) American Indian Student Association, presented the sponsorship request for \$1500 towards the Woodlands and High Plains Powwow. She provided an overview of their intentions for the funds.

Discussion was held on what would be included for the Native American Commission with the sponsorship.

Member Fear moved to approve the \$1500 sponsorship request for the Woodlands and High Plains Powwow. Second by Member Knutson. On call of the roll Members Donahue, Knutson, Snyder, Johnson, Strand, Fear, and King voted aye. Absent and not voting: Member White Bear. Member Keeler abstained from voting. The motion was declared carried.

Item 6. Old Business

a. FM Native Programs Consultant update

Native American Commission liaison to the FM Native Programs, Member Fear, shared that work is being done to finalize the strategy statement and values.

Member Snyder noted that they are working on infrastructure and sustainability as well as looking for a permanent space within two years.

Item 7. Public Comment

Joe Williams, Director of Native Programs at the Plains Art Museum, provided information on a new exhibition beginning March 21 entitled "She Gives" by Dyani White Hawk.

Mr. Williams also presented information regarding two upcoming programs. The Northern Plains Summer Art Institute will be a two-week program held June 14-26 for Native American high school students or college freshman that apply and are accepted to the program. He also shared information about the Creative Community Leadership Institute (CCLI) and stated that the application deadline is March 8.

Mr. Williams additionally shared that a march will be held on April 7, in Sisseton, South Dakota to bring awareness to AJ Lufkins who has been missing for ten years.

Item 8. Announcements

Member Keeler shared admission information for the Woodlands Powwow on Saturday March 28.

Member Keeler stated Saturday, March 14 the Women's March will be held from 12:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. beginning at the North Dakota State University Memorial Union.

Item 9. Staff Report/February Recap

A video on the 2020 Census featuring Chair King was viewed.

Planning Coordinator Tia Braseth stated the video can be shared and will be sent to Board Members. She noted that it is also available in additional languages.

Member Fear reviewed items from the February recap report including fair housing advocacy, the Core Neighborhood Plan, improvements to the Gladys Ray Shelter, Sweat Lodge Update, the “Women in Blanket” city-owned artwork, the Human Relations Commission Work Plan, and the Planning Department 2020 priorities.

Member King absent.

Member Johnson and Mr. Williams shared their thoughts on the “Women in Blanket” city-owned artwork.

Item 10. Strategic Planning

Member Fear shared that Member Johnson is the current artist in residence at the West Acres Mall.

Assistant Planner Catlyn Christie shared that sandbagging efforts will be occurring March 10-13 from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. She noted that a press release will be coming out and those interested in volunteering with groups of 15 or more can call 701.476.4141.

Item 11. Adjourn: Next Meeting – April 2, 2020

The time of adjournment was 12:53 p.m.

MEMORANDUM

TO: NATIVE AMERICAN COMMISSION

FROM: TIA BRASETH, PLANNING COORDINATOR

DATE: JULY 6, 2020

SUBJECT: MEETING REPORT

Item 3. Bylaws Update

See attached.

Recommended Action: Approve bylaws as proposed.

Item 4. Presentation: Northern Plains Summer Art Institute, Joe Williams

Joe Williams, Director of Native American Programs at the Plains Art Museum, will share about the Northern Plains Summer Art Institute (NPSAI), a two-week (June 14-26, 2020) intensive art program for twelve (12) Native American high school students from North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, and Wisconsin seeking an art education that mixes fundamentals in art and a connection to their cultural identity.

Item 5. Indigenous Peoples' Day

In collaboration with Moorhead, Indigenous Peoples' Day (October 12) is to be hosted by Fargo this year, as part of an agreement to rotate host cities yearly. The Native American Commission continues to serve as a lead planner for this event, and planning efforts typically begin early in the summer.

Item 6. Old Business

a. FM Native Programs Consultant Update

Liaison commission member Whitney Fear will provide an update.

b. Indigenous Garden/Orchard Project Update

Planting has begun at the Gladys Ray Shelter for this project. Lenore King will provide an update, including opportunities to volunteer.

Item 9. Staff Report

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

By-laws

Article 1. Name

City of Fargo Native American Commission

Article 2. Purpose

Mission: The mission of the Native American Commission (NAC) is to work together to strengthen the Native American community in order to promote understanding, recognition, and respect for Native American cultures and enrich the whole community.

Article 3. Membership

- A. Nine members consisting of seven representatives of the local Native American community as well as a representative of the Fargo City Commission and a representative of the Fargo Public Schools Board of Education
- B. Appointments are made by the Mayor of Fargo
- C. The commission is charged with developing recommendations for City participation in Native American projects/programs, identifying Native American assets, evaluating existing information on local Native American assets and needs, and providing oversight to city-funded Native American projects/programs/facilities.
- D. Interested applicants may contact the City of Fargo for application procedures and deadlines
- E. Terms of members
 - a. June 2006 members shall serve terms as specified by the Mayor
 - b. Subsequent appointments for membership shall be for three years
- F. Vacancies
 - a. The Major shall appoint a replacement when a vacancy occurs, and that appointment shall serve to complete the term that becomes vacant.
- G. Duties of members
 - a. Serve on ~~two~~ **one** NAC's standing committees
 - b. Attend regular and special meetings of the NAC
 - c. Follow guidelines of ~~job description~~ **the NAC Roles & Responsibilities**
- H. Removal of membership
 - a. A two-thirds vote for recommendation of removal of an officer is needed. Once a recommendation of removal is attained it would be sent immediately to the Mayor of Fargo for consideration.

Article 4. Officers

A. List of Officers

- a. Chair
- b. Vice-Chair
- e. ~~Treasurer~~

B. Method of selection

- a. Election from Native American Commission membership

C. Duties of each officer

- a. Chair - preside over regular meetings, ~~send~~ **ensure** meeting agenda three days prior to meeting; notify members of meeting date, time, and location three days prior to meeting date.
 1. ~~Cultural Planner (or other The designated City of Fargo staff employee)~~ The designated City of Fargo staff ~~employee~~ shall assist the Chair in pre-meeting duties such as but not limited to disseminating the meeting agenda to appropriate members, and notification of members regarding meeting date, time, and location.
- b. Vice-Chair - preside over meetings in the absence of the Chair, coordinate the storing ~~and~~ distribution of NAC records, ~~coordinate~~ and minute taking at regular and special meetings of the NAC **with the designated City of Fargo staff.**
- e. ~~Treasurer report to the Commission on the NAC budget activities and coordinate budget activities with City of Fargo officials~~

D. Terms of Officers

- a. Chair will serve for ~~one~~ **two years**
- b. Vice-Chair will serve for ~~one~~ **two years**
- e. ~~Treasurer will serve for one year~~

E. Method of filling vacancy

- a. Vice-Chair will become Chair of Commission for the following year
- b. A Vice-Chair will be elected by NAC members
- e. ~~A Treasurer will be elected by NAC members~~

F. Removal of officers

- a. A two-thirds vote for removal of an officer is needed

Article 5. Meetings

A. Regular:

- a. All NAC members and the public will be notified at least three days in advance of a regular meeting of the NAC. The notice will include date, time and place.

- b. An agenda will be sent to commissioners at least three days prior to a meeting and will include usual order of business with time for public comment period at a specified time
- B. Special meetings
 - a. A chair or a majority of the NAC may call a special meeting
 - b. All NAC members and the public will be notified at least three days in advance of a special meeting of the NAC. The notice will include date, time, and place.
 - c. An agenda will be sent to commissioners at least three days in advance of a special meeting and will include usual order of business with time for public comment period at a specified time
- C. Annual Budget Meeting
 - a. An annual budget meeting will be held each year in February to determine the budget request and allocations for the following year.
- D. Quorum
 - a. A total of five (5) NAC members shall be present in person or via telephonic or electronic communication
- E. Public Comment Period
 - a. The time allowed for public comment at Commission meeting shall be limited to five (5) minutes per person, at the end of the meeting.
 - b. A sign-up sheet for public comment will be provided to the public by designated City of Fargo Staff 10 minutes prior to each public meeting of the Native American Commission.
 - c. Anyone wishing to make a public comment will sign-up in person and agree to follow the rules listed on the sign-up sheet.
 - ~~d.~~ The time allocated for comment will be kept by a person designated by the commission. the Vice Chair.
 - ~~e.~~ The person(s) choosing to speak at the meeting shall be succinct, to the point, respectful and have their remarks prepared within the guidelines listed on the public comment sign-up sheet. by the NAC.
 - f. This limit shall remain within a reasonable time for public broadcast on local television.
 - g. The Commission does not specifically support any comment provided by a member of the public without due consideration, and by a vote of the majority of the commission at a later date.
 - h. The commission reserves the right to end any person's comment due to time constraints, or questionable decorum.
- F. Reschedule and/or Cancellation of Meetings
 - a. If an upcoming meeting is known to be unable to achieve a quorum, the meeting must be scheduled for a later date within the same month.
 - b. Upon recommendation the ~~three~~ two officers must agree to cancel the meeting.
 - c. If no officers are available, process of rescheduling the meeting is left to the most senior member of the NAC.
 - d. In the event this cannot be accomplished, the meeting can be cancelled.

Article 6. Committees

A. Standing committees:

- a. Each committee must include one NAC member who will serve as the committee chair. ~~who shall be the majority, and~~

~~others representing the interests of the NAC.~~

b. Committees will report back to the full NAC ~~monthly~~ **quarterly**.

c. No action may be taken at standing committee meetings, unless previously approved by NAC at large meetings. Any recommendations for action outside previous approval must be brought before the NAC for discussion/vote.

d. Approved Native American Commission Committees:

1. Education & Cultural Awareness

2. Health & Wellness

3. Housing

4. Finance

~~1. Three NAC members, including the Chair shall develop an annual budget for NAC activities to be brought before the NAC for a vote before the beginning of the new fiscal year~~

~~11. Recommendations for budget requests must be reviewed by committee before a vote for the NAC at large~~

~~m. Vacancies shall be appointed by the NAC Chair.~~

~~5. Roles and Responsibilities~~

~~6. Sweat Lodge~~

~~7. Public Relations~~

~~8. Health and Wellness~~

~~9. Education~~

~~10. Special Projects~~

e. The NAC Goals **committee chair and committee will determine** ~~standing committees goals~~ **yearly**.

~~1. The NAC Membership on committees shall be determined by~~ **determine each committee chair.** ~~the the Native American Commission~~

2. The committee chair will be responsible for organizing quarterly meetings to include community partners and members and will serve as the official contact for the community regarding their designated committee.

3. If an emergency situation requires an additional meeting and response, it is the responsibility of the committee chair to organize all additional meetings with the Chair and Vice Chair of the NAC.

Article 7. Amendments to bylaws

A. Recommended amendments to these by-laws shall be presented at a NAC

- regular meeting 30 days prior to a vote on the recommended amendment.
- B. Each member shall consider the amendment in written form.
 - C. A majority vote of the NAC members at a regular meeting shall constitute an amendment to the by-laws.

Article 8. Dissolution

- A. The City of Fargo may dissolve the Native American Commission according to City policy.
- B. A public hearing shall be held by the City of Fargo to inform the community at large prior to the dissolution of the City of Fargo Native American Commission.**

By-laws of the City of Fargo Native American Commission were approved by the Native American Commission at a regular meeting on Thursday, June 14, 2007.

Revised and Approved September 11, 2008

Revised and Approved June 13, 2013

MEMORANDUM

TO: Fargo Native American Commission
FROM: Tia Braseth, Planning Coordinator
DATE: July 6, 2020
RE: June Staff Report

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.

Staff Items

1. Red River Valley COVID-19 Task Force

On May 6, Governor Burgum announced the formation of a Red River Valley COVID-19 Task Force to address the increasing concentration of COVID-19 case numbers in Cass County. The goal is to decrease the county's positivity to be equal or less than the state average.

Planning and Development Director Nicole Crutchfield has taken a lead role in coordinating education and quarantine support efforts for special populations. To do so, we have been working closely with local non-profits that support community members, including the United Way, Afro-American Development Association, South Sudanese Lutheran Church, Sudanese Community of Fargo-Moorhead, Somali Community Development, Immigrant Development Center, New American Consortium for Wellness & Empowerment, FirstLink, Gladys Ray Shelter, Family HealthCare, and SENDCAA.

We began mobilization on June 1 in response to the state granting funds and anticipate continuing support through the end of the year. As such, we have shifted much Planning staff time to focus on these efforts and formally contracting and funding local non-profits and health agencies to deliver quarantine support and educational services.

2. Black Lives Matter and OneFargo

The Planning Department has been closely involved in supporting coordination between Black Lives Matter and OneFargo organizers and the City of Fargo and Human Relations Commission. In June, staff helped support the OneFargo unity rally at Island Park, a.k.a. Justice Island, as well as help the Human Relations Commission facilitate a public comment period at their regular June meeting. Staff has also been involved in conversations to address the policy issues that organizers have brought up to help identify paths of action.

3. Police Chief Selection Committee

The City of Fargo is forming a police chief selection committee, to include four at-large community members as well as one Native American Commission member and one Human Relations Commission member. Other members include Mayor Tim Mahoney, Commissioner Dave Piepkorn, Fargo Public Schools Superintendent Rupak Gandhi, Park District Executive Director Dave Leker, city staff, and police officers.

4. Sweat Lodge Update

City staff and Chair Lenore King have been collaborating on next steps for the moving of the sweat lodge. Commission members sought guidance from Chief Arvol Looking Horse, Keeper of the Sacred White Buffalo Calf Pipe Bundle, and as a result, we are working on a date for an on-site ceremony for disassembly. Lenore is supporting staff as a key contact. Please reach out to Lenore if you would like to be part of this ceremony to assist.

Moving forward, we look forward to hosting community meetings and conversations to help determine how a community sweat lodge can be sustainable for the future.