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NATIVE AMERICAN COMMISSION
Thursday, September 2, 2021
12:00PM
City Commission Chambers
AGENDA

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Approve Agenda & Minutes.....Action Item
3. Public Comment
4. Truth and Reconciliation Day
5. Indigenous Association Report
6. Subcommittee Reports
7. Announcements
8. Staff Report
9. Adjourn – Next Meeting: October 7, 2021

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**BOARD OF NATIVE AMERICAN COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES**

Regular Meeting:

Thursday, August 5, 2021

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, August 5, 2021.

The Native American Commissioners present or absent were as follows:

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

Absent: Sonya Donahue, Rebecca Knutson

Item 1. Welcome and Introductions

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

Item 2. Approve Order of Agenda & Minutes

Chair King noted an amendment to the Agenda to add a presentation by Heartsprings after Item 3.

Member Fear moved the amended Order of Agenda and the minutes of the June 3, 2021 Native American Commission meeting be approved. Second by Strand. All Members present voted aye and the motion was declared carried.

Item 3: Public Comment

Tracey Wilkie spoke to the Board regarding her new position as the Parent Coordinator with the North Dakota Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health. She encouraged those who need assistance navigating IEPs (Individualized Education Plan) to reach out and provided information to the Board Members.

Discussion was held on the areas of the state she covers.

Item 4: HeartSprings Community Healing Center Presentation

Jan Nelson, Founder and Executive Director of HeartSprings, gave a presentation on the background, mission, and programs of HeartSprings.

Discussion was held on the cost of services, and upcoming and current programs.

Ms. Wilkie shared about her experience at HeartSprings.

Additional information was provided to the Board.

Ms. Nelson stated an event will be held at Messiah Lutheran Church on August 26 from 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. for HeartSprings.

Item 4. Indigenous Association Report

Member Fear shared that Dr. Hollie Mackey has been serving as Interim Executive Director, the Native American Community Picnic will be held August 7 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Trollwood Park, and there will be a table at Pride in the Park on August 14 at Island Park.

Item 5. Subcommittee Reports

No updates were provided.

Item 6. Announcements

No announcements were provided.

Item 7. Staff Report

Deputy Fire Marshall Dawn Stollenwerk shared information about the upcoming recruitment and orientation event for new firefighters. She stated the events will be held at Station #4 on September 11 at 1:00 p.m., and September 16 at 7:00 p.m. and applications are due September 30.

Lt. Bill Ahlfeldt, Fargo Police Department, provided an update on summer youth programming and the upcoming Fargo United event to be held at the end of August.

Assistant Planner Catlyn Christie stated Pride in the Park will be held on August 14. Members are welcome to volunteer at the City of Fargo booth.

Item 8. Adjourn – Next Meeting: September 2, 2021

The time of adjournment was 12:34 p.m.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Fargo Native American Commission
FROM: Catlyn Christie, Assistant Planner
DATE: September 2, 2021
RE: 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.

1. COVID-19 Vaccinations

Fargo Cass Public Health is conducting walk-in COVID-19 vaccine clinics each Tuesday from noon – 6 pm at its main location of 1240 25th Street South, Fargo. Residents are strongly encouraged to get the COVID-19 vaccine to protect themselves, family and friends. Both Pfizer and Johnson & Johnson vaccine will be available. While these are walk-in clinics, appointments are encouraged to streamline the registration process. Specific clinic information, including links to make an appointment, are available at: <https://fargond.gov/city-government/departments/fargo-cass-public-health/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19/covid-19-vaccine>.

2. Rental Assistance & Eviction Prevention

Anyone struggling to pay rent is encouraged to call 2-1-1 (FirstLink) to be connected to rental assistance and other eviction prevention programs currently available. They will direct individuals to the best-fit assistance, such as the North Dakota Rent Help program, <https://www.nd.gov/dhs/info/covid-19/rent-help.html>, or other assistance available through SENDCAA and Presentation Partners in Housing.

The High Plains Fair Housing Center also continues to offer an eviction prevention program to income-qualified residents living in Fargo (as well as Grand Forks and Bismarck). If eligible, potential eviction prevention services offered include referral to and help applying for rental assistance programs and/or connection to a lawyer at no cost for assistance in eviction court. Call the intake line at 701-203-1077 or toll free at 1-866-380-2738.

3. HUD Programs

The City anticipates to receive additional HUD HOME funds this winter for homeless assistance-related activities. More information on these funds will become available in October; HUD has started with high level trainings on the use of these funds, although no regulations or guidelines have been published. The City will be receiving \$1,697,107 and the state will be receiving \$7,768,864. These awards will be in addition to the regular annual HOME allocations.

Current HUD projects underway include:

- Single-Family Housing for Ownership
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 - Cass Clay Community Land Trust/2020 HOME funds/currently seeking bids for builds and acquiring land
 - Habitat/2020 HOME funds/currently constructing one unit with wall raising event scheduled for 8/30/21

- Multi-Family Housing for Rental
 - BSI Milton Earl, HomeField 3/2019 HOME funds/occupancy expected this fall
 - FHRA Elliott Place/2019 HOME funds/under construction

- Homelessness
 - Mobile Medical Homeless Health Unit/CDBG-CV/Family & Homeless Health's mobile medical outreach vehicle expected to be in full operation in 2 months. Services include mobile medical outreach, COVID-19 immunizations, and serve as COVID command center if needed. Supply chain issues on vehicle components have delayed programming.

 - New Engagement Center (new construction)/2021 CDBG/pre-development stages underway/research and environmental review

- Housing Services & Eviction Prevention
 - SENDCAA & PPIH Homeless Prevention & Diversion/2020, 2021, CV CDBG funds/underway with operations and direct assistance
 - Eviction Prevention High Plains Fair Housing Center/2020 & CV funds/underway and providing legal assistance and other assistance to connect tenants to rental assistance

- Public Facilities Improvements
 - Gladys Ray Shelter/2018 CDBG funds/completion of rehabilitation expected mid-September

MEMORANDUM

TO: Native American Commission
FROM: Catlyn Christie, Assistant Planner
DATE: September 2, 2021
SUBJECT: Meeting Report

Item 1. Welcome and Introductions

Item 2. Approve Agenda & Minutes

Chair King will seek two motions to approve or amend the agenda and minutes.

Recommended Action: Approve the Thursday, September 2, 2021 agenda.

Recommended Action: Approve the August 5, 2021 meeting minutes.

Item 3. Public Comment – Citizens to be Heard

Chair King will open the floor to public comment. Speakers must state their name 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. If time permits, the chair may choose to call on staff or liaisons to engage in dialog about any of the public comments received.

Item 4. Truth and Reconciliation Day

Vice Chair Fear will speak to the significance of Canada's federally recognized Truth and Reconciliation Day on September 30, which is intended to educate and remind Canadians about the dark history of residential schools, honor the victims, and celebrate the survivors. It coincides with Orange Shirt Day, which was created by Phyllis (Jack) Webstad, who had her orange shirt taken away from her when she was sent to a residential school at six years old in 1973.

Item 5. Indigenous Association Report

A representative of the Indigenous Association will provide an update.

Item 6. Subcommittee Reports

Each subcommittee will provide a progress report and present any action items recommended by their subcommittee.

Item 7. Announcements

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

Item 8. Staff Report

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

Item 9. Adjourn – Next Meeting: October 7, 2021

Upon no further business, Chair King will adjourn the meeting. Members are encouraged to use any remaining time to work within their subcommittees.