

MEMORANDUM

TO: Native American Commission
FROM: Catlyn Christie, Assistant Planner
DATE: December 31, 2020
SUBJECT: Fargo Native American Commission Meeting

The next meeting of the Fargo Native American Commission will be held on Thursday, January 7, 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, January 7, 2021 Virtual Meeting AGENDA

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

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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 January 7, 2021 agenda. Recommended Action: Approve the minutes of the December 3, 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. Indigenous Association Report

A representative of the Indigenous Association will provide an update.

Item 5. Subcommittee Reports

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

Item 6. Announcements

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

Item 7. 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 8. Next Meeting – February 4, 2021

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

**BOARD OF NATIVE AMERICAN COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES**

Regular Meeting:

Thursday, December 3, 2020

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, December 3, 2020.

The Native American Commissioners present or absent were as follows:

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

Absent: Chalsey Snyder, Sharon White Bear

Chair King opened the meeting in prayer.

Item 1. Welcome and Introductions

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

Due to lack of a quorum Item 2 was heard after Item 4.

Item 2. Approve Order of Agenda & Minutes

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

Member Johnson moved the minutes of the November 5, 2020 Native American Commission meeting be approved as presented. Second by Member Strand. All Members present voted aye and the motion was declared carried.

Item 3: Public Comment

No public comment was provided.

Item 4: City of Fargo Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Position

Assistant City Administrator Michael Redlinger presented an overview of the new Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion position for the City of Fargo. He provided a timeline of the proposed hiring process and briefly reviewed the draft position description included in the meeting packet.

Members Knutson and Donahue present.

Mr. Redlinger stated there will be a selection review committee and requested the Board to appoint a Member to serve on the committee.

Discussion was held on the position title, organizations to include in the search process, the degree requirement as a qualification, and the importance this position can hold for the City of Fargo.

Member Fear moved to support the development of the Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) position and to appoint Member Johnson to serve on the selection committee. Second by Member Keeler. On call of the roll Members Fear, Donahue, Strand, Keeler, and King voted aye. Member Knutson voted aye via the meeting virtual chat due to technical difficulties. Absent and not voting: Members White Bear and Snyder. The motion was declared carried.

Item 5. NAC Member Vacancy

Chair King noted that Member Keeler will be resigning her position on the Native American Commission to serve as a State Representative for the State of Minnesota.

Chair King stated those interested in applying to serve on the Native American Commission should submit an application by December 14.

Member Keeler extended her thanks to the Board.

Item 6. Old Business: Indigenous Association Update

Member Fear shared that the Indigenous Association now has a full board, a lease is in the works to secure a location with plans for a virtual open house, and noted goals for weekly programming in the new year. She noted work is being done to seek grant and funding opportunities to assist with sustainability.

Discussion was held on who is currently running the Indigenous Association and an update provided on current projects.

Item 7. Subcommittee Reports

Chair King called for an updated form the subcommittees.

No updated provided from the Education and Cultural Awareness or Housing subcommittees.

Member Fear spoke for the Health and Wellness subcommittee noting Fargo Cass Public Health has opened the Downtown COVID-19 quarantine site.

Item 8. Announcements

Lt. Vinson, Fargo Police Department, spoke on the recent case of Meka Carrillo.

Item 9. Staff Report

A staff report is included in the meeting packet.

Item 10. 2021 Calendar

The 2021 meeting calendar was included in the packet.

Item 11. Adjourn – Next Meeting: January 7, 2020
The time of adjournment was 12:37 p.m.

MEMORANDUM

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RE: December 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. 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. They continue to collaborate 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, such as direct housing assistance, enhanced quarantine capacity at local shelters, and case management. If you know someone in need of assistance, call FirstLink at 2-1-1.

2. 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 Plan and the 2020-2024 Consolidated Annual Action Plan is anticipated to be available for public comment in the next month.

3. 2021 Budget

As mentioned in the October staff report, the City of Fargo's 2021 budget was approved with changes relevant to the Native American Commission.

In this budget, \$30,000 is allocated for the Indigenous Association, the same amount as 2020. In addition, allocations for several boards (NAC, HRC, FYI, ACC) have been combined such that costs incurred for each board are drawn from general Planning funds. Whenever the NAC has an idea or recommendation for a program or item to fund or purchase that align with its work plan, it can be vetted through the City purchasing policy and purchased accordingly. This enables more flexibility and still allows for funding support for items such as Indigenous Peoples' Day, board trainings, outreach materials, technical assistance for policy initiatives, etc.

4. Fargo Police Department

Lieutenant Vinson will share information on the Fargo Police Department's new Mission, Vision, and Values statements.