

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Native American Commission  
**FROM:** Tia Braseth, Community Development Coordinator  
**DATE:** February 1, 2019  
**SUBJECT:** Fargo Native American Commission Meeting

The next meeting of the Fargo Native American Commission will be held on Thursday, February 7 at 12:00 p.m. in the City Commission Room at **OLD** Fargo City Hall. If you are not able to attend, please contact staff at 701.241.1474 or [planning@FargoND.gov](mailto:planning@FargoND.gov).

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### NATIVE AMERICAN COMMISSION Thursday, February 7, 2019 City Commission Room AGENDA

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Induction of New Member
3. Approve Agenda & Minutes
4. Recognize Woman of the Year, Whitney Fear
5. Presentation: Greg Lemke, Rape & Abuse Crisis Center
6. Sponsorship Request: MMIW Event
7. Sponsorship Request: Woodlands and High Plains Powwow
8. 2019 Strategic Planning
9. Public Comment
10. Announcements
11. Staff Report
12. Next Meeting – March 7, 2019
13. Adjourn

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 or TDD at 701.241.8258. 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>.

**BOARD OF NATIVE AMERICAN COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES**

**Regular Meeting:**

**Thursday, January 3, 2019**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Native American Commissioners of the City of Fargo, North Dakota, was held in the City Commission Room at City Hall at 12:00 p.m., Thursday, January 3, 2019.

The Native American Commissioners present or absent were as follows:

Present: Sharon White Bear, John Strand, Guy Fox, Anna Johnson, Lenore King, Rebecca Knutson, Whitney Fear

Absent: Chalsey Snyder

**Item 1. Welcome and Introductions**

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

**Item 2. Prayer**

Member Fox led the Board in Prayer.

**Item 3. Approve Order of Agenda**

Member Knutson moved the Order of Agenda be approved. Second by Member Fear. On the call of the roll Members Fox, Knutson, Johnson, Strand, Fear, and King voted aye. Absent and not voting: Members White Bear and Snyder. The motion was declared carried.

Member White Bear present.

**Item 4: Approve Minutes**

Member Fear moved the minutes of the December 6, 2018 meeting be approved. Second by Member Fox. On the call of the roll Members Fear, Fox, King, Knutson, Strand, Johnson, and White Bear voted aye. Absent and not voting: Member Snyder. The motion was declared carried.

**Item 5. Public Comment – citizens to be heard**

Local residents Kelly Noack, Ellen Mahli, and Sister Roselima D'Costa shared information about upcoming events in the community.

Ms. Noack provided details to the Board about the upcoming Woodlands & High Plains Powwow on March 30, 2019. She noted that the Tri-College committee has several upcoming planning meetings.

Ms. Mahli and Sister Roselima shared that the Presentation Sisters and Associates will be hosting the Rejuvenation Event on January 13, 2019. They noted the film *The Eagle and the Condor* will be shown.

**Item 6. Presentation: Jan Nelson, Heart Springs**

Jan Nelson, Executive Director, Heart Springs Community Healing Center presented an overview of the Heart Springs Center and the Mind Body Medicine Program. She

shared that she is looking to create a mind/body group directed towards the Native American community.

Ms. Nelson also shared information about the upcoming Food is Medicine Program and the opening for attendees. She presented details about the Safe and Sound Protocol and noted she is looking for 4-5 individuals to participate in a trial program.

The Board discussed community connections and partners for the programs and well as outreach to the Native American community. Member Fear was appointed as the contact from the Native American Commission to coordinate information.

**Item 7. Presentation: Sunny Branick, Northern Narratives Writing Project**

Sunny Branick, Fargo Public Library, gave a presentation on the Northern Narratives Writing Project. He noted the project seeks original writings for submission and those chosen will be published. Submissions will be accepted from people ages 13 years and older. He shared that there will be four writing sessions held for assistance and that submissions will be accepted until March 4, 2019.

**Item 8. Human Rights Film Festival Wrap Up: Sean Coffman**

Sean Coffman shared his thanks to the Native American Commission for their support of the Human Rights Film Festival that took place in November. He distributed the program of the event to the Board and provided an overview of the event.

Mr. Coffman shared information about an upcoming Art Festival to be held at the Plains Art Museum starting on January 8, 2019. He noted an Artists Reception will be held on January 23.

He also noted a collaboration event with the NDSU Memorial Art Gallery, to be held in January, as an additional opportunity to see more films from the Film Festival along with human rights speakers.

**Item 9. 2019 Strategic Planning**

Chair White Bear noted that there will be an upcoming meeting.

Assistant Planner Catlyn Christie stated that a Doodle poll will be going to Board members to check availability.

Planning Coordinator Tia Braseth shared that a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for a meeting facilitator will be going out soon.

**Item 10. NYE Strategic Planning**

Chair White Bear shared that the NYE Powwow was postponed due to weather.

The Board discussed possible dates, times, drum groups, and venue availability to reschedule the event.

Member Fox moved to change the date of the Powwow to January 12. Second by Member Fear. On the call of the roll Members Johnson, Fox, King, Knutson, Fear, Strand, and White Bear voted aye. Absent and not voting: Member Snyder. The motion was declared carried.

Discussion continued regarding improving event detail communication among the Board. Chair White Bear noted that the Powwow committee will need to meet to get event details in place.

**Item 11. Public Comment**

No public comment was given.

**Item 12. Announcements**

Member Fear noted that January is Human Trafficking Awareness Month and January 11 is Human Trafficking Awareness Day. Chair White Bear noted an opportunity to recognize Human Trafficking Awareness Month at the Powwow.

**Item 13. Staff Report**

No staff reports were given.

**Item 14. Next Meeting: February 7, 2019**

**Item 15. Adjourn**

The time of adjournment was 1:00 p.m.

January 10, 2019

**30<sup>th</sup> Annual**  
Woodlands & High Plains  
**POW WOW**



Attn: Native American Commission  
Fargo City Hall  
225 4th Street N.  
Fargo, ND 58102

Greetings,

On March 30, 2019, Concordia College Moorhead will host the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Woodlands and High Plains Powwow (WHPP). The WHPP is an intercampus event jointly sponsored by Concordia College, Minnesota State University Moorhead, North Dakota State University, and Minnesota State Community and Technical College. Each year, the event's hosting rotates between the sponsoring colleges.

The annual Woodlands and High Plains Powwow is one of the most popular cultural events in the Fargo-Moorhead area. This year we expect over 3000 spectators and 200 dancers. This annual gathering is an opportunity for people from all ages and backgrounds to celebrate and recognize Native American tradition and culture, honor American Indian graduates, and provide our community with a sense of pride in the American Indian heritage.

The offering of this rich, cultural event in the FM area depends on generous donations and sponsors. All proceeds raised will go to the WHPP to cover costs for programming and the community feast.

**How do I become a sponsor?** We have several options for our sponsors to consider:

1. **Full Sponsor:** This sponsorship level is only \$500 and with this contribution, you will receive a full-page advertisement in the event's program (5"x8"), space to advertise your services at the event, and four complimentary admissions vouchers.
2. **Intermediate Sponsor:** This is a \$300 sponsorship level and with this contribution, you will receive a full-page advertisement in the event's program (5"x8") and two complimentary admissions vouchers.
3. **Basic Sponsor:** With this \$150 contribution, you will receive a half-page advertisement in the event's program (5"x3.75") and two complimentary admissions vouchers.

To be a sponsor for this event, please fill provide the following *no later than February 22, 2019*:

- a) Bases on the sponsorship you select, mail a check payable to "Concordia College Tri-College Powwow", mailed to: Tim Hiller, 901 8<sup>th</sup> Street South, Moorhead, MN 56562.
- b) Provide your advertisement, in PDF or JPEG format to Tim Hiller via email: [thiller@cord.edu](mailto:thiller@cord.edu).
- c) Provide your preferred mailing address for your vouchers to Tim Hiller, via email.

We are immensely grateful to your consideration to help sponsor this wonderful opportunity to celebrate and promote the connecting of tribal communities, neighbors, business partners, and colleagues and for supporting development of student leaders! For more information or questions, please contact me at (218) 299-4188.

Thank you,

Tim Hiller  
Community Engagement Coordinator  
Concordia College