

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Native American Commission  
**FROM:** Tia Braseth, Community Development Coordinator  
**DATE:** August 29, 2019  
**SUBJECT:** Fargo Native American Commission Meeting

The next meeting of the Fargo Native American Commission will be held on Thursday, September 5 at 12:00 p.m. in the Commission Chambers at **NEW** 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, September 5, 2019 Commission Chambers AGENDA**

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Prayer
3. Approve Agenda & Minutes
4. Presentation: High Plains Fair Housing, Michelle Rydz
5. Presentation: 2020 Census, Audra Stonefish
6. Sponsorship Request: FM Crossroads Powwow
7. Budget Proposal
8. Indigenous Peoples Day – October 14, 2019
9. Public Comment
10. Announcements
11. Staff Report
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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, August 1, 2019**

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 1, 2019.

The Native American Commissioners present or absent were as follows:

Present: Sharon White Bear, Lenore King, Whitney Fear, Anna Johnson, Heather Keeler, Chalsey Snyder, Rebecca Knutson, John Strand

Absent: Guy Fox

**Item 1. Welcome and Introductions**

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

**Item 2. Prayer**

Member King led the Board in Prayer.

Members White Bear and Snyder present.

**Item 3. Approve Order of Agenda & Minutes**

Member White Bear moved the Order of Agenda and the minutes of the July 11, 2019 Native American Commission meeting be approved. Second by Member Fear. All Members present voted aye and the motion was declared carried.

**Item 4: Presentation: Native American Heritage Month**

Cassie Wiste, Cultural Diversity Resources, and Lori West, Fargo Public Library, provided a brief presentation of upcoming activities and ideas for Native American Heritage month in November. They provided the Board with a handout of the events held in 2017 and 2018, and noted the next planning meeting for 2019 has not been set.

Discussion was held on the importance of these events, the impact they can have for the community, the need for accurate education on Native American history, and displaying the tribal flags in City Hall.

Member Johnson present.

**Item 5. Budget Review and Proposal**

Director of Planning and Development Nicole Crutchfield provided an overview of the City budget process and timeline. She noted that the packet included the current 2019 Native American Commission budget, and discussion would be occurring in the fall regarding the 2020 budget.

Discussion was held regarding the current budget, cost of sweat lodge operations, establishing a policy for sponsorship requests, and scheduling a follow-up meeting for strategic planning.

**Item 6. Sponsorship Request: FM Crossroads**

Member King presented the sponsorship request from FM Crossroads for \$10,000 and provided an overview of the event.

Discussion was held regarding the amount of the sponsorship request, being mindful of other sponsorship requests, the intended use of the sponsorship funds, the event being reliant on the Native American Commission sponsorship or being able to occur without it, the art festival planned to run in conjunction with the powwow, and the location of the event.

No applicant was present to speak on behalf of the sponsorship request.

Member Johnson shared that the event is planning to collaborate with the Plains Art Museum to display Native artists' work.

Joe Williams, Plains Art Museum Associate Director of Native Programs, informed the Board that the Plains Art Museum would be providing stipends to Native artists that will be displaying at the event.

Discussion continued on the options regarding action on this item. Member Snyder stated she would like a representative of the application present to answer questions before making a decision on the request.

Member Snyder moved to table this item to the September 5 Native American Commission meeting. Second by Member Fear. Majority of Members present voted aye; Chair White Bear noted two members voted nay; and the motion was declared carried.

**Item 7. Event Updates**

Member King provided an update on the upcoming Native American Community Picnic. Member Snyder noted that the event will be held on Saturday, August 3 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., at Oak Grove Park, and highlighted activities planned for the event.

Chair White Bear stated there will be a table at the picnic representing the 2020 Census, and they are looking for volunteers to sign-up to assist with the Native American count during the Census.

**Item 8. Public Comment**

Member Keeler shared that Moorhead Indian Education is doing a school supply giveaway on August 7, and more information can be found on the Moorhead Indian Education Facebook page.

Member Strand noted that the cities of Moorhead and Grand Forks have recently approved creating Indigenous Peoples Day. Discussion was held on how the Native American Commission could acknowledge them and ways to collaborate events between the Fargo and Moorhead.

Assistant Planner Catlyn Christie shared that the next planning meeting for Indigenous Peoples Day has not been set yet.

**Item 9. Announcements**

Member Fear shared an indigenous breast-feeding training class will be held in Fort Yates at Prairie Knights Casino, on August 26-30. She noted that a scholarship is available and the application deadline is August 9.

Member Knutson shared the PRIDE event is being held August 10, and the Native American Commission will have a table. Ms. Christie stated she will send the schedule sign-up sheet to the Board Members for the time slots still available.

Member Snyder provided a reminder of the Native American Picnic happening on August 3.

Joe Williams, Plains Art Museum Associate Director of Native Programs, shared the Plains Art Museum is working on a facilities master plan. He noted they are working to create a Native American Art Center within the Museum, and he will keep the Native American Commission updated.

Chair White Bear gave a reminder that the Native American Commission has a Facebook page, and encouraged Members to submit events and updates to be posted.

Mr. Williams also noted that the museum has a quarterly publication where events can be listed and to connect with him to submit event and announcement details.

**Item 10. Staff Report**

Ms. Crutchfield stated that the (RFQ) Request for Qualifications for the Native American Center position closed on July 29. She noted that about a dozen applications were received and the City review process is being followed. She asked Board Members that have additional review rubric criteria to email Ms. Christie and to share interest in being on the selection committee with Chair White Bear.

Ms. Crutchfield gave an update on strategic planning efforts and shared that the Mayor has laid out five goals for the City. She stated that staff is using the five goals as a focus point for strategic planning, and will work with the Native American Commission to work through these goals.

**Item 11. Next Meeting – September 5, 2019**

**Item 12. Adjourn**

The time of adjournment was 1:18 p.m.

## MEMORANDUM

**TO: NATIVE AMERICAN COMMISSION**

**FROM: TIA BRASETH, PLANNING COORDINATOR**

**DATE: AUGUST 29, 2019**

**SUBJECT: MEETING REPORT**

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**Item 4. Presentation: High Plains Fair Housing, Michelle Rydz**

Michelle Rydz will present information on High Plains Fair Housing, an organization whose mission is to strengthen communities and to ensure equal access to fair housing in the region through training, education, enforcement, and advocacy. They are currently seeking Native American fair housing testers, or “secret shoppers,” to help test for rental discrimination in the area.

**Item 5. Presentation: 2020 Census, Audra Stonefish**

Audra Stonefish will provide an update on her involvement in the 2020 Census “Everyone Counts” initiative, in particular its efforts to include urban indigenous populations.

**Item 6. Sponsorship Request: FM Crossroads Powwow**

See attachment. Guy Fox and Scott Satermo to present and answer questions on behalf of the sponsorship request. Since its inception in 2016, the Native American Commission has played an integral role in the making of the annual international FM Crossroads powwow. It was originally started by Native American Commission and City Administration leaders who sought to build the sense of community for Native Americans in the urban environment, to enhance the broader public’s understanding of the Native community, and to spur growth for other local events and partnerships.

Recommended Action from Executive Committee: Approve the \$10,000 sponsorship.

**Item 7. Budget Proposal**

See attachment. The budget proposal from last month was adjusted to include \$2,000 in sweat lodge operating costs. Also, Native STAND provided an update that they will put their \$1,250 in NAC sponsorship funding toward implementing its curriculum in local schools during the upcoming school year. This is in lieu of their original summer program, which did not have the necessary minimum of eight participants.

Recommended Action from Executive Committee: Approve the proposed budget for the remainder of 2019.

**Item 8. Indigenous Peoples Day – October 14, 2019**

A community-wide Indigenous Peoples Day evening meal and powwow will take place on Monday, October 14, 2019, with additional programming to be held throughout the day. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Sharon.

Nominations are now being accepted for the 2019 Gladys Ray Indigenous Peoples Day Award – see attachment. Nomination forms are due by Wednesday, September 25. Digital

forms can be accessed on the Native American Commission Facebook or City of Fargo webpage, and hard copies are available at the Planning Department in Fargo City Hall.

**Item 11. Staff Report**

- a. Native American Center/FM Native Programs consultant  
Interviews are underway for the position with the hope of hiring a consultant by the end of September.
  
- b. Strategic Planning  
See handout. As we move forward with the Native American Center/FM Native Programs nonprofit, staff recommends a discussion to evaluate which programs are best directed to this Center versus under the leadership of the Native American Commission or other community organizations. Ideally, the nonprofit and the Native American Commission would have two different membership boards with minimal overlap. This is just an initial draft to be presented for discussion purposes only. This evaluation will be key toward finalizing the Native American Commission's vision, mission, and 2020 goals.



**CITY OF FARGO  
NATIVE AMERICAN COMMISSION**

**Sponsorship Application**

Please complete this application to apply for City of Fargo Native American Commission sponsorship funds. You will be contacted by City staff if additional information is required.

The Fargo Native American Commission (NAC) assists in funding events that fit within its mission to work together to strengthen the Native American Community to promote understanding, recognition and respect for Native American cultures and to enrich the whole community. If the NAC commits funds to an event, it must be listed as a sponsor in all publicity. The NAC will consider written funding requests monthly, with a deadline of the 1st of each month, and will make decisions with consideration of budget constraints and established budget line items. Priority will be given to organizations/events who have not received funding in the same calendar year. If you would like more information about NAC sponsorships, please contact the Planning and Development Department at 701.241.1474 or Planning@FargoND.gov.

ORGANIZATION NAME: FM Crossroads  
PROGRAM/PROJECT NAME: FM Crossroads Powwow & Native Festival  
DATE SUBMITTED: 7-11-19  
AMOUNT REQUESTED: \$ 10,000.00

Date of event:

PLEASE ATTACH A PROJECT SUMMARY, INCLUDING A DESCRIPTION OF WHAT THE FUNDS WILL BE USED FOR (attach summary and description on the back of this page or on another sheet) Will send Budget by email to Commission

**BASIC INFORMATION:**

Address: PO Box 715, West Fargo, ND 58078  
Contact Name: Scott Sorensen Phone: (701) 361-8784  
Fax: N/A E-mail: SCOTT@NORTHCROSSBORO.COM  
Legal structure of organization (ex. Non-profit or for profit, 501(c) (3), etc.) Non-profit

Mission and Actions: In one or two sentences, what are you planning to do? Please attach additional information as applicable.

Working hard to have an Annual Multi-Faceted Community enrichment Campaign to Assist our Native Community in the following ways: Culture Center, Powwow, Festival, Educational Programs, Sing/Dance Shows, Sponsorships, Scholarships, Tutoring, Language Classes... etc.  
We celebrate our Accomplishment @ Powwow, Oct 5-6  
A World Cross Singing & Dancing Event with Festival on the Concourse



<b>NAC 2019 PRESENTATION BUDGET - 8.29.19</b>	<b>\$ 45,200.00</b>	
<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount Spent</b>	<b>Proposed Budget</b>
<b>Administration</b>		
Misc (plaques, name tags, community honoring, storage)	\$ 158.60	
Workshops and Retreats	\$ 5,180.00	
Website Host	\$ 300.00	\$300.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>5,938.60</b>
<b>Sponsorships</b>		
New Sponsorships (MMIP, MNIBA, Native Stand)	\$ 3,007.00	
Recurring: MMIP Event	\$ 700.00	
Recurring: Woodlands & High Plains Powwow	\$ 1,000.00	
Recurring: Crossroads Powwow		\$10,000.00
NAC/FMNAP 501c3 Consultant		\$6,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>20,707.00</b>
<b>Sweat Lodge Committee</b>		
Sweat Lodge Operation		\$2,000.00
<b>Total</b>		
<b>Events</b>		
Fargo Marathon	\$ 1,326.02	
Police Picnic Total	\$ 22.00	
Community Picnic	\$ 3,050.00	
Pride in the Park Total	\$ 54.67	
Indigenous Peoples Day Total		\$5,000.00
NYE Powwow - January 2019	\$ 8,470.28	
NYE Powwow (December 2019)		\$7,500.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>25,422.97</b>
<b>Contingency/Other Projects</b>		
<b>Total</b>		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>54,068.57</b>

Remaining Budget = -\$8,868.57  
(\$6,000 to potentially be from COF Planning budget)  
(\$2,000 to potentially be from COF Planning budget)



## 2019 GLADYS RAY INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY AWARD NOMINATION



The Fargo Native American Commission is seeking nominations for individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the Indigenous Peoples of Fargo. The recipient will be formally recognized at Indigenous Peoples Day on Monday, October 14, 2019. The deadline for returning nomination forms is **Wednesday, September 25, 2019**.

**Background:** The Gladys Ray Award was created in honor of Gladys Shingobe Ray. In her family’s words, she was a dedicated lifelong human rights advocate and volunteer, who served her community through involvement in many organizations and by assisting in the development of many programs. She advocated for all people, especially American Indians, children, and the homeless. She served as a mentor and advisor to many individuals and for many projects. Gladys was devoted to sharing her love, wisdom and strength with all of her family, friends and all she knew.

**To nominate someone for the Gladys Ray Award**, please complete the information below and return this form by September 25, 2019 by email to [Planning@FargoND.gov](mailto:Planning@FargoND.gov), or by mail to the Native American Commission, City of Fargo Planning Department, 225 4<sup>th</sup> St. N, Fargo, ND 58102. For more information, please contact the Native American Commission at 701.241.1474.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Nominee E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Your Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

**In 500 words or less, please provide a description of who you are nominating and why you feel this person should receive the Gladys Ray Award** (use additional sheet if necessary).  
NOTE: Should the nominee be chosen, the information provided will be used for the presentation introduction and publicity. Therefore, it is important that all information be correct, complete and specific. Current members of the Fargo Native American Commission cannot be nominated for an award.