

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Native American Commission  
**FROM:** Tia Braseth, Community Development Coordinator  
**DATE:** September 27, 2018  
**SUBJECT:** Fargo Native American Commission Meeting

The next meeting of the Fargo Native American Commission will be held on Thursday, October 4 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, October 4, 2018 City Commission Room AGENDA**

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Prayer
3. Approve Agenda & Minutes
4. Presentation: Janelle Brandon, Sanford Women's Community Education
5. Budget Request: Bussing for Indigenous Peoples' Day
6. Budget Review
7. Indigenous Peoples' Day Update – October 8<sup>th</sup>
  - a. Approve Gladys Ray Award winner
  - b. Event rundown
8. Public Relations Update
9. Native Programs Special Committee Update
10. Sweat Lodge Opened
11. Public Comment
12. Announcements
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:**

**Tuesday, September 6, 2018**

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, September 6, 2018.

The Native American Commissioners present or absent were as follows:

Present: Guy Fox, Lenore King, Rebecca Knutson, Chalsey Snyder, Whitney Fear, John Strand (via conference call)

Absent: Sharon White Bear, Ruth Buffalo

**Item 1. Welcome and Introductions**

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

**Item 2. Prayer**

Member Fear led the Board in a prayer.

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

Member Fox moved the Order of Agenda and the minutes of the August 2, 2018 Native American Commission meeting be approved. Second by Snyder. All Members present voted aye and the motion was declared carried.

**Item 4. Approve Roles & Responsibilities**

Assistant Planner Catlyn Christie noted a change in the wording from positively to respectfully.

Member Fox read the Mission Statement and reviewed Responsibilities as included in the packet.

Ms. Christie shared that an updated list of committee members was included in the packet noting Chair White Bear to be removed from the Public Relations Committee and added to the Health and Wellness Committee.

Member Fox read the members included on each committee.

Member Knutson move to approve the Native American Roles & Responsibilities as presented. Second by Member Snyder. All Members present voted aye and the motion was declared carried.

**Item 5. Budget Updates & Requests/Recommendations**

**5a. Update: 4U Community Outreach Sponsorship**

Member King provided an update on the sponsorship events thanking the Native American Commission for the \$100 that was approved.

**5b. Update: Navy Week Flags**

Member Fear gave an update that the invoice for food has not been submitted, but that \$150 has been paid for the drums.

**5c. Request: Native STAND**

Ms. Christie gave an overview of the Native STAND program and noted that the Native American Commission Executive Committee recommend a total of \$500, split between 2018 and 2019 because the Native STAND event is scheduled for summer of 2019.

Member Fox moved to approve \$250 in 2018 and \$250 in 2019 for the Native STAND programs. Second by Member Fear. All Members present voted aye and the motion was declared carried.

**5d. Request: The Human Family**

Ms. Christie noted that the Native American Executive Committee recommended approval of \$500 for The Human Family Film and Arts Festival.

Member Fox moved to approve \$500. Second by Member Knutson. All Members present voted aye and the motion was declared carried.

**Item 6. Sweat Lodge Committee Update**

Member Fox presented an update on the sweat lodge.

Amanda Vivier, local resident, shared frustrations and concerns regarding the sweat lodge and it currently being closed. She noted she would like to see a more diverse group of elders working together to develop the use policy and procedures without bias.

Member Fox gave a brief background on the sweat lodge, how it works, and an overview of issues related to maintaining traditional rules in an urban setting.

Discussion was held regarding possible solutions to re-open the sweat lodge.

Joann Stately, shared that she would like to see roles put into place without bias and suggested moving the sweat lodge to a quieter place.

Discussion continued regarding scheduling the next Sweat Lodge Committee meeting and the process of calling a special meeting of the Native American Commission.

**Item 7. Native American Picnic Debrief**

Member Snyder gave an overview of the event and thanked those that volunteered.

**Item 8. Indigenous People's Day Updates**

Member Snyder shared that the location has been set for Agassiz School/Woodrow Wilson for October 8, with events starting at 9:30 a.m.

**Item 9. Native Programs**

Member Fear noted a handout was given to the Board regarding Native Programs. She noted storage is needed for current items at the Native American Center.

Discussion was held regarding a timeline of when items need to be removed and the options and cost for storage of items.

Member Snyder moved to form a Special Projects Committee for removal of items from the Native American Center. Second by Member Knutson. All Members present voted aye and the motion was declared carried.

Member Snyder nominated Members Knutson, Fear, Fox, and Snyder to serve on the Special Projects Committee. Second by Member Knutson. All Members present voted aye and the motion was declared carried.

**Item 10. Public Comment**

Public comment noted under Item 6.

**Item 11. Announcements**

Member Snyder noted she will review the by-laws regarding calling a special meeting of the Native American Commission.

Member Fox shared that Scott Satermo will be hosting a meet and greet at the Fargo Hilton Garden Inn from 6-8 p.m., September 6<sup>th</sup>, regarding his campaign.

**Item 12. Adjourn**

The time of adjournment was 1:08 p.m.

**Native American Commission Budget 2018 - Monthly Update Format**

**Total Budget**

**\$45,200.00**

Description	2018		
	Social Service/CDG FY '18	Amount Paid/Pending	Remaining Budget
<b>Administration</b>			
Meeting Supplies, plaques, name tags, workshops, retreats	\$1,000.00	\$863.29	\$136.71
Community Honoring	\$500.00		\$500.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,500.00</b>	<b>\$863.29</b>	<b>\$636.71</b>
<b>Executive Committee</b>			
Community Picnic	\$2,500.00	\$1,856.88	\$643.12
Sponsorship Applications	\$1,500.00	\$1,193.88	\$306.12
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,000.00</b>	<b>\$3,050.76</b>	<b>\$949.24</b>
<b>Sweat Lodge Committee</b>			
Sweat Lodge Operation	\$5,000.00	\$900.00	\$4,100.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,000.00</b>	<b>\$900.00</b>	<b>\$4,100.00</b>
<b>Public Relations Committee</b>			
Advertising of NAC Events	\$550.00	\$184.00	\$366.00
Website Host	\$450.00	\$450.00	\$0.00
Police Picnic	\$800.00	\$412.62	\$387.38
Indigenous Peoples Day	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00
MMIW Event	\$700.00	\$418.00	\$282.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,500.00</b>	<b>\$6,464.62</b>	<b>\$1,035.38</b>
<b>Education &amp; Culture Committee</b>			
Other projects/sponsorships	\$4,000.00	\$1,275.00	\$2,725.00
Woodlawn & High Plains Powwow (sponsorship)	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
Crossroads Powwow (sponsorship)	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$15,000.00</b>	<b>\$12,275.00</b>	<b>\$2,725.00</b>
<b>Health &amp; Wellness Committee</b>			
Other projects/sponsorships	\$3,000.00	\$125.00	\$2,875.00
Fargo Marathon	\$1,800.00	\$1,124.52	\$675.48
NYE Powwow	\$7,400.00	\$7,400.00	\$0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$12,200.00</b>	<b>\$8,649.52</b>	<b>\$3,550.48</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$45,200.00</b>	<b>\$32,203.19</b>	<b>\$12,996.81</b>