

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Native American Commission  
**FROM:** Catlyn Christie, Assistant Planner  
**DATE:** July 30, 2021  
**SUBJECT:** Fargo Native American Commission Meeting

The next meeting of the Fargo Native American Commission will be held on Thursday, August 5, at 12:00 p.m. in the Commission Chambers at 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). Thank you.

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**NATIVE AMERICAN COMMISSION  
Thursday, August 5, 2021  
Commission Chambers  
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. Adjourn – Next Meeting: September 2, 2021

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. Minutes are available on the City of Fargo Web site at <http://fargond.gov/city-government/boards-commissions/native-american-commission>.

People with disabilities who plan to attend the meeting and need special accommodations should contact the Planning Office at 701.241.1474. Please contact us at least 48 hours before the meeting to give our staff adequate time to make arrangements.

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**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 August 5, 2021 agenda.

Recommended Action: Approve the June 3, 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. 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 and staff for any questions or discussion related to the staff report.

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

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

**BOARD OF NATIVE AMERICAN COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES**

**Regular Meeting:**

**Thursday, June 3, 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, June 3, 2021.

The Native American Commissioners present or absent were as follows:

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

**Item 1. Welcome and Introductions**

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

**Item 2. Approve Order of Agenda & Minutes**

Member Knutson moved the Order of Agenda be approved. Second by Member Donahue. All Members present voted aye and the motion was declared carried.

Member Strand moved the minutes of the May 6, 2021 Native American Commission meeting be approved. Second by Member Knutson. All Members present voted aye and the motion was declared carried.

**Item 3. Public Comment**

Heather Keeler shared she will be instructing a summer class at NDSU (North Dakota State University) called "Indigenous Inclusion" and noted the closing date for sign-up is June 9. The class provides two education CEU credits, and more information is shared through the NDSU Extension Office.

**Item 4: Statement of Solidarity with FM Muslim Community**

Member Snyder read the statement that was included in the packet.

Member Knutson moved to approve the statement as presented. Second by Member Snyder. All Members present voted aye and the motion was declared carried.

**Item 5. Bias Crime Ordinance Update**

Assistant City Attorney Nancy Morris provided a background and summary of the Bias Crime Ordinance drafted by the City Attorney's Office. Ms. Morris stated the three draft ordinances addressing criminal mischief, harassment, and simple assault were presented to the City Commission on June 1 to receive and file. The first reading will be held June 14.

Member Fear present.

Discussion was held on the reporting process, and who could be charged with these crimes.

**Item 6. Indigenous Association Report**

Member Fear shared that work is being done to organize a picnic event later in the summer. She also noted that the Executive Director position is still open and review of applicant finalists is underway.

**Item 7. Subcommittee Reports**

Member White Bear spoke on behalf of the housing subcommittee, and noted work is being done with the Cass Clay Community Land Trust. Member Strand stated the importance of having more applications in the pool of candidates.

Member Snyder spoke on behalf of the education subcommittee and shared that there is a summer reading program through the Indian Education Department of the schools.

No updates were provided from the health and wellness subcommittee.

**Item 8. Announcements**

Chair King stated a flier for enrollment at the Circle of Nations School for the upcoming year is included in the packet.

Chair King shared there is one vacancy on the Native American Commission and encouraged those interested to submit an application.

Member Snyder announced that June is Pride month.

Member Strand noted the City has hired Dr. Terry Hogan for the Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion position.

Member Strand shared there is a program for people to apply for FEMA funding for funerals of COVID-19 related deaths.

Member Fear stated many tribes are offering financial assistance.

Planning Coordinator Tia Braseth noted anyone in need of rental or other assistance should call 211 (Firstlink).

**Item 9. Staff Report**

Fargo Police Lt. Bill Ahlfeldt provided an update on upcoming community programs and events through the Community Engagement Team, including the summer program, cultural swimming survival program, and the Police Department Picnic on June 16 from 6:00-8:00 p.m., at Urban Plains Park.

Ms. Braseth highlighted that vaccine clinics are being held at Fargo Cass Public Health, and the 2021 HUD (Housing and Urban Development) Action Plan is currently in public comment period.

Member Snyder shared that Saturday, June 19, is Juneteenth, and a freedom celebration will be held at Lindenwood Park.

**Item 10. Adjourn – Next Meeting: July 1, 2021**

The time of adjournment was 12:35 p.m.

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**RE:** Staff Report

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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**

Planning staff continues to administer funding for several Covid-19 activities, including:

- Rental assistance program operated by SENDCAA and Presentation Partners in Housing. To get connected to program, call 2-1-1.
- High Plains Fair Housing Eviction Prevention program
- Family HealthCare Mobile Homeless Health Services
- Extra shelter beds for quarantine/isolation, social distancing, and overflow at the Gladys Ray Shelter Engagement Center, Churches United, and New Life Center

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. 2022 City of Fargo Mayor's Preliminary Budget**

On Monday, July 26, Fargo Mayor Dr. Tim Mahoney presented his Preliminary 2022 Budget to the Fargo City Commission. The Mayor recognized the City's resiliency, responsiveness and re-emergence as some of its most important and distinguishable characteristics.

The budget presentation includes six key objectives:

- Attracting and Retaining a Talented Team
- Funding Essential Infrastructure
- Reinforcing Our Strong Commitments to Public Safety.
- Supporting Community Equity Initiatives
- Funding Delayed Requests Due to COVID-19
- Efficient and Effective Use of Federal Funds

It also outlines six major initiatives:

- Core Neighborhoods Plan Implementation
- Body-Worn Camera Integration at the Fargo Police Department
- Investments in Street-Level Excellence

- Harm Reduction and Homeless Support
- An Emphasis on Code Enforcement
- The FARGODOME

For more information, including the full presentation, visit <https://fargond.gov/news-events/city-news-room/post-detail?id=60ff0fd0736d1907dfb12664>.

### **3. City of Fargo Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion**

Dr. Terry Hogan started in his role as Fargo's first Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion on July 6. More information on his plans and opportunities for collaboration will be available in the coming weeks.

### **4. Juneteenth Freedom Celebration**

The City of Fargo successfully hosted a booth at Faith4Hope's first annual Juneteenth Freedom Celebration, which had over 2,000 people in attendance.

### **5. Pride in the Park**

NAC members are encouraged to volunteer to run the City of Fargo's booth at Pride in the Park on August 14 from 11am-4pm at Island Park. Contact Catlyn to indicate your interest and availability, [CChristie@FargoND.gov](mailto:CChristie@FargoND.gov). This booth is provided as part of the City of Fargo's \$1,500 sponsorship of this year's FM Pride celebration.

### **6. Bias Crime Ordinance**

On June 28, the City Commission voted 3-2 to adopt ordinances pertaining to hate crimes relating to criminal mischief, harassment, and simple assault, a.k.a. ordinances relating to public safety, morals, and welfare. Proposed penalty for violation of these three ordinances is a Class B misdemeanor. These ordinances are effective immediately.

### **7. Fargo Police Department**

A representative will provide updates from the Fargo Police Department.

### **8. Fargo Fire Department**

Fargo Fire is hiring this fall and is offering firefighter recruitment and orientation opportunities prior to testing to give candidates an opportunity to understand the job and to help them preform at their best during the testing process. Attached is the flyer for orientation days. Interested parties should contact Jamie Garvey at [jgarvey@fargond.gov](mailto:jgarvey@fargond.gov) or 701-241-8135. Leave your email address and a phone number in any messages. Feedback from the Commissioners is welcomed to help us become more successful in our recruitment.

### **9. Federal Housing and Urban Development Programs**

On June 28, the City Commission approved the 2021 Action Plan for the City's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) programming and authorized submittal to the U.S. Department of Housing and Development. The plan is available at <https://fargond.gov/city-government/departments/planning-development/plans-studies>.

On July 26, the City Commission approved amendments to Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) activities within the 2019 and 2020 Action Plans, as well as the City's Citizen Participation Plan. For more information, [view the full public notice](#) published in The Forum newspaper on June 23, 2021.

# Recruitment and Orientation

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Fargo Fire Firefighter recruitment and orientation days:

Dates, times, location, and registration:

September 11 at 1:00 P.M. and September 16 at 7:00 P.M.

At Station #4 – 2701 1 Ave N, Fargo ND

Register by emailing your name and phone number to  
[jgarvey@fargond.gov](mailto:jgarvey@fargond.gov)

This event is intended to orientate you to life in the fire service, our hiring process, and let you ask questions.