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NATIVE AMERICAN COMMISSION
Thursday, October 7, 2021 | 12:00PM
City Commission Chambers
AGENDA

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Approve Agenda & Minutes……Action Item
3. Public Comment
4. Honoring of Anna Johnson
5. Induction of New Member Ashley Littlewolf
6. Truth & Reconciliation Day Update
7. Indigenous Association Report
8. Subcommittee Reports
9. Announcements
10. Staff Report
11. Adjourn – Next Meeting: November 4, 2021

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Native American Commission

FROM: Catlyn Christie, Assistant Planner

DATE: October 1, 2021

SUBJECT: Meeting Report

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 Thursday, October 7, 2021 agenda.
Recommended Action: Approve the September 2, 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. **Honoring of Member Anna Johnson**

Item 5. **Induction of New Member Ashley Littlewolf**

Item 6. **Truth and Reconciliation Day Update**
Vice Chair Fear will speak to the significance of Canada's federally recognized Truth and Reconciliation Day on September 30, which is intended to educate and remind Canadians about the dark history of residential schools, honour the victims, and celebrate the survivors. It coincides with Orange Shirt Day, which was created by Phyllis (Jack) Webstad, who had her orange shirt taken away from her when she was sent to a residential school at six years old in 1973.

Item 7. **Indigenous Association Report**
A representative of the Indigenous Association will provide an update.

Item 8. **Subcommittee Reports**
Each subcommittee will provide a progress report and present any action items recommended by their subcommittee.

Item 9. **Announcements**
Chair King will open the floor to commission members for any announcements.

Item 10. **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 11. **Adjourn – Next Meeting: November 4, 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, September 2, 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, September 2, 2021.

The Native American Commissioners present or absent were as follows:

Present: Lenore King, Whitney Fear, Emily Sargent, Rebecca Knutson, John Strand, Ashley Littlewolf (via conference call)

Absent: Sharon White Bear, Chalsey Snyder, Sonya Donahue

Item 1. Welcome and Introductions
Member Fear present.

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

New Native American Commission Member Ashley Littlewolf was welcomed and provided a brief introduction of herself.

Item 2. Approve Order of Agenda & Minutes
Member Knutson moved the Order of Agenda be approved. Second by Member Fear. All Members present voted aye and the motion was declared carried.

Member Strand moved the minutes of the August 5, 2021 Native American Commission meeting be approved. Second by Member Fear. All Members present voted aye and the motion was declared carried.

Item 3. Public Comment
No public comment was provided.

Item 4: Truth and Reconciliation Day
Member Fear provided a background of Truth and Reconciliation Day, noted an event will be held in Bismarck on September 30, and encouraged the Board to find a way to start the process to have the City of Fargo recognize it as an annual day.

Member Strand stated he would like to know more about the background regarding boarding schools and their history and encouraged the Native American Commission to continue looking at the issue.

Member Sargent moved to have the Native American Commission draft a proclamation for 2021 and present to the City of Fargo Mayor for signature. Second by Member Fear. All Members present voted aye and the motion was declared carried.

Item 5. Indigenous Association Report

Hollie Mackey, Indigenous Association Interim Executive Director, provided an update on recent events, current fundraising and grant efforts, and upcoming events and programming. She stated more support and participation is needed.

Item 6. Subcommittee Reports

No subcommittee reports were provided.

Item 7. Announcements

Chair King shared that North Dakota State University currently has openings for its Tribal Initiative Director and for the Tribal Partnerships Manager. More information can be found at www.ndsu.edu/employment.

Member Sargent noted the Fargo Public School Indian Education Program currently is planning to host a back to school night for Native American students in the Fargo Public Schools on September 29, from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. at Carl Ben Middle School.

Chair King stated that on Indigenous Peoples Day the Sweet Medicine Elders meeting and meal will be from 12:00 – 3:00 p.m. at the Indigenous Association.

Item 8. Staff Report

Deputy Fire Marshall Jamie Garvey shared an updated recruitment flier for the upcoming recruitment and orientation event for new firefighters. He stated the events will be held at Station #4 on September 11 at 1:00 p.m., and September 16 at 7:00 p.m. and applications are due September 30. He noted the updated flier will be distributed to the Board.

Sargent Bernier shared that the Fargo Police Department is seeking applications to hire a Community Service Officer and the deadline is September 3. He noted it is a non-sworn position. He additionally shared that the Fargo United Outreach Event was successful and thanked Chair King for participating in the event.

Assistant Planner Catlyn Christie shared that COVID vaccine clinics are still available at the Fargo Cass Public Health building, and reminded that those needing rental assistance should call 211 for available programs.

Item 9. Adjourn – Next Meeting: October 7, 2021

The time of adjournment was 12:50 p.m.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Fargo Native American Commission

FROM: Catlyn Christie, Assistant Planner

DATE: October 1, 2021

RE: 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. COVID-19 Vaccinations
On September 24, the City of Fargo hosted a virtual COVID-19 public briefing with health care system leaders and elected officials, discussing critical hospital capacities, staffing shortages, monoclonal antibody rationing and an urgent appeal for area residents to utilize mitigation strategies (including vaccinations and masking while in indoor spaces). As both hospitalizations and positive cases of COVID-19 continue to increase steeply locally and statewide, residents are reminded to practice prevention measures to limit the spread of the virus in the community.

FCPH continues to conduct walk-in COVID-19 vaccine clinics on Tuesdays from noon – 6 pm and Fridays from 10 am – 2 pm at its main location of 1240 25th Street South, Fargo. 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: www.FargoCassPublicHealth.com/covidvaccine

Beginning Saturday, October 2, Fargo Cass Public Health (FCPH) will hold 'Booster Blitz' COVID-19 vaccine clinics. These clinics are intended solely for individuals recently announced by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) as eligible to receive a booster dose. 'Booster Blitz' clinics will take place at the main FCPH location of 1240 25th Street South, Fargo, from 8 a.m. – 3 p.m. each Saturday in October. To streamline traffic flow, pre-registration is required and walk-ins will not be accepted. Additional information about 'Booster Blitz' clinics is available on the FCPH website: www.FargoCassPublicHealth.com/covidbooster.

2. Rental Assistance & Eviction Prevention
Anyone struggling to pay rent is encouraged to call 2-1-1 (FirstLink) to be connected to rental assistance and other eviction prevention programs currently available. They will direct individuals to the best-fit assistance, such as the North Dakota Rent Help program, https://www.nd.gov/dhs/info/covid-19/rent-help.html, or other assistance available through SENDCAA and Presentation Partners in Housing.

The High Plains Fair Housing Center also continues to offer an eviction prevention program to income-qualified residents living in Fargo (as well as Grand Forks and Bismarck). If eligible, potential eviction prevention services offered include referral to and help applying for rental assistance programs and/or connection to a lawyer at no cost for assistance in eviction court. Call the intake line at 701-203-1077 or toll free at 1-866-380-2738.

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3. HUD Programs

The City has accepted $1,697,107 in homeless assistance funds through HUD HOME-ARP and the State will be receiving $7,768,864. These awards are in addition to the regular annual HOME allocations. Staff are currently training on the funds' regulations and guidelines and preparing for a needs assessment and allocation plan. Additionally, the 2022 HUD Action Plan citizen participation process will mostly likely coincide with the HOME-ARP citizen participation process. Finally, the 2020 Consolidated Annual Performance & Evaluation Report was submitted to HUD on September 30, 2021. This report covers accomplishments throughout the 2020 program year (May 1, 2020 through April 30, 2021).

4. Fargo Public Library's and Indigenous Association's "American Indian Boarding Schools and the Doctrine of Discovery"

As part of the One Book, One Community event series, a panel discussion titled "American Indian Boarding Schools and the Doctrine of Discovery" was held on September 28th at the Downtown Library. A video recording is available at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ExIPrNoLjEM&t=3s. Featured panelists were Joseph McNeil, Karen Van Fossan and Hollie Mackey who discussed how federal policy and religious doctrine have served to advance religion as an expression of free market capitalism at the expense of Indigenous communities in the United States.