

DRAFT MINUTES

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 11:08 a.m. by Rose Toehe, Coordinator for Indigenous Initiatives.

2. **ROLL CALL**

NOTE: One or more Councilmembers may be in attendance telephonically or by other technological means.

PRESENT:

Diana Cudeii, Ex-Officio (arrived at 11:19 am)
Dorothy Gishie, Ex-Officio
Meg Kabotie Adakai, E-Officio
Cora M. Phillips
Courtney Scott
Fawn Toya
Joe. W. Washington
Kiara Weathersby
Shawna Whitehat
Jonathan Yellowhair

ABSENT:

Others present: Indigenous Coordinator Rose Toehe, City Manager Greg Clifton, and Deputy City Clerk Stacy Fobar

3. **Public Comment**

At this time, any member of the public may address the Commission on any subject within their jurisdiction that is not scheduled before the Commission on that day. Due to Open Meeting Laws, the Commission cannot discuss or act on items presented during this portion of the agenda. To address the Commission on an item that is on the agenda, please wait for the Chair to call for Public Comment at the time the item is heard. The comment will be limited to five minutes.

Public comments were provided by three (3) individuals:

Flagstaff Police Chief Dan Musselman introduced himself and welcomed the new Indigenous Commission members. There was an explanation on planning an alternative response with hopes for a detox center for the unsheltered and those dealing with substance abuse. He looks forward to a collaboration between the Commission and Police Department to include this plan, other ideas, and staff/officer recruitment.

Flagstaff Sustainability Director Nicole Antonopoulos provided an explanation of the City Council's adoption of a Carbon Neutrality Plan as it relates to Climate Change Emergency

Resolution. There was a request from her to be on the next agenda to present this topic for engagement, equity and planning for the project plan.

Councilmember Adam Shimoni also made introductions and stated that he is excited for the creation of this Commission. He stated that he looking forward to the extremely important progress to be made regarding the many challenges facing the community and is grateful for everyone's time on the Commission.

4. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. Indigenous Commission Introductory Meeting:

- Welcome and Introductions
- Indigenous Commission Authority and Work Plan
- Conflict of Interest and Open Meeting Law
- Group Dynamics and Rules of the Road
- Selection of Chair and Co-Chair
- Establish Meeting Dates
- Wrap up

Welcome and Introductions: Introductions were made by Rose Toehe, Coordinator for Indigenous Initiatives; Stacy Fobar, Deputy City Clerk, and all ten commissioners. City Manager Greg Clifton joined later in the meeting, introduced himself and welcomed the new commissioners.

Indigenous Commission Authority and Work Plan: Ms. Fobar started the training session under the topic of Commission Authority. All these documents can be found on the city website. Ms. Toehe conducted introductory concept of the Work Plan. There will be a more in-depth session at the next meeting and use the work plan presented to City Council.

Conflict of Interest and Open Meeting Law: Ms. Fobar continued training session under these topics. There were questions at each segment as needed.

Group Dynamics and Rules of the Road: Ms. Fobar continued training session under these topics. There were questions at each segment as needed.

Selection of Chair and Co-Chair: There was clarification that motions can only be made by voting members of the Commission. After the discussion, a motion was made by Ms. Fawn Toya and a second by Ms. Shawna Whitehat to nominate Mr. Joe Washington and Ms. Cora Maxx Phillips as Co-chairs for the Indigenous Commission. The motion passed by unanimous vote. The co-chairs will serve a one-year term to start.

Establish Meeting Dates: After discussion and due to meeting end time, it was decided by Commission members to table this item until the next meeting. There was agreement that a more in-depth presentation and discussion of the Work Plan will be scheduled for the next meeting in February. This will help determine the meeting dates & time (i.e. monthly, bi-monthly, or quarterly). In the meantime, a doddle poll will be sent out by Ms. Toehe to determine the February meeting date and time. The meeting will be set for two (2) hours. Motioned by Ms. Fawn Toya, a second by Shawna Whitehat, vote passed by unanimous vote.

Wrap up: Asked for additional questions. Councilmember Shimoni invited and encouraged commissioners to listen and participate by making public comments at Council meetings held each Tuesday. There are important items on the Council agendas that need community participation.

5. **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS TO/FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS, STAFF, AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEM REQUESTS**

A more in-depth presentation and discussion of the Work Plan will be scheduled for the next meeting in February. There will be no other items on the agenda except the Work Plan and Establish Meeting Dates/Time.

6. **ADJOURNMENT**

The January 25, 2021 meeting of the Indigenous Commission was adjourned at 1:07 pm by Co-chair Cora Maxx Phillips.