

DRAFT MINUTES

INDIGENOUS COMMISSION MEETING
THURSDAY, APRIL 8, 2021
VIRTUAL TEAMS MEETING
211 WEST ASPEN AVENUE
4:30 P.M.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Co-Chair Phillips at 4:35 p.m.

2. Roll Call

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

Diana Cudeii, Ex-Officio; Present, arrived at 5:28 p.m.
Dorothy Gishie, Ex-Officio; Present
Meg Kabotie Adakai, E-Officio; Present
Cora M. Phillips, Co-Chair; Present
Joe. W. Washington, Co-Chair; Present, arrived at 4:40 p.m.

Courtney Scott; Present
Fawn Toya; Present
Kiara Weathersby; Absent
Shawna Whitehat; Absent
Jonathan Yellowhair; Present

Others in attendance: Rose Toehe, Coordinator for Indigenous Initiatives; Stacy Fobar, Deputy City Clerk; Adam Shimoni, City Councilmember; Greg Clifton, City Manager

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.

None.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approval of Minutes of February 25, 2021 Meeting

Motion to approve minutes as is or approve with amendments.

Motion by Commissioner Toya, seconded by Commissioner Yellowhair, to approve the minutes of the February 25, 2021 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

5. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. Climate Action at the City of Flagstaff

Presentation for informative purposes

Ms. Jenny Niemann, Sustainability Division, made a presentation to the Commission on Climate Action at the City of Flagstaff. The Commissioners appreciated the presentation and asked some questions and made some comments. These included: Greenhouse gas emissions, carbon monoxide and carbon dioxide levels. Cleaner electricity. What is the difference between carbon neutrality and carbon sequestration? What would be the impact if other areas cities/towns are not proactive? Paris climate agreement. How are other members, tourists, etc., the most privileged held accountable in reducing trash and waste, i.e. people visiting Snowbowl?

B. **Roles and Responsibility of Commission Members**

Presentation and Questions

Commissioner Washington took over running the meeting at this point.

Ms. Stacy Fobar, Deputy City Clerk, provided a more depth presentation on the roles and responsibility of commissioners. Please refer to Boards and Commissions Manual. There were important points regarding speaking on behalf of the Commission versus an individual representing yourself; quorums; media contact; and working with other commissions. The commission acts as advisory role through Ms. Toehe. The commissioners are part of the Commission because of who they are, an individual not because of the workplace. Commissioners received clarification as they indicated during this section.

6. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

A. **Setting of Meeting Schedule**

Determine frequency of meetings and regular meeting date and time

Commissioners discussed availability of meeting schedule. Commissioners agreed on the following: Bi-monthly meetings to start in June 2021 on the second Thursday starting at 4:30pm.

Commissioner Toya motioned; Seconded by Commissioner Scott. Unanimously approved.

The next meeting will be on June 10, 2021, 4:30pm.

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

Commissioner Scott requested information or presentation on population growth or trends in the Flagstaff area and surrounding areas. This information is pertinent to all the topics that have been discussed and any future discussions. Population growth and trends be put on the agenda. A staff member will be located to provide the information. Councilmember Shimoni thank all commissioners and encouraged everyone to attend the upcoming two-day City budget retreat.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

Co-chair Washington adjourned the meeting at 5:55 pm.