

Indigenous Commission Report to City Council

May 24, 2022





Introductions

Indigenous Commission Presenters

- Kiara Weathersby
 - Commissioner
- Meg Kabotie Adakai
 - Commissioner
- Fawn Toya
 - Commissioner
- Rose Toehe
 - Coordinator for Indigenous Initiatives

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GREETINGS

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Commission Authority

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-24

- Establishment of a New Chapter, 2-26-001-0001; An Indigenous Commission is hereby created (October 2020).
- Members:
- The Indigenous Commission shall have seven (7) voting members and three (3) ex-officio (non-voting) members from the Coconino County Indigenous Peoples Advisory Council, all appointed by the City Council in accordance with a Memorandum of Understanding.
- All voting members shall reside within the Flagstaff City limits.
- Members must have a tribal affiliation as enrolled members of a tribe/nation recognized by the federal and/or state governments.



Indigenous Commission



Commissioners (Term Expires)

- Darrell Marks (2024)
- Cora Phillips (2022)
- Fawn Toya (2024)
- Joe Washington (2023)
- Kiara Weathersby (2022)
- Shawna Whitehat (2023)
- Jonathan Yellowhair (2023)

Ex-Officio Commissioners

- Diana Cudeii (IPAC MOU)
- Meg Adakai Kabotie (IPAC MOU)
- Dorothy Gishie (IPAC MOU)
- **Liaisons**
- Councilmember: Adam Shimoni
- Staff: Rose Toehe



Key Recommendations Accepted by City Council



Presented to City Council on October 10, 2017

- Visibility
- Economic Inclusion
- Indigenous Community Cultural Center (ICCC)
- Education
- Public Safety / Criminal Justice
 - *Addition presented March 2020*
- Wellness
- Housing
- Transportation





Commission Meeting Overview

Four Quarters in 2021 & Two Quarters in 2022

- Establishment of Indigenous Commission and Introductory Meeting
- Indigenous/American Indian Alaska Native Population Trends
- Indigenous Commission Retreat
- Land Acknowledgment
- Alternative Response Model (CARE)
- Indigenous Community Cultural Center
- Indigenous Representation Project
at Sawmill Multicultural Art and Nature County Park





Quarter 1 – 2021

January – March

- Establishment of Indigenous Commission & Introductory Meeting
 - Welcome
 - Indigenous Commission Authority and Work Plan
 - Selection of Chair and Co-Chair
 - Correlates to recommendation of Visibility
- Overview of Work Plan for Coordinator and Indigenous Commission



Quarter 2 – 2021

April – June

- Climate and Energy Specialist
 - Climate Action and Carbon Neutrality at the City of Flagstaff
 - correlates with *Wellness*
- Indigenous/American Indian Alaska Native Population Trends
 - correlates with *Economic Inclusion and Impact*
- Land Acknowledgement discussion for possible use by City of Flagstaff
 - correlates with *Visibility*



Quarter 3 – 2021

July – September

- Indigenous Commission Retreat
 - Facilitated conversation on Mission and Vision of Commission
 - Land Acknowledgement Work Session
 - correlates with *Visibility*
 - Update on Alternate Response Model (ARM)
 - EPOCH (Extrajudicial Providers Offering Connected Healing)
 - correlates with *Wellness / Public Safety*
- Submit the first version of Land Acknowledgment for City Council consideration (August 2021)
 - Correlates with *Visibility*



Quarter 4 – 2021

October – December

- Land Acknowledgment
 - Presentation by City Attorney. Commission voted on revisions and to resend to the City Council for approval. (October 2021)
 - City Council unanimously approved and the Inaugural Reading of the Land Acknowledgement (November 2021)
 - Correlates with *Visibility*
- Commission on Diversity Awareness presented regarding support for proposed renaming of Peaks
 - Correlates with *Visibility*



Quarter 1 – 2022

January – March

- Alternative Response Model – Mobile Unit
 - City Council approved contract w/Terros Health, Inc.
 - **CARE** - Community Alliance Response and Engagement
 - Correlates with *Wellness / Public Safety*
- Southwest Decision Resources (SDR), Inc.
 - Stakeholders meeting Thorpe Park Annex Parcel
 - Correlates with *Indigenous Community Cultural Center*
- New Commissioners Appointed



Quarter 2 - 2022

April – May

- Refurbished City Building
 - Correlates with *Indigenous Community Cultural Center*
- Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC)
 - Correlates with *Public Safety*
- Indigenous Representation Project at Sawmill Multicultural Art and Nature County Park
 - City of Flagstaff Beautification, Arts & Sciences Program
 - Correlates with *Visibility*
- Indigenous Circle of Flagstaff
 - Correlates with *Indigenous Community Cultural Center*



Future Planning

Quarter 2 – 2022 and forward

- Flagstaff Shelter Services tour
 - Reclaimed Water Facility tour
 - Regional Plan Input
 - Finalize Vision and Mission Statements
 - Retreat
- Key Recommendations:
 - Education
 - Housing
 - Transportation
 - Wellness
 - Environmental Justice



Indigenous Commission

Ongoing strong support

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Thank you

