

# DRAFT MINUTES

INDIGENOUS COMMISSION  
SPECIAL VIRTUAL TEAMS MEETING  
211 WEST ASPEN AVENUE  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5, 2022, 5:00 P.M.

## 1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:01 PM by Co-chair Washington.

## 2. Roll Call

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

Diana Cudeii, Ex-Officio: Present  
Dorothy Gishie, Ex-Officio: Present  
Meg Kabotie Adakai, E-Officio: Present  
Cora M. Phillips, Co-Chair: Present  
Joe. W. Washington, Co-Chair: Present  
Courtney Scott: Present, joined at 5:19 PM and left at 6:24 PM due to house emergency.  
Fawn Toya: Present  
Kiara Weathersby: Present  
Shawna Whitehat: Absent  
Jonathan Yellowhair: Present

Others present: Councilmember Shimoni; Andi Rogers and Carrie Eberly, SDR staff; Rebecca Sayers, Parks Recreation Open Spaces & Events Director (PROSE); Shannon Anderson, Deputy City Manager; Lucinda Yazzie, member of the public.

## 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. (Five minutes maximum per speaker)*

Staff Liaison, Rose Toehe, read the City Council approved Land Acknowledgement. The reading of Land Acknowledgement will be part of the Commission's protocol going forward.

## 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**None at this time.**

5. **GENERAL BUSINESS**

None at this time.

6. **DISCUSSION ITEMS/POSSIBLE VOTE**

A. **Alternate Response Model - Mobile Unit**

Flagstaff City Council approved the contract for an alternate response mobile unit with Terros Health, Inc. on October 5, 2021. This contract is for the van that will transport the Firefighter/Emergency Medical Technician and Behavioral Health Specialist as they conduct outreach efforts from 10am to 8pm upon initial implementation. The van will provide enough space for specialized equipment for a basic life safety response in addition to comfort items such as water and snacks, emergency clothing, toiletries, blankets, and cultural items like abalone shells, sage, and cedar and the ability to transport individuals as needed. City Council will discuss the cooperative purchase contract at the December 28th meeting. City staff will provide a presentation on developments around possible logos for the van based on color recommendations from the Indigenous Commission. Further input is needed from the Commission regarding this topic.

Deputy City Manager, Shannon Anderson, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Alternate Response Model. The City Council approved contract with Terros Health, Inc. also discussed. Deputy City Manager Anderson provided the following information to the Indigenous Commission (IC):

- Background information on the Alternate Response Model
- The mobile unit piece of the RFP moved forward and contract awarded to Terros Health, Inc.
- Great discussion on both topics of the model and mobile unit
- IC requested update on how the mobile unit staff will be provided the cultural sensitivity/cultural intelligence training. That piece is still in process and have several potential partners who may assist.
- The four colors are representative of many Indigenous nations in the area.
- IC commissioners were thankful for the update and the progress the City was making in this area.

Commissioner Yellowhair motioned to recommend the heart and four colors with horizontal transparent hands. No check mark. Commissioner Weathersby seconded. The vote passed. None opposed.

Commissioner Toya motioned to recommend the CARE acronym to be changed to Community Alliance Response Effort. Commissioner Phillips seconded. The vote passed. None opposed.

Deputy City Manager Anderson will provide feedback to the Alternate Response Team.

B. **Introduction of Southwest Decision Resources (SDR), Inc.**

SDR staff will share background through informational PPT on the services they are providing to the City of Flagstaff. Staff will conduct an external stakeholder interview with the Commission pertaining to the Thorpe Park Annex Parcel as part of public participation. Participate as fully and openly as possible regarding this important topic and process. The information you provide will be critically essential and will play an integral role in advising City leadership and City Council.

SDR staff shared an informative PowerPoint presentation the following:

- The Southwest Decision Resources (SDR) is the contracted consultant organization to provide public participation for the City of Flagstaff regarding the Thorpe Park Annex parcel located at 419 N. Mogollon Street.
- SDR provided introductions, tasks involved, and overall timeline of the public participation.
- The purpose of this meeting was to conduct an interview with the Commissioners.
- The Commission was able to get through 1.5 questions and will work to schedule another meeting in early February to complete the interview. Robust discussion on the questions: Getting to know you and what does Thorpe Park mean to you? What do you envision for this space - values and vision for the area?

Huge support for Indigenous Community Cultural Center as promoted and proposed by ICF via community town forums. Very important topic to the Commissioners.

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

None presented

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

Co-chair Washington adjourned the meeting at 7:17 PM.