



Meeting Minutes
Indiana Native American Indian Affairs Commission (INAIAC)

April 17, 2019

Eiteljorg Museum, 500 West Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

Voting Members Present: Chairman, Scott Brewer; Felica Ahasteen-Bryant; Dorene Red Cloud; Paul Strack; Sally Tuttle; Pete Magnant; John Adams; Kelly Flynn; Dr. Ken Folks, (DOE); Elizabeth Gamboa, (DNR); Anthony Jones, (DWD);

Voting Members Regrets: Antoniette Holt, (ISDH); David Liebel; (DOC), Sean Tierney, (CHE); One Native American Commissioner Vacancy

Non-Voting Members Regrets: Sen. Greg Walker - **Absent:** Rep. Dan Leonard

ICRC Administrative Staff: Director MeLissa J. Williams

Call to Order / Opening Remarks: Chairman, Scott Brewer called the meeting to order at 1:05pm.

Roll Call taken and a quorum was declared.

Swearing in Ceremony: New Commission member, John Adams and Commissioner Pete Magnant took the Oath of Office administered by Honorable Judge, Caroline Ryker

Invocation was given by Commissioner Adams

Minutes Approved

Motion: To approve minutes of the December 19, 2018 meeting as circulated

Motion By: Dorene Red Cloud

Seconded By: Felica Ahasteen-Bryant

Carried



Director's Report:

The Executive Director introduced intern, Alaina Bryant and gave a summary of activities between meetings along with a list of on-going projects. She then gave the financial report. During those discussions, Chairman Brewer named a finance sub-committee to include himself, and Commissioners Tuttle and Strack as members. The purpose of this committee is to ask questions regarding the investment of the funding.

Director's Report and Finance Report Approved

Motion: To approve the Director's Report

Motion By: Elizabeth Gamboa

Seconded By: Sally Tuttle

Carried

Continue Strategic Planning

Motion: Schedule a one-hour planning session to immediately follow the regular meeting at the Eiteljorg Museum on June 19, 2019

Motion By: Sally Tuttle

Seconded By: Dorene Red Cloud

Carried

Sub-Committee Reports

Education:

Commissioner Ahasteen-Bryant described the April 9th teleconference meeting and asked for action to be taken on three issues.

Motion: Extend the deadline for summer session scholarship applications to May 1st.

Motion By: Felica Ahasteen-Bryant

Seconded By: Dorene Red Cloud

Carried

Motion: Name the Teacher Grant as the INAIAC Michael Pace Educator Grant in Mr. Michael Pace's honor.

Motion By: Felica Ahasteen-Bryant

Seconded By: Sally Tuttle

Carried

Motion: The Commission will plan and host an event recognizing scholarship recipients and scholarship namesakes in November.

Motion By: Felica Ahasteen-Bryant

Seconded By: Dorene Red Cloud

Carried



Old Business:

Director Williams reported the importance of distributing a survey at the Listening Sessions and each Native American Indian event that she attends. Analyzing this survey will create a more accurate strategic plan on Native American Indian issues in Indiana.

Motion was made to accept this survey to be used at Native American Indian events and the Listening Sessions. The survey results will be utilized to present in the annual report.

Motion By: Sally

Seconded By Felica Ahasteen-Bryant

Carried

Director Williams reported that she would be speaking at the 46th Annual ICRC Human Rights Consortium on June 19th. Chairman Brewer stated that the June meeting will continue on June 19th at 1:00pm at the Eiteljorg Museum. Director Williams will come to the meeting after she has completed her presentation. Chairman Brewer stated that her Intern, Alaina Bryant could present her report.

Director Williams reported that poor attendance for the INAIAC Native American Indian Days at the Statehouse the last two years. She wanted to move it to the another location that can facilitate the program more efficiently. Chairman Brewer suggested that Director Williams find that location and report back to the Commission.

Director Williams reported about the Proclamation Day. On November 1, Director Williams would like to have the Governor Holcomb proclaim that Native American Indian Month. Simultaneously, Director Williams would like to have twenty city mayors proclaim November as Native American Month. At these proclamation ceremonies, she would like to have a Native American Indian receiving the actual proclamation from the twenty cities.

Civil Rights:

Sally Tuttle reported on April 15th teleconference discussion and circulated a draft copy of proposed bylaws changes to align them more closely with the Act.

Motion: Budget \$2,000 for advertising the first Listening Session to be held in Bloomington, and the second Listening Session in Kokomo, Indiana.

Motion By: Sally Tuttle

Seconded By: Motion By: Felica Ahasteen-Bryant

Carried

Health:

Commissioner Strack reported discussion from the April 16th teleconference. No motion was made.



New Business

Support Letter:

Miami Tribe of Oklahoma Chief Doug Lankford appealed to Commission Chair Brewer for a letter to Fort Wayne City Council renouncing the insensitive and historically inaccurate statements contained in City Council resolution R19-02-12 which proclaimed July 16th to be General 'Mad' Anthony Wayne Day. Chairman Brewer agreed to forward written comments to F W City Council.

Motion was made the director to draft a statement for the Fort Wayne City Council to rescind resolution R19-02-12 due to its historical inaccuracies.

Public Comments:

Kelly Tudor appealed to the Commission in partnering with the American Indian Movement Southern Indiana and Kentucky Chapter and the American Indian Center of Indiana. Mrs. Tudor wants to request the City of Indianapolis to change the Columbus Day to Indigenous Day. Chairman Brewer requested that Director Williams to research the procedures and processes with the Indiana Civil Rights Commission staff attorneys. Mrs. Tudor stated that she would send the verbiage that was used in the proclamation in Bloomington in 2018.

Adjournment

Motion: To Adjourn the meeting

Motion By: Paul Strack

Seconded By: Sally Tuttle

Carried 2:52 PM