

Commission on Indian Affairs

General Meeting

September 21, 2018

City of Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Area on Aging Conference Room

700 4th St. SW, Albuquerque, NM 87102

9:00 a.m.-10:15 a.m.

Attendance:

1. Ron Solimon, Chair
2. Lloyd Lee
3. Laurie Weahkee
4. Alan Armijo, Director of Constituent Services

1. Call to order at 9:02 a.m.
2. Approval of agenda
 - a. No changes and approved by commission
 - b. Ron asked Laurie or Lloyd to take charge of the next meeting since he will have knee replacement surgery on Monday Sept. 24, 2018 and will be healing from the procedure for a while
3. Approval of previous meeting minutes
 - a. Tabled
4. Agenda Items
 - a. Revise the city of Albuquerque Commission on Indian Affairs Ordinance
 - i. Ron asked Alan Armijo asked about the City Tribal Liaison position
 - ii. Alan gave an overview; the Mayor wants to move forward however discussion still on the structure of this position; the idea at this point is to have the position part time with 3 people instead of 1 individual.
 - iii. Alan will work with City Attorney to get the new ordinance written to include the subcommittees and the 9-member commission; once its written, the City Council President Ken Sanchez will sponsor it; Alan thinks a written new ordinance can be completed in two weeks.
 - iv. Laurie suggested with the new ordinance the Commission can be a resource hub for native organizations, etc. so groups can

go to once place; Alan said it can be done with the IT and not necessarily written into the new ordinance

- v. Ron and Lloyd stressed the City Tribal Liaison positions be a direct link to the Mayor and recognize the sovereignty of tribes and native nations and not necessarily be in one of the city offices/departments; Alan agrees and supports the direct connection to the Mayor
 - b. Expanding Resources III conference for Native American families with Gifted and Special Needs Children
 - i. Christine Becker gave an overview of her work and Sundance Educational Consulting's history
 - ii. She also talked about their 20th conference since 2013; the upcoming conference on October 22 & 23, 2018 at Isleta Resort & Casino; she was asking for any support or contribution; Ron and Laurie suggested individuals and organizations for her to contact; she also invited the commission to have a booth and to attend the conference
5. Meeting ended at 10:15 a.m.
6. Next meeting will be Friday October 19, 2018 from 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.