



Topic: Monthly Meeting

Date/Time: Wednesday, February 9, 2022, at 5:00 pm

Location: Zoom

Contact: Terry Sloan, Liaison

MEMBERS

**Dr. Lloyd Lee
Denise Zuni
Lorenzo Jim
Kim Benally
Kimberly Gleason
Jimmy Secatero**

**Rebecca Riley (Chair)
Kyle Tapaha (Co-Chair)
Thelma Antonio (Secretary)
Marissa Naranjo**

Minutes

1. Call to Order

a. Roll Call/Establish Quorum

The following members were absent: Jimmy Secatero (To’Hajiilee), Thelma (will be late, joined at 5:10), Lorenzo Jim (joined in at 6:00 p.m.). Seven commissioners present; three absent; and quorum is present.

b. Invocation by Commissioner Tapaha.

2. Approval of meeting agenda.

Discussion item added to 5 (d) Office of Equity and Inclusion webpage.

Motion to add a discussion item regarding the webpage and to approve the agenda was made by Denise Zuni; seconded by Marissa Naranjo; none opposed; motion passed.

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes for December 29, 20021

Motion to approve agenda was made by Dr. Lloyd Lee to approve the agenda; seconded by Kyle Tapaha; Kim Benally and Denise Zuni abstain; none opposed; 6 Yes, 2 abstain; motion passed.

4. New Business

No guest presenter

a) Presenters tentative list is on google docs folder.

- First Nations Health source will be asked to present at a future meeting.
- Invite people within the city who work with the homeless—the Gateway Center.
- Information updates on 4H Park.

b) No Public Comment

Remind other they can email or verbally present comments.

- c) Commission candidate recommendations
- Received two applications for the CAIANA membership for the Workforce/Employment sector.
 - Raven Begay is employed with the National Indian Youth Council with 11 years of experience with the organization.
 - Vanessa Bowen is self-employed with skills in media, graphic design, marketing, and experience in Art Board.

***Motion to recommend Raven Begay for the Workforce/Employment sector position was made by Commissioner Tapaha; seconded by Commissioner Gleason; none opposed; motion passed. Terry is directed to notify Raven Begay and to join next month's meeting.**

5. Commission Administrative Matters

- a. *CABQ Native American Affairs Liaison, Terry Sloan, CABQ Intergovernmental Tribal Liaison and Dawn Begay, Native American Affairs Coordinator* report updates.

Dawn

- 1) Helen Maestas has transitioned to the Director of Public Affairs. Daniel Manzano is Deputy Director and will oversee the commission.
- 2) February is Black history month. The City Office of African American has changed its name to *Black Community Engagement* which is also under OEI (Office of Equity and Inclusion). There is a 90-day non-violence pledge that anyone can sign.
- 3) Metropolitan rail-trail plan is a proposed seven-mile walking trail loop from the railyards to the Sawmill district, the Hispanic Cultural Center, the bosque area, to include the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center (IPCC) and historic land areas of the Albuquerque Indian School. It will also reflect minority business and contracting opportunities. There will be a public comment period for design and planning.
- 4) Christina Parajon of the Gateway Center was contacted. Data pertaining to Native Americans is overrepresented. A gap analysis should be conducted to see why Native Americans are not using the services. Cultural appropriate services need to be defined and search for funding.

Terry

- 1) Tribal consultation and outreach are planned for March with Apache, Pima, Zuni, and Hopi tribes.
- 2) Continue strategic planning session to gather tribal recommendations. Tribal representatives interested in participating are welcome to join.
- 3) An example of bylaws was sent to commission members.

Dawn

- 4) A date for a public presentation will not be set until tribal consultations have been conducted in gathering information but anticipating to schedule in March.
- 5) GPR (Ground Penetrating Radar) results will be presented to the tribes for review and will have to be mindful of the sensitivity regarding sharing with the public. A meeting will be set once the tribes have been fully consulted.

Commissioner Lee mentioned considering the name change of another office that CAIANA may consider changing the name of the commission and the Native American Affairs office in the future. Dawn will follow up on the protocol of a name change and process. The topic will be put on the agenda at the next month's meeting for discussion. Dawn informs the commission a formal report will be available on the process that the *Black Community Engagement* went through.

Commissioner Jim announced a grant was awarded for a pilot program with wrap around services for women.

b. Commission Sector Reports and Updates

i. **Government** – VACANT

ii. **Education** – Commissioner Lee

- Announces that the Institute for American Indian Education are accepting proposals for an upcoming Indigenous Education conference, "Defending Indigenous Education Sovereignty Putting Education Back in the Hands of the Community People" on April 28th and 29th from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. The deadline for proposals is March 7, 2022. Got to website for additional information.
- Albuquerque Public Schools Interim Director of Indian Education has not been replaced since Daisy Thompson retired. APS has not moved on this position. It is recommended that the commission may want to contact or draft a letter of inquiry to the Superintendent to follow through on a new representative.
- PBS is starting an Indigenous series next week on Tuesday night, see Facebook and YouTube page, Indigenius, an educational series by Dr. Lee Francis.

Dawn

- Focus on media campaign for the MMIW (Murdered and Mission Indigenous Women) & Girls provides the opportunity to develop a have a navigation system for reporting a missing persons, locating and informing advocates. Currently it is in the conceptual stage and meetings will take place with OEI and the Albuquerque Police Department. A gap analysis is planned to track Native Americans and women due to the high incidents and no connection to city services such as shelter and other related services. Topics to consider is who would do the research and identify funding for the study and other contacts.
- Meeting on February 16th regarding public information officers (PIO) to help understand the process and access to billboards.

Commissioner Tapaha gave a homelessness update. He contacted funding resources such as Albuquerque Community Foundation, Aspen Foundation, and James Novelle, Chief Seattle Club to discuss the barriers of funding to local organizations. James Novelle, Chief Seattle Club invited Commissioner Tapaha to visit the organization and operation of their programs. Other opportunities to visit other centers for collaboration would be Indian Centers in Seattle, Chicago Indian Center, and the Phoenix Indian Center to address Native American homelessness.

Partnering with PNM to highlight the Native American organizations and will add them to the list of presenters.

Commissioner Riley reported that a meeting with Vice a media reporting service requested an interview with her (the co-chair and secretary were also on the call) regarding a short 12-minute

documentary on the content and intent regarding the 4H Park, AIS burial site. They are in the process of gathering information and talking to people.

Commissioner Zuni spoke about the ERA (Emergency Relief Assistance) funds that can be used for lodging for homeless native people in Albuquerque. A non-profit could contact tribes that are not using ARP (American Response Plan) funding to use as a potential funding source. She will provide information.

Commissioner Tapaha will follow up and discuss with others the possibility of using that type of funding.

Culture – Commissioner Jim

- Navajo Housing Authority is providing vouchers for housing assistance and waiting for approval process. He would like to have a collaborative process meeting to learn more about the process and to use as an additional resource.
- Update about the Navajo Language program, targeting parents, prenatal, initial birthtime series of cultural storytelling in cradle boards.
- UNM Hospital Office of Spiritual Care and Education supports families and patients and recommends the director make a presentation at the April meeting. He had advocated for a full-time position in the past and is a needed position.
- April 16 – First Nation Wellness Program—Child Abuse month; a pow-wow is planned at the Berna Fascio Center. If it is confirmed, more planning will continue.

iii. **Health** – Commissioner Riley

No updates.

iv. **Workforce/Employment** – VACANT

v. **Environment**— Commissioner Naranjo

No updates.

c. Commission Member Recruitment and Application Updates:

- A vacancy still exists for the Governmental sector.

d. OEI Website discussion

Commissioner Zuni reported the following:

- Noticed the petroglyph statement was missing on the website.
- Recommends placing the link **Redhelp.org** be placed on the city website for the ERA money. She also asked about the possibility of Red.org flyers (advertisements) be put on buses where homeless people can see them.
- Reported that the department of the treasury has money available for Native American homeowners can apply for through the state and tribes.
- Include housing counseling link for people facing evictions.

Dawn

Responds to questions:

- Drew Ayotte is he office of Equity & Inclusion and is the public information officer--communications person.


- Ads on buses – would need to contact the transit system but wraps around buses are extremely expensive and not a simple process. Perhaps the ads on the inside of buses will be less expensive. Also, bus fares in the city are free for year 2022.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Zuni; seconded by Commissioner Jim; none opposed; adjournment at 6:42 p.m.

*Action Items

Next CAIANA Meeting: Wednesday, March 9, 2022 @ 5:00 PM – 7:30 PM

 2/10/22

Approved by Rebecca Riley, Commission Chair