#### CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE



### COMMISSION ON AMERICAN INDIAN AND ALASKA NATIVE AFFAIRS

**Topic: Monthly Meeting** 

Date/Time: Wednesday, January 19, 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: Denise Zuni (Isleta), Kim Benally, Lorenzo Jim, and Jimmy Secatero (To'Hajiilee).

**b. Invocation** by Commissioner Dr. Lloyd Lee.

#### 2. Approval of meeting agenda.

- a. No guest presenter; No public comment.
- b. Propose 2 times to add to the agenda:
  - Create subcommittee for memo report to the Mayor
  - Upcoming meeting presenters for calendar year, i.e. community organizations and programs
- c. Edits: Commissioner Lee is a representative of the Education sector; and Commissioner Benally is an At Large member.
- d. Set follow-up meeting date for determination of applications to Helen Maestas.
- e. Add Commissioner Kim Gleason: possible development of a subcommittee to propose a Performing Arts Center.

# 3. Approval of Meeting Minutes for December 29, 20021

Motion to approve agenda was made by Commissioner Lee; seconded by Commissioner Tapaha; Commissioner Antonio abstains; quorum is lost, and approval for minutes will be presented at next month's meeting.

## 4. New Business

a) Commission Nomination/Vote for Co-Chair:

Commissioners nominated are Dr. Lloyd Lee, and Kyle Tapaha. Kyle Tapaha received the majority of votes (5 of 6 votes). Kyle Tapaha is named the Co-Chair of the Commission.

b) Commissioner Chair Riley proposes to create a subcommittee for preparing a report to the Mayor regarding update on 2021 activities.

\*Motion to create a subcommittee to prepare the Mayor Report was made by Commissioner Chair Riley; seconded by Commissioner Lee; none opposed; motion approved.

Members are Commissioners Chair Riley, Antonio, Tapaha, and Naranjo. Other members are encouraged to join the subcommittee.

# c) Meeting Presenter's List

About half of the presenters scheduled in 2021 gave a presentation. AIO-Americans for Indian Opportunity; NAVA-Native American Voter's Alliance; NIYC-National Indian Youth Council; Eight Northern Pueblos; APCG-All Pueblo Council of Governors were organizations that provided presentations. Other organizations to consider for the new calendar year are:

- o Indian Health Service
- o Pueblo Action Alliance
- Interview with Mike Canfield on economic development—business complex at the Pueblo Cultural Center/BIA site
- o Dr. Stone from UNM Hospital
- o First Nations Update
- o American Budget & Policy Institute
- o Professor Ted Jojola regarding Digital Archive & Data website

#### **5.** Commission Administrative Matters

a. CABQ Native American Affairs Liaison, **Terry Sloan**, CABQ Intergovernmental Tribal Liaison

Update on the Albuquerque Indian School burial site:

- $\circ$  Tribal consultation is scheduled for January 28<sup>th</sup> from 1 4 p.m.
- Next community strategy session is scheduled for February 11th & 12<sup>th</sup>, planned to be in person but maybe switched to virtual.
- o A stipend will be offered, if in-person.
- o A townhall meeting was suggested.
- Increase the media and outreach through public services announcements and radio.

## CAIANA Bylaws:

Terry contacted Helen Maestas regarding an example of bylaws. She suggested to create a subcommittee to work on it independently, and to refer to an assigned city attorney.

Commission members are welcome to join the tribal consultation session. Some tribes are responding. The February 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> is an invitation only strategy meeting for key members; this would be a closed session. Invitations will be sent. GPR-ground penetrating radar presentation will be given and update on the listening sessions. A time line will be shown. Under consideration is where should the information be housed? Creating a documentary is a possibility, and a search for organizations will be considered, plus possibly GOTV.

Commissioner Tapaha suggest Tim Harjo who is searching for individuals to do filming and podcast programming. It would then be designated through a city ordinance that it will be housed to be part of the city history.

Neighborhood associations are also key to obtaining community buy-in. A session for neighborhood associations will be considered. A risk assessment can explore the risks. What will it look like in 50 years? A report from the boarding school initiative will be provided.

### b. Open discussion – sectors:

- Dr. Lee, Education sector: an upcoming conference is planned for the UNM and the Institute for American Indian Education. Modules for school, districts, school boards, training sessions in anti-racism and language will be offered.
- Terry suggested that if this could be provided to the state and city government.
   OEI-Office of Equity and Inclusion is working on a Culture of Change initiative, including tribal sovereignty as a form of educating city offices and employees.
- Commissioner Tapaha is involved in the Ambassador program which provides a Native 101 training course for cadets.
- Terry experiences the challenges when there is lack of policy when dealing with Native people. Who is contacted when a Native person gets into trouble with law enforcement? Procedures and polices need to be developed when incidents arise.
- Commissioner Chair Riley reports a launch for requesting free COVID-19 testing kits is now available. A form must be filled out for four free test per family.
- Requests for community members to join HB287 Task Force for public education gap analysis. There is a search for key individuals for membership in social work, community school, school nurses, tribal or tribal college representatives. There is also a search for family caregiver advocates.
- Requests to the city for a number of families having problems finding higher quality of masks such as the N95 and KN95.
- Commissioner Gleason promotes a new subcommittee to support the construction of a Performing Arts space. She is the owner of Two Worlds established in 2006 and became a non-profit in 2009. A documentary about creating a performance space for Indigenous community is planned to be completed by 2023. It will highlight the original people involved, including a student and other organizations. It is a low budget film but will employ and involve all levels in film making. She proposes to create a subcommittee within the commission; the goal is to raise \$10 million for a performance art space, training, technical, and film making through an Indigenous lens. An official release will be to the public. The purpose of the subcommittee is to help develop Native American Performing Arts place in 2023 and to search for funding.

\*Motion to create a subcommittee to promote a Native American Performing Arts place was made by Commissioner Chair Riley; seconded by Commissioner Antonio; none opposed; motion approved.

- Commissioner Tapaha announced he is working on community building by collecting organization's goals to present to the commission such as objectives, resources, and risks. He is involved with homeless issues, outside councils, and working to apply these through an Indigenous lens and create connections.
- c. Commission Member Recruitment and Application Updates:
   A follow-up date will be set with the subcommittee: Commissioners Chair Riley; Tapaha;
   Lee, and Gleason will meet on Thursday at 4:30.

## Commission Sector Reports and Updates

- i. **Government** VACANT
- ii. Education Commissioner Lee (Repeated from open discussion in 5b)
  Dr. Lee, Education sector: an upcoming conference is planned for the UNM and the Institute for American Indian Education. Modules for school, districts, school boards, training sessions in anti-racism and language will be offered.
- iii. **Culture** Commissioner Jim No updates
- iv. **Health** Commissioner Riley

Approved by Rebecca Riley, Commissioner Chair

Announces Eight Northern Pueblos is conducting a Circle of Life project. Phones will be handed out to the homeless. There are barriers when people have no way of contacting resources, assistance, or when there is an emergency.

- v. Workforce/Employment VACANT
- vi. **Environment** Commissioner Naranjo

The State is conducting a 50-year water plan and is including tribal input. Phase 1 is scoping, impacts of climate change, and the strategies needed to address needs and concerns. Laurie Weahke has been contracted to facilitate and develop a task force. A support letter maybe requested. Tribal comments were gathered.

## 6. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Tapaha; seconded by Commissioner Gleason; none opposed; adjournment at 7:31 p.m.

\*Action Items

Next CAIANA Meeting: Wednesday, February 9, 2022 @ 5:00 PM - 7:30 PM

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