

# **DULUTH AMERICAN INDIAN COMMISSION**

## **SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

**Monday, October, 21, 2013**

**Present:** Terry Goodsky, Tina Olson, Babette Sandman, Carol DeVerney,

**Absent:** Ricky DeFoe, Jaron Smallwood

**Staff:** Char McLennan, Michael Palermo, Chris Belden

### **1. Call to Order and Introductions**

- Sandman called the meeting to order at 5:22 PM.
- Introductions were made.

### **2. Approval of Agenda and the July 24, 2013 Meeting Minutes**

- Sandman made a motion to approve the Agenda. DeVerney seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.
- Olsen made a motion to approve the July 24, 2013 meeting minutes. Goodsky seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

### **3. Updates**

A. Police- No update

B. Staff Report- Belden gave a presentation to the committee about the CDBG application process.

### **4. Public Comment**

- A.** Renee VanNett thanked the Commission for their proposal to the American Indian Community Housing Organization (AICHO). She then went on to discuss the formation of a new organization called the Native Alliance Duluth. The organization is based on the Ring Model and will conduct native programming and elders panels. Ms. VanNett asked to provide regular updates to the Commission and be put on the agenda regularly. The organization is still in the beginning phases and is currently assembling a board, looking at logos, and deciding what programs to run. Tony Hernandez spoke in support of the Native Alliance Duluth and discussed how the group has done an excellent job at outreach to various at risk communities. Sandman motioned to support the Native Alliance Duluth and to have the Native Alliance Duluth be put on the Indigenous Commission's monthly agenda under Old Business. Goodsky seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**B.** Chet Welch introduced himself. He works with the state of Minnesota's American Indian Advisory Council. Mr. Welch attended the latest meeting up in Red Lake and had concerns about changes that the Department of Human Services (DHS) is proposing. DHS is proposing changes to the evaluation process for mental health and chemical dependency. It will require reservations to change their current practices. Mr. Welch explained that the federal government will be paying for each reservation to have a detox center but he is skeptical that the reservation will ever see that money. DeVerney explained that persons with drug addiction often times have mental health issues may also suffer from mental trauma and need comprehensive treatments. Sandman motioned to have Mr. Welch update the committee about the assessment changes that may affect the indigenous population. DeVerney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## **5. New Business**

**A.** Sandman motioned to draft a resolution regarding AICHO being required to report to the Duluth Indigenous Commission in order to be eligible for CDBG Funds. Devinery Seconded the motion. Discussion about AICHO and various events at the facility occurred. There was discussion about the removal of a staff that was present to the facility. Olsen talked about her positive experience as a volunteer at AICHO. No vote was taken and the motion was withdrawn.

## **6. Old Business**

**A.** Ethnographic Study Application Study Update- Palermo explained that the grant application has been submitted to the Minnesota State Historic Preservation Office and we await the decision.

**B.** Ethnographic Study Update- None

**C.** Bylaws Update- Meeting will take place among the executive board and council members to discuss the proposed bylaws.

**D.** Feast and Forum Update- Goodsky updated the Commission on the Feast and Forum planning. Goodsky plans to approach Tony \_\_\_ at legal Aid and reapply for a Duluth Superior Area Community Foundation grant. The same grant was used to fund last year's Feast and Forum event. Goodsky has been in talks with Amy Norris about getting info on the amount of people at the event and inviting the Mayor and City Council.

**E.** Spirit Mountain Update- None

## **7. Anouncements**

### Pow Wows:

- AICHO and Washington Center- 1-9 PM Nov 2
- Myers Wilkens Pow Wow- Little Steps of the Future 4-7:30PM Nov 14
- Fon du Lac Ojibwe School 5-7PM October 25

- Fon du Lac Fitness Center- Fall Fest Thursday October 24

**8. Next Meeting**

- The next meeting will be Monday, November 18, 2013.
- **Adjournment:** Motion by Terry Goodsky; seconded by Carol Deverny to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 PM.