

## DULUTH INDIGENOUS COMMISSION

Monday, January 23, 2017

City Hall, Room 303

**Present:** Kassie Helgerson, Babette Sandman, Carol DeVerney, Victor St. George,  
Donna Newgren-Isaacson, Tina Olson, Hannah Smith, Mary Owen, Larry Heady

**Absent:** Amber Lightfeather

**Staff:** Adam Fulton, Suzanne Kelley, Steven Robertson, Jessie Peterson

*Note: Per the request of the DIC members two Ojibwe language words are used in the meeting minutes – bezhig (“one”) indicates who made the motion and niizho (“two”) indicates who seconded the motion.*

### 1. Call to Order, Introduction

- Sandman called the meeting to order at 5:49 pm. Introductions were made.

### 2. Approval of meeting minutes

- Smith bezhig/ Helgerson niizho to approve the November 21, 2016. **Motion passed 9:0**

### 3. Public Comment/Actions

- Approximately 50 people in attendance, expressing support for City Council’s Declaration of Support for Standing Rock that was initiated by the Duluth Indigenous Commission. The majority of the audience went to speak at City Council at their 7 pm meeting.
- DeVerney read a letter from the American Psychoanalysis for Social Responsibility relating it to Standing Rock.

### 4. New Business

- Welcome New Members- new members Mary and Larry were welcomed.
- February Meeting Date- consensus was to meet on February 27, 2017 due to the holiday on February 20.
- Standing Rock Resolution update- Helgerson updated the Commission and explained to the public how the Declaration of Support for Standing Rock was delivered to a Water Protector at the site. The Resolution was read out loud.
- Public Arts Commission list- continued to February’s meeting.
- 2017 Work Plan Draft- 2016 work plan was handed out; the 2017 plan will be developed to focus on 2017 projects.

### 5. Old Business

- All items continued to the February 27, 2017 meeting.

### 6. Adjournment:

Helgerson bezhig/Sandman niizho to adjourn meeting. **Motion passed 9:0.**  
The meeting adjourned at 6:36 pm.

### 7. Next Meeting:

Next meeting is February 17, 2017 at 5:30 PM.