

DULUTH INDIGENOUS COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

Monday, July 21, 2014

Present: Ricky DeFoe, Carol DeVerney, Tina Olson, Terry Goodsky

Absent: Babette Sandman, Jaron Smallwood

Staff: Suzanne Kelley

1. Call to Order, Introductions and Minutes

DeFoe called the meeting to order at 5:38 PM.

Introductions were made. A quorum was present.

Olson made a motion to approve the June 16, 2014 minutes; the motion was seconded by DeVerney. The motion passed.

2. Updates

A. Native Alliance –None

B. Police Update – The Indigenous Commission discussed developing a letter explaining to the Police Department their concerns about the hiring process and that having one person representing the community is not sufficient; there are many different views point in the community, therefore there should be more than one person on the hiring committee representing their views.

C. Staff Updates- The Commission is interested in the distribution of CDBG funds. Staff will prepare a spreadsheet showing the 2013 funding allocation.

3. Public Comment

- There was no public comment.

4. Old Business

A. Ethnographic Study – The contract was awarded. The Commission would like to know more about the benchmarks in the contract. Staff will provide additional information.

B. Needs Assessment- Jim Armell from UMD provided an update. The project is in process and moving forward. There will be a brainstorming session on August 7 at 5:30 for the October 10 presentation.

C. Feast and Forum- The Feast and Forum is schedule for August 27, from 6 to 8pm at Trepanier Hall. Staff was asked to send invites to the Mayor, City Council, Police Department, and other officials.

D. Sprit Mountain-The Commission talked about inviting the Executive Director of Sprit Mountain.

- DeFoe stressed the continued need for a representative to help protect the site.

5. Next Meeting: In Lieu of the Feast and Forum on August 27, the next scheduled meeting may be in September.

Olsen Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:02 PM, DeVerney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.