

# **DULUTH AMERICAN INDIAN COMMISSION**

## **MEETING MINUTES**

**Monday, April 15, 2013**

**Present:** Ricky DeFoe, Babette Sandman, Terry Goodsky, Carol DeVerney, Tobias Shotley, Jaron Smallwood

**Absent:** Terry Smith, Tina Olson

**Staff:** Char McLennan, Suzanne Kelley

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

- Co-Chair Defoe called the meeting to order at 5:27 PM.
- Introductions were made.

### **2. Approval of Agenda and March 18, 2013 Meeting Minutes**

- Motion by Shotley, seconded by Goodsky to amend the agenda so that Public Comment would be the Item #3. Motion passed; unanimous.
- Motion by Sandman; seconded by Goodsky to approve the March 18, 2013 Meeting Minutes. Motion passed; unanimous.

### **3. Public Comment**

- Martha Coltvet from Lakeside Presbyterian Church expressed concerns about the situation at AICHO between staff and residents. She also stated that she had mailed a \$100 gift card donation to AICHO, which staff reported as never received. It was noted that it may have been lost in the mail.
- A former AICHO employee expressed concern that he and others were being denied access to the Gimaajii building.
- A resident of Gimaajii expressed concern regarding the lack of assistance by AICHO staff to help residents with reunification efforts. She further commented about the lack of assistance in general from case managers at Gimaajii.
- Co-Chair Defoe informed Commission members that he had met with AICHO's Board Chair, John Day to schedule a meeting between DAIC members and AICHO Board members and staff. Defoe stated that John Day originally agreed to a meeting, but later declined to have them meet.
- Co-Chair Defoe read a letter from Michelle LeBeau, dated April 15, 2013 (attached), which stated that AICHO personnel would no longer be attending monthly DAIC meetings.
- Co-Chair Defoe and the other Commission members discussed next steps and talked about the importance of AICHO to the community.

- Reyna Crowe, of Idle No More informed Commission members of an upcoming meeting to discuss current events in the Native American community. The meeting is scheduled for Sat., May 18, 2013 at 6:00 pm, at the old Boys and Girls Club on 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. West in Lincoln Park.

#### **4. Speakers**

- A. Lt. Wright of the Duluth Police Dept. introduced herself to the new Commission members. She talked about the training going on now for new officers. Commission members asked if she had new information regarding the Joupri case. She replied that the Police Department has distanced itself from Joupri and has no involvement or knowledge of the case beyond what is reported in the paper. Commission members also asked Lt. Wright about juveniles being ticketed at the Holiday Center. She stated that she had no knowledge of this, but would look into it.
- B. Renee VanNet—President of the Citizens Review Board reported to Commission members that the Review Board has been working with the Police Department, and recently participated with police officers in training about racial profiling.

#### **5. New Business**

- A. Feast and Forum- Commission members will need to think about, and begin planning for this event.

#### **6. Old Business**

- A. Bylaws-continuation of the public comment period.
- B. Ojibwa Sign Project- Smallwood will be working on this project.
- C. Spirit Mountain Update- Staff will invite someone from the Spirit Mountain Authority to talk at the next meeting.
- D. Ethnographic Study Update- There will be a meeting April 27 at 1 pm at Gimajii to give an update on the progress. Information regarding the study was handed out.
- E. Ogichidaa Update- Smallwood will be working on this project.

#### **7. Announcements, Upcoming Events, and Comments from Commission**

- A Pow Wow is scheduled at Bayfield High School on April 19, 2013.

#### **8. Next Meeting**

- The next meeting will be Monday, May 20, 2013.
- **Adjournment:** Motion by Sandman; seconded by Ricky to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 PM. Motion passed; unanimous.