**Meeting Minutes**

**Indiana Native American Indian Affairs Commission (INAIAC)**

Wednesday, April 18, 2018

1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Lilly Room- Eiteljorg Museum

500 West Washington Street

Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

**Voting Members Present**

Sally Tuttle, Erin Oliver, Tracy Locke, Shannon Turner, Paul Strack, Nathan Underwood, Dave Liebel, Elizabeth Gamboa, Sean Tierney, and Peter Magnant (via phone).

**Voting Members Not Present**

Shane Springer, Allison Taylor-Maternity Leave, Patrick McAlister

**Non-voting Members**

Senator Greg Walker (not present)

Representative Dan Leonard (not present)

**Staff Present**

Greg Wilson, Executive Director of the Indiana Civil Rights Commission

Lesley Gordon, Deputy Director of External Affairs, ICRC

MeLissa Williams, Director, INAIAC

**Invocation**

An invocation was provided by Commissioner Magnant.

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 1:08 pm by Chairperson Tuttle. A roll call occurred which resulted in seven voting members and no non-voting member being present at the start of the meeting. As a result, the meeting did not establish a quorum. Three additional members arrived after the meeting was called to order which resulted in a quorum.

**Introduction of New Director**

MeLissa J. Williams was introduced as the new Director of the Indiana Native American Indian Affairs Commission.

**New Director’s Report, Melissa J. Williams**

Director Williams introduced herself and briefly discussed her desire for the INAIAC to build a stronger foundation to connect with our Native American Indian population in Indiana.

**Approve February 21, 2018 Minutes**

Commissioner Strack moved to approve the minutes with corrections. Commissioner Oliver seconded the motion. All commissioners were in favor of approving the minutes.

**Financial Report**

The financial report was presented to the commission for approval. Commissioner Libel moved to approve the report. Commissioner Strack seconded motion. All commissioners were in favor of approving the report.

**Fair Housing Presentation**

In honor of the 50th Anniversary of the Federal Housing Act, Deputy Director Gordon provided an ICRC overview on Fair Housing Laws and the related complaint process.

**Old Business**

***Banners/Table Cloths***

Director Williams requested permission to purchase banners and/or table clothes for public events. Commission Strack made a motion allowing Director Williams to purchase one of each. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gamboa. The motion passed unanimously. Director Williams requested that commissioner send thoughts on a design be sent directly to her.

***American Indian Center--Memorandum of Understanding***

Commissioner Turner made a motion which would direct INAIC to directly manage the commission scholarships. Commissioner Underwood seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. The memorandum of understanding with the American Indian Center will not be renewed.

***Scholarships***

Due to a limited number of applications, Commissioner Oliver motioned to extend the deadline for summer scholarships to May 15, 2018. Commissioner Turned seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

***Teacher Grants***

Teacher grants were discussed. Commissioner Locke made a motion to allow a rolling deadline with a 60 day notice for teacher grant applications. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Turner and passed unanimously. Each grant will be $250.00 for a total of 10 total to be given.

***Subcommittee Updates***

Health-Commissioner Strack reported that the subcommittee had connected with the Indiana Minority Health Coalition. A representative from the Indiana Minority Health Coalition, Inc. was present to discuss how they can assist in exploring Indian Health Services, feasibility studies, and coordination of currently available services. It was reported that they currently work with the American Indian Center of Indiana. It was determined that the health subcommittee should continue to work with the Indiana Minority Health Coalition, Inc. to further study what partnerships may be feasible.

Housing- Chairperson Sally Tuttle reported that the subcommittee was focusing their time on Section 184 and Fair Housing.

Education-Committee Chair Locke reported that the subcommittee has been working on scholarships, teacher grants, and are currently drafting a letter to the Indiana Superintendent of Public Instruction regarding historically inaccurate reenactments and events.

Videos and flash drives of teacher materials have been discussed in prior meetings. It was decided that blank flash drives with the INAIC logo would be distributed to the public. However, Commissioner Turner motioned and Commissioner Tierney seconded the purchase of videos should wait until the website is overhauled. The commission voted unanimously to table the purchase of videos.

**New Business**

Commissioner Turner proposed a cloud based system to coordinate collaboration among the commission. She suggested that this would allow for better and more real time communication about commission efforts. Director Williams is exploring what options are available.

**Adjournment:**

As there was no other business to come before the commission, the meeting was adjourned by a motion introduced by Commissioner Strack and seconded by Commissioner Gamboa.