

Agenda

Indigenous Advisory Council

Friday, December 12, 2025

12:30 PM PST – 2:30 PM PST

In-Person Meeting Location: Seattle City Hall 600 4th Ave, Seattle, WA 98104

Room 370; [Instructions for visiting Seattle City Hall \(bus access, parking, & building access\)](#)

Remote Meeting Location: Microsoft Teams

Members Present

Councilmember Donny Stevenson, Councilmember Jay Mills, Tia Yazzie, Derrick Belegarde, Jaci McCormack, and Suzanne Sailto

Members Excused

Councilmember Jermey Takala and Esther Lucero

Meeting Guests

Francesca Murnan, Office of Intergovernmental Relations; Neely Evanoff, Seattle Women's Commission; Dylan Ordonez and Leo Flor, FIFA Seattle Local Organizing Committee; Seattle City Councilmember Dan Strauss

Items

Number	Topic	Time
1	Welcome and Opening Blessing	5 min
2	Approval of the Agenda (December) <ul style="list-style-type: none">Agenda approved Approval of the Minutes (November) <ul style="list-style-type: none">November Indigenous Advisory Council meeting minutes approved.	5 min
3	Seattle Women's Commission <ul style="list-style-type: none">Neely Evanoff, co-chair of the Seattle Women's Commission, expressed interest in opportunities to collaborate with the IAC, specifically around work plan items related to Missing and Murdered Indigenous People.Members offered that organizations like Chief Seattle Club and Mother Nations could be potential resources.Members noted that the Suquamish Tribe recently acquired Kitsap OBGYN clinics to expand services to Indigenous women in the area.	15 min
4	Final Discussion and Possible Adoption of 2026 Work Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none">2026 Work Plan approved	20 min
5	Old Business <ul style="list-style-type: none">City Budget<ul style="list-style-type: none">Seattle Councilmember Dan Strauss joined IAC members to discuss the recently passed City budget. He noted that the	10 min

April forecast was poor and the October forecast was somewhat better, but there is still a lot of economic uncertainty.

- He shared that while the previous budget didn't fully fund the Thunderbird Treatment Facility due to lack of revenue, the recently approved budget will fund the delta to complete the facility as well as additional funding for some treatment services.
- Strauss indicated that he will work with the Tribal Relations Director to have more reporting about how recommendations from the Tribal Relations Summit are being implemented. He noted that this work is setting a positive example for the rest of the nation and is long overdue.
- Strauss noted that July 5 is the deadline for submitting funding requests and encouraged the IAC to work with staff at the Department of Neighborhoods to ensure that their priorities are included in the Mayor's proposed budget.
- Human Services Department (HSD) Invoicing
 - Members expressed frustration that HSD changed their invoicing payment policy mid-contract without informing organizations. Staff will see if they can get the exact policy language from HSD.

6	FIFA World Cup Local Organizing Committee (LOC)	35 min
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- Dylan Ordonez and Leo Flor, with the FIFA Seattle Local Organizing Committee, provided a brief overview of their role and explained that the Local Organizing Committee is not formally part of FIFA, but is a nonprofit that coordinates activities outside the stadium with the goal of producing a lasting benefit for local communities and small businesses.
- Their work is guided by six legacy pillars: (1) accessibility, (2) human rights, (3) sustainability, (4) children, (5) community, and (6) culture.
- The events are estimated to bring 750 million visitors to the Seattle area and generate more than \$900 million in revenue from June 15 to July 9. The committee wants to ensure that this money will be distributed broadly across Seattle's communities and leverage the national and international attention created by the games.
- They estimate the people will stay an average of about a week and not all visitors will have tickets to the matches. The LOC wants to avoid what happened during the recent Major League Baseball event where local businesses prepared for an influx of visitors who never came and ended up losing money.
- On June 19, team USA will be playing in Seattle and will be an opportunity to celebrate Juneteenth.
- They are conducting Tribal outreach across the state and the Puyallup Tribe of Indians is a Presenting Legacy Partner. They're also partnering with local Tribal elementary schools to build new soccer fields to support future generations of soccer players.

- Members expressed concern about increased fan violence, which disproportionately impacts Indigenous communities. They suggest that SPD reach out to Tribal Officers who could offer additional security support. Chief Seattle Club might also be able to provide assistance with this effort and could draft a cost estimate for their work.
- Dylan and Leo acknowledge that human trafficking is a significant concern for the LOC and they're working to provide training for 2,500 people to identify harmful situations and work to mitigate them.
- The LOC is also working with the Attorney General's Office and Tribal Nations to develop an Indigenous-led awareness campaign in coordination with other events on MMIP Awareness Day, May 5, 2026.
- There will be multiple events and opportunities for people to be part of the World Cup celebrations.
- The LOC is developing an app that will encourage people to visit additional neighborhoods and businesses around the 'Unity Loop' around downtown Seattle, including the waterfront and Seattle Center. The app will include games and prizes, including very limited World Cup tickets.
- The app will include information about the Lushootseed language, cultural locations and Native-owned businesses.
- Members acknowledged Councilmember Mills as an excellent chef who makes the best smoked salmon. They encouraged opportunities to highlight Native food and perhaps hosting a shared clambake.
- [Rise Above](#) was noted as potential collaborator based on their outstanding work empowering Native youth, who deserve to be more visible during these events.
- Members also noted that 2026 also marks the 250th anniversary of the US Constitution, which is also an opportunity to honor Indigenous liberty.

7	Member Announcements	Up to 5 min
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hummingbird Family Center's annual holiday party is this Saturday, December 13.	
8	Hybrid Public Comment	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• There were no public comments	
9	Closing & Next Steps	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Eddie Sherman has been appointed to IAC position 8.• Kolbi Monasmith has accepted the IAC liaison position and will start mid-January 2026.• December IAC meeting agenda items may include:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Department of Education and Early Learning – Families, Education, Preschool, and Promise 2025 Levy Implementation Planning	
