



Minutes

Indigenous Advisory Council

Friday, August 26, 2022

1:30 PM PST – 3:00 PM PST

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

L280 – Boards and Commission Room, Seattle City Hall

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

Remote Meeting Location:

Join from the meeting link

Join by phone

Members Present: Councilmember Jay Mills, Councilmember Jeremy Takala, Councilmember Suzanne Sailto, Esther Lucero, Asia Tail, and Jaci McCormack

Members Excused: Vice Chairman Donny Stevenson, Cece Hoffman, & Derrick Belgarde

City of Seattle Staff Present: Francesca Murnan (Department of Neighborhoods)

Notes shown below are summaries of statements provided. They are not transcriptions and have been shortened and edited to include the major points raised.

Items

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| 1 | Welcome and Opening Blessing <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcoming and blessing by Councilmember Mills | |
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| 2 | Approval of the Agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Approved with no changes | |
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| 3 | Member Introductions <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Name, pronouns, what is one of your community or personal values that you will bring to your work on the IAC? | 15 min |
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| 4 | Administrative Tasks
Required boards and commission trainings <ul style="list-style-type: none">• If you have not completed the series, please complete ASAP. City Clerk’s Office tracks completion data quarterly. Member compensation forms <ul style="list-style-type: none">• If you have not emailed your signed MOA and W9 to staff liaison, please complete by October meeting or follow-up with questions/concerns.• Compensation forms are setup to compensate you as an individual, but there may be flexibilities to compensate your affiliated organization or tribe depending on your protocol with your organization or tribe for engagement in the IAC. Member travel reimbursement and invoicing <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Invoice period is August-October 2022.• Please track your mileage and related parking and travel expenses (including receipts) to submit by October 31, 2022. Open Public Meetings Act (OPMA) memo – Hybrid meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Please review the memo to learn about recent state updates to the OPMA, including options on in-person public comment options and hybrid meetings.• For the time being, the IAC will host meetings at Seattle City Hall in a hybrid format with in-person public comment. Records retention process | 15 min |
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- Please add staff liaison (francesca.murnan@seattle.gov) to IAC related emails for proper retention of public records.

5 Roles and Responsibilities

10 min

Recap of [Ordinance 126512](#) - Legislative goals & duties

- Please see PPT slides for recap of the context and background for the formation of the IAC, including legislative goals and duties as well as other common roles of boards and commissions.
- Questions to consider:
 - Given the goals and duties outlined in legislation, what are some next steps for setting up the IAC for success and sustainability?
 - What do you want to prioritize in the next couple of meetings?
 - What do you need from the City to support this work?

6 Formation Tasks

30 min

Bylaws – Review and discussion:

Procedural practices & decision-making process

- Formality of procedures and decision-making has pros & cons and can be changed over time
- **Next steps** - Add language to draft bylaw to capture: Interest in consensus-based decision-making models with mechanisms like deadlines and majority vote if decisions are needed to move work forward; rotating facilitation by members; roundtable format to increase inclusiveness and collective accountability to the group; conflict resolution mechanism like peacekeeping circle; additional information on member resignation options
- **Next Steps** - Research option of member alternates

Meeting frequency, length, location, format

- Next several months will be key to setting up the IAC for success and sustainability
- Monthly 1.5-2hrs per meeting preference
- Hybrid meeting formats are ideal with a goal of 1-2 in-person meetings annually
- Open to having committee meetings in community partner locations - for example, youth committee meeting in Native youth spaces
- **Next steps** – set September date; Identify reoccurring timeframe for meeting

Other formation tasks to consider:

Group values

- Summary of values shared in member introductions:
 - Humor; Productivity; Seafood!; Collective responsibility; Respect for each person holding their rightful place in the circle; Gadugi: Working Together; Cherokee word for loving so hard you wrestle; Generational leadership; Creativity; Integrity; Passion for uplifting community; Commitment to youth; Dependability; Gratitude

Strategic priorities

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- Interest in setting priorities after learning more about City structure, landscape assessment of potential areas of IAC advisement, and initial summary of community interests

Workplan timeline and process

- Ideal to align workplan with City budget cycle; Goal to keep workplan goals grounded in community needs; Opportunity for collective advocacy
- Other comments: Opportunity to define what accountability to Indigenous communities looks like; Opportunity to address the divestment of trust and treaty obligations from local and state governments back into tribes and tribal systems; Opportunity to amplify existing tribal and urban Native initiatives and projects with advisory capacity of the IAC

Member requests for September meeting

- **Next Steps -**
 - Overview of the City of Seattle structure and important timelines (i.e. budget cycles, legislative process, department organizational chart)
 - Overview of City of Seattle requests for IAC engagement (i.e. list of projects, focus areas, partners, and expected timelines that have already been identified or sought IAC engagement)
 - Summary of initial community interest areas

7 **In-Person Public Comment**

- No participants for public comment

8 **Closing**

5 min

Member Action Needed

- ***Fill out Doodle Poll for September meeting***
 - ***Fill out Microsoft Form for reoccurring meeting time***
 - ***Complete required City of Seattle trainings***
 - ***Return signed MOA and W9***
 - ***Email any remaining feedback on draft bylaws***
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