



# Minutes

## **Indigenous Advisory Council**

Monday, April 10

02:00 PM PST – 4:00 PM PST

**In-Person Meeting Location:** Seattle City Hall 600 4<sup>th</sup> Ave, Seattle, WA 98104  
L280 – Boards and Commission Room, Seattle City Hall

**Remote Meeting Location:** WebEx



**Members Present:** Vice Chair Donny Stevenson, Councilmember Jeremy Takala, Esther Lucero, Derrick Belgarde, Asia Tail, and Jaci McCormack

**Members Excused:** Councilmember Jay Mills, Cece Hoffman, Councilmember Suzanne Sailto

**Guests:** Sara Cubillos, Office of Sustainability and Environment; Matt Echohawk-Hayashi, Headwater People Consulting

## Items

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**1 Welcome and Opening Blessing**

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**2 Approval of the Agenda**

- Approved without changes.

**Approval of the Minutes**

- Approved without changes.

**Amendment to Bylaws – re-occurring meeting time**

- Approved without changes.
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**3 Green New Deal Overview & Discussion**

- Sara Cubillos presented an overview of the City of Seattle’s Green New Deal (GND). In 2019, the Seattle City Council and Mayor’s Office approved three policies that govern the City of Seattle’s Green New Deal. Together, these policies direct all City departments to work together with the Green New Deal Oversight Board (GNDOB), the Environmental Justice Committee, and other partners to advance shared goals for a climate pollution-free city that creates jobs through an equitable transition to renewable energy. The Green New Deal prioritizes investments in communities historically most harmed by economic, racial, and environmental injustices.
  - The [City of Seattle 2023-2024 budget](#) adds \$3.7 million JumpStart Payroll Expense Tax Fund (2023) and endorses \$2.5 million JumpStart Payroll Expense Tax Fund (2024) to the Office of Sustainability and Environment (OSE) for Indigenous-led sustainability projects. Council Budget Action: [CBA-OSE-007-B-001-2023](#) calls for OSE to consult with the [Green New Deal Oversight Board](#) and the Indigenous Advisory Council to determine how these funds should be allocated.
  - The April revenue forecast revealed that the JumpStart Payroll Expense Tax anticipated revenues are down. The City Budget Office is coordinating with City departments to determine any potential impacts to 2023 budget items funded by the JumpStart Payroll Expense Tax.
  - Discussion on evaluation of GND by GNOB to track impact of GND investments and cost savings of sustainability and green energy investments. OSE has some existing evaluation tools like the climate portal online, but plans to invest and improve tracking of targets and metrics for addressing climate pollution reduction. Discussion on where the IAC can support in developing specialized reports on cost savings and impact of
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environmental sustainability and climate pollution reduction efforts led by Tribal and urban Native communities. Desire for the IAC to co-produce evaluation reporting that is specific to Indigenous communities.

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**4 Headwater People Consulting Update**

- Matt Echohawk-Hayashi shared updates on the work of Headwater People Consulting – an Indigenous consulting firm that supports many local and regional projects across the public and private sector.
- Discussion on the on-going need to improve strategies for Tribal engagement that foster reciprocal and beneficial relationships between Native and non-Native partners. Discussion on how to better anchor institutions and organizations in Native community values and authentic partnerships that cultivate an Indigenous City. Discussion on what place-based work looks like when Native values and cultures are centered. Discussion on mutual goals to advance the interest of Indigenous communities through relationships and partnerships that are guided by Tribal and urban Native communities.

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**5 Planning Document Review**

Review and discussion of draft 2 3-year strategic plan and draft 1 annual work plan

- The IAC set out to achieve the following in our planning process: Outputs: 1) Strategic planning document including a collective vision, shared values, and strategic priorities & goals & 2) Framework for an annual work plan; Outcomes: 1) The IAC has a shared understanding and foundational plan of our work together & 2) The IAC has collective goals and next steps with City and community partners
- Additional member feedback continued to be incorporated through May 10. Anticipated adoption of the planning documents is May 12.
- Discussion on how to leverage communications team to create a public facing summary of the strategic plan.

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**7 Member Announcements**

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- No member announcements.

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**8 Hybrid Public Comment**

- No requests for public comment.

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**9 Closing & Next Steps**

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