



Minutes

Indigenous Advisory Council

Friday, May 12

12:30 PM PST – 2:30 PM PST

In-Person Meeting Location: Seattle City Hall 600 4th Ave, Seattle, WA 98104
Room 370

Remote Meeting Location: WebEx



Members Present: Councilmember Jay Mills, Cece Hoffman, Esther Lucero, and Asia Tail

Members Excused: Vice Chair Donny Stevenson, Councilmember Jeremy Takala, Councilmember Suzanne Sailto, Derrick Belgarde, and Jaci McCormack

Guests: Director Rico Quirindongo, Tim Lehman, Oliver Bazinet, and Tom Beckwith

Items

1 **Welcome and Opening Blessing**

2 **Approval of the Agenda**

Approval of the Minutes

Quorum not present

Indigenous Planning

Director Rico Quirindongo & Tim Lehman, Office of Planning and Community Development (OPCD) - Indigenous Planning presentation and discussion

- Overview and discussion of the City of Seattle’s emerging work on Indigenous Planning. For several years, OPCD and community partners have explored Indigenous planning principles through the Indigenous Seattle Internship program and an Indigenous Planning Group called sləp̓iləbəxʷ Rising Tides. In 2022, OPCD developed an Indigenous Planner role to oversee the integration of Indigenous planning concepts throughout City efforts ranging from the Comprehensive Plan to better communication and coordination among City and Tribal and urban Native partners.
 - Discussion included gaps that an Indigenous Planner could support. Including establishing open lines of communication between Native partners and City departments to better coordinate and support capital projects led by Native partners. Identifying opportunities for Native partners to advise of City initiatives, policies, and programs, such as the Downtown Activation Plan and Comprehensive Plan. Quarterly presentation to the IAC on Indigenous Planning outcomes.
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Parks and Open Space Plan Update

Oliver Bazinet, Seattle Parks and Recreation - Parks and Open Space Plan update presentation and discussion

- Overview and discussion of the 2023 Parks and Open Space Plan Update. Plan is required for state grant programs, national accreditation and aligns with the Comprehensive Plan update. Key elements include goals & objectives, inventory, public involvement, demand and need analysis, capital improvement program and adoption by the Board of Parks and Recreation Commission. Historically the Park District Financial Plan (6-year cycle) and the Parks and Open Space Plan (5-year cycle) have not aligned in a way that allows the Parks and Open Space Plan to directly inform the Park District Financial Plan. SPR plans to complete a new Parks and Open Space Plan in 2027 to better align with the next Park District Financial Plan. 2023 Plan Update is an opportunity for IAC review and provide feedback in preparation for a more robust 2027 plan.
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- Discussion of goals and priorities included park access and amenities for cultural uses, land stewardship and/or acquisition, and partnerships to address education and public awareness of historical and cultural significance of park land and resources.

5 **2023-2025 Strategic Plan and 2023-2024 Annual Work Plan**

- Discussion of draft executive summary and infographic. These resources are designed to share the summary details of the Strategic Plan and Annual Work Plan in a community-oriented and visual format.
- Discussion on how to support IAC learning and training opportunities for public relations and public advocacy. Discussion of best practices for community feedback and information sharing loops to keep the public apprised of IAC efforts and successes.

Committee Charters

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- Discussion of best practices for moving committee work. Recap of previous discussions to have three or more IAC members per committee. One committee assigned lead on a topic or project of interest that has been approved by the full IAC. Committees guide the technical work and hold meetings as needed to facilitate next steps (written feedback, letters/memos, or recommendations) for approval by the full IAC. Standing agenda items for committees to share at full IAC meetings on work updates.

Indigenous-led Sustainability Projects

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- Review and discussion of previously shared background memo. Discussion of how to develop recommendations that leverage existing programs, resources, and unfunded ideas/recommendations to maximize impact. Emphasis on not just creating project lists, but proposing project principles and models that are of broad interest and impact to Native communities.

8 **Member Announcements**

- [Kiana Lodge hosted MSNBC for The Culture Is: Indigenous Women, a celebration of women of color event to premiere in June 4, 2023 at 7 PST on MSNBC and Peacock.](#)

9 **Hybrid Public Comment**

- No requests for public comment.

9 **Closing & Next Steps**
