



Minutes

Indigenous Advisory Council

Monday, March 13

02:00 PM PST – 4:00 PM PST

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

Remote Meeting Location: WebEx



Members Present: Councilmember Jeremy Takala, Cece Hoffman, Councilmember Suzanne Sailto, Esther Lucero, Derrick Belgarde, Asia Tail, and Jaci McCormack

Members Excused: Vice Chair Stevenson & Councilmember Jay Mills

Guests: Demarus Tevuk (Slāp̓iləbəxʷ Rising Tides), Kim Deriana (Slāp̓iləbəxʷ Rising Tides), Vicky Murray, Sauncha Romney (Slāp̓iləbəxʷ Rising Tides), Ashley Tiedeman (Slāp̓iləbəxʷ Rising Tides), Tim Lehman (Slāp̓iləbəxʷ Rising Tides), Dakota Murray (Office of Planning and Community Development), Tim Reynon (Office of Intergovernmental Relations), John Hoyt (Pyramid Communications), and Izzy Zucker (Pyramid Communications).

Items

1 **Welcome and Opening Blessing**

- Welcoming and blessing from Derrick Belgarde.
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2 **Approval of the Agenda**

- Approved without changes.

Approval of the Minutes

- Approved without changes.
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3 **Brief Introductions**

- Members and guest shared introductions.
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4 **Slāp̓iləbəxʷ (Rising Tides) – Indigenous Planning Group**

Presentation and discussion on the Native Neighborhood Community Study by Kim Deriana, Demarus Tevuk, and Vicky Murray

- Members of the slāp̓iləbəxʷ (Rising Tides) – Indigenous Planning Group presented on the recently released [Native Neighborhood Community Study](#).
 - Rising Tides is a collective of Native architects, planners, and community members that promote Indigenous approaches to urban planning, community development, and cultural placemaking. Since 2018, Rising Tides has strived to cultivate a city that is culturally, socially, and economically inclusive of our Tribal and urban Native people by working ensure cultural knowledge keepers, Tribal nations, community leaders, and Native professionals are consulted and engaged in city and regional planning efforts.
 - From 2020-2022, Rising Tides designed and conducted a community-directed research project called the Native Neighborhood Community Study (NNCS). The study aimed to listen to the hopes, dreams, and concerns of the Native community in creating Native Neighborhoods in Seattle. The study encouraged Native and Indigenous communities to radically dream of urban Native places that are healing, safe, multi-functional, multi-generational, and holistically care for current and future generations, our plant and animal relatives, and the land and water.
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- The NNCS is a culturally relevant report that Indigenizes research by focusing on cultural values. The NNCS had a goal of conducting a needs assessment, which is a report that identifies our community's issues, the root causes, and potential solutions. The study found our greatest asset is our community and our shared cultural values.
- The NNCS report also includes recommendations for the next phase of a site feasibility study where findings from this report will be used to identify potential Native Neighborhood locations that build upon existing cultural facilities and spaces through cultural corridors or districts within Seattle.
- Rising Tides will continue to share the study results with Native and non-Native community and government partners with the intention of developing collaborative and supportive relationships that advance Indigenous placemaking and infrastructure investments in Seattle.

5 **Draft Work Plan**

Review and discussion of draft 1 3-year strategic 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
- Draft 1 of a 3-year strategic plan is under review by members; Draft 1 of annual work plan materials are anticipated by April

6 **OIR Update**

- The Office of Intergovernmental Relations will host a Tribal Nations Summit in May 2023 to continue dialogue, action, and learning about how city government and tribal nations can better work together and advance shared goals as governments.
- Key components include a Mayoral address and listening session with afternoon sessions hosted by City departments covering issues of housing and homelessness, cultural and natural resources, and public safety.
- Indigenous Advisory Council members will attend and participate alongside tribal and city leaders.

7 **Member Announcements**

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- [Encompass Inspire Breakfast](#) is April 25, 2023 from 7:30am-9:00am at the Snoqualmie Casino Ballroom.

8 **Hybrid Public Comment**

- No requests for public comment.

9 **Closing & Next Steps**

- Due to schedule conflicts, the IAC will explore a new re-occurring meeting time beginning May 2023.



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- *Quarterly member invoicing due: April 31, 2023*
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