



# Minutes

Indigenous Advisory Council

Friday, February 9, 2024

12:30 PM PST – 2:30 PM PST

## **In-Person Meeting Location**

Seattle City Hall 600 4<sup>th</sup> Ave, Seattle, WA 98104

Room 370

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

## **Remote Meeting Location**

WebEx



**Members Present**

Vice Chair Donny Stevenson, Councilmember Jay Mills, Megan Castillo, Councilmember Suzanne Sailto, Derrick Belgarde, Asia Tail, and Jaci McCormack

**Members Excused**

Councilmember Jeremy Takala, Esther Lucero

**Meeting Guests**

Ursula Tsosie, Craig Dee, Snowy Johnson, Annavey Skenandore, Councilmember Nick Lewis, Youth Council President Damian Kamkoff, Youth Council Vice President Mark Bob, and Balencia Vicarro

**Items**

Number	Topic	Time
1	<b>Welcome and Opening Blessing</b>	5 min
2	<b>Approval of the Agenda (February)</b>	5 min
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Approved with changes.</li> </ul>	
3	<b>Approval of the Minutes (January)</b>	35 min
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Approved without changes</li> </ul>	
	<b>Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Briefing from Fred Hutch staff on the həli?il Program and Indigenous Cancer Health Equity Initiative.</li> <li>The həli?il Program is a culturally specific lung cancer program that fosters a culture of health and well-being for Indigenous patients and the local community through education, prevention, and early detection. The program is in response to the disproportionate prevalence of tobacco smoking among American Indian and Alaska Native people in Washington State (29.7% for AI/AN people compared to 14.5% of non-Hispanic white people). The program provides primary prevention through smoking cessation with secondary prevention through lung cancer screening. Future program work will expand community outreach, increase commercial tobacco cessation options, utilize a mobile cancer screening, and increase national presence and collaboration.</li> <li>The Indigenous Cancer Health Equity Initiative (ICHE-i) utilizes a consortium approach to build research capacity, increase patient advocacy, initiate workforce development, and hold a biennial Tribal Cancer Health Summit. ICHE-I is developing a 5-year strategic plan to guide the work that will be continuously informed by an Indigenous steering committee.</li> <li>Members expressed support for the approach that Fred Hutch has taken to build sustainable and impactful pathway for Tribes and Native</li> </ul>	

communities to engage in health equity efforts that span direct services to policy and systems changes. Members asked questions about youth vaping and youth tobacco cessation data. Members were also interested in learning about community resources that can support tobacco cessation among Native youth. Members encouraged partnership and community outreach in partnership with Tribes and urban Indian organizations to maximize reach.

**Tribal Opioid Response**

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| 4 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Briefing from Lummi Nation Tribal Council and Youth Tribal Council representatives and staff on tribal, local, state, and federal policy responses to the fentanyl crisis that is disproportionately impacting American Indian and Alaska Native people.</li> <li>• In recent years, Lummi Nation has declared a state of emergency in response to the fentanyl crisis with the intention of identifying barriers and gaps that hinder the ability to provide top-of-the-line and wrap-around services and make policy and code changes to address the crisis. For many Tribal communities, fentanyl and opioids related death have deep intergenerational impacts that directly effect the current and future well-being of Tribal Nations and Tribal cultures. Tribes are increasingly declaring a state of emergency in their jurisdictions to mobile local response through streamline and expediated decision-making, procurement, and investments to address the far-reaching and intersectional impacts of opioid use (health, housing, child welfare, criminal legal systems, etc).</li> <li>• Currently, the Washington State and federal government have not used executive powers address the fentanyl through a whole of government strategy. As a result, American Indian and Alaska Native people in Tribal and urban Native communities continue to be disproportionately impacted by the fentanyl crisis.</li> <li>• Tulalip Tribes hosted a Tribal Opioid Summit in 2023, drawing hundreds of Tribal staff, electeds, and other government and community partners to discuss and strategize intergovernmental and cross-sector responses to addressing opioid use among Native communities.</li> <li>• Tribal leaders continue to advocate for tribal, local, state and federal partners to declare a state of emergency to encourage better coordination and increase investments in opioid responses that will benefit all communities.</li> </ul> | <b>20 min</b> |
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**Legislative Meetings**

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| 5 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Group discussion on upcoming meetings with City Council members. Members will engage in introductory meetings to review the role of the IAC, share the annual report, and discuss policy priorities that advance the health and well-being of Tribes and Native communities.</li> </ul> | <b>35 min</b> |
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6	<b>2024 Retreat</b>	<b>15 min</b>
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- Members discussed goals for a 2024 retreat. Goals and priority activities included:
  - Continue relationship building among IAC members to foster improved communication, increased collaboration, and practice group decision-making;
  - Review and update Annual Workplan and Strategic Plan to evaluate progress, identify challenges, and improve alignment with current needs and priorities; and
  - Review and strategize improvements to committee work to determine scope, role, and develop best practices for actualizing the use of committees.

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**Old Business**

IAC logo

- Member feedback was incorporated into the final logo design. Department of Neighborhoods will work with the artist to create a Front Porch blog post introducing the design symbolism and artist.

Governance Group

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| 7 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• VC Stevenson and CM Sailto are serving on the Governance Group February 2024 – July 2024. Asia and Megan will serve on the Governance Group August 2024 – January 2025.</li> </ul> | <b>15 min</b> |
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Seattle Parks and Recreation (SPR) | Tribal Nations Gathering

- In January 2024, SPR partnered with the Office of Intergovernmental Relations to host a gathering of SPR and Tribal leadership and staff.
- The gathering included a Tribal leaders listening session, SPR overview, and small group discussions on topics of Cultural Resources, Habitat Protection and Management, Programming, and Park Development.

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| 8 | <p><b>Member Announcements</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jaci shared about a youth ice skating opportunity.</li> </ul> | <b>10 min</b> |
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| 9 | <p><b>Hybrid Public Comment</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No requests for public comment.</li> </ul> | <b>Up to 10 min</b> |
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