

**GREATER TULSA AREA
INDIAN AFFAIRS COMMISSION
MONTHLY MEETING
MINUTES
CITY HALL ONE TECHNOLOGY CENTER
AUGUST 18, 2009**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

**Alice Whitecloud
Deroin Peak
Sammy Haynes
Denice Brice**

**Carol Morris
Emily Bushyhead
Elida Yeahquo
Teresa Runnels**

**Cindy Martin
Toy Kelley
Lillian Williams
Doretta Karns**

EXCUSED ABESENCES:

**Cathy Wilkins
Haley Buzzard
Margo Smith
Winona Henderson**

**Dorcas Williams
Lynnetta Seward
Monetta Trepp**

**Ernest Tiger
Margaret Jim
Will Hill**

HRD STAFF PRESENT:

Dr. Mike Smith

Willene Leffall

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Commissioner Whitecloud, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. and introduced new representative, Elida Yeahquo for All Nations Indian Youth organization.

II. APPROVAL OF JUNE MINUTES:

Commissioner Whitecloud called for approval of the June minutes. A motion was made by Commissioner Martin and seconded by Commissioner Haynes for approval of the minutes with corrections. *Motion carried.*

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Education Committee:** No report.
- **Public Relations Committee:** No report.
- **Park Renaming Committee:** Commissioner Haynes requested to table Committee business for a few months while he gathers more information.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

- **Awards Dinner** – Commissioner Morris reported the loss of revenue from the event and presented a copy of the expenses incurred (see report attached).
- **Letter regarding Upcoming Events** – Commissioner Martin reported currently there are only two parties interested in participating in the event and requested to table the item due to

lack of interest. Commissioner Haynes stated the Tulsa Indian Club, Inc. would like to be included in the activities. Commissioner Whitecloud recommended the three interested organizations get together this year and prepare for November 2010; the item would be tabled until next year. Commissioner Whitecloud stated November has been declared Native American month and the Committee should start meeting for next year. Commissioner Williams recommended including TPS children and conducting a survey for participation. There was a lengthy discussion to develop a calendar of events to celebrate and promote American Indian Heritage month. The calendar would be submitted to various local media outlets to promote and support the events listed on the Commission calendar. Commissioner Whitecloud requested members to send information for the calendar to Commissioner Martin at TICAR49@msn.com by October 1st.

V. NEW BUSINESS

- **Establish By-Laws Committee** – Willene explained that members are being asked to establish a By-laws Committee to ensure Commission by-laws reflects Title 5, City Ordinance; the City attorney would work with the Committee. Commissioner Whitecloud requested volunteers for the Committee, Commissioners Martin, Morris, Karns, Haynes and Whitecloud will serve on the By-laws Committee.

VI. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Commissioner Kelley made a motion to elect the current officers under acclamation. After a lengthy discussion Commissioner Kelley withdrew her motion due to the Vice-Chair's absence. Willene recommended forming a nominating committee for election of officers; members agreed. Commissioner Whitecloud asked Commissioners Kelley and Brice to serve on the Committee; members asked agreed. The Nominating Committee will present a slate of officers at the September meeting.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS/PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Cherokee Nation Holiday is scheduled for the weekend of September 5th. On October 9th the Cherokee Nation will host an "Art Market" at the Casino.
- On September 19th the American Indian OSU Alumni Association will honor Larry Echohawk.
- Commissioner Martin announced TICAR is meeting on Wednesday at 6:00 pm
- Choctaw Nation Holiday is scheduled the same weekend as the Cherokee Holiday which is the weekend of September 5th.
- Commissioner L. Williams announced TPS Indian Education group will begin giving out school supplies Friday, August 21st and 24th thru 28th.
- Commissioner Whitecloud announced All Nations younger children will begin meeting in September every two weeks.

VIII. ADJOURNEMENT

Commissioner Whitecloud entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m. Commissioner L. Williams so moved and Commissioner Brice seconded the motion. **Motion carried.**