

CITY OF GREAT FALLS, MONTANA
AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA # 35
DATE August 6, 2002

ITEM Appointments, Native American Local Government Commission

INITIATED BY City Commission

ACTION REQUESTED Appoint Two Members

PRESENTED BY City Commission

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RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Commission appoint two members to the Native American Local Government Commission.

MOTION: I move the City Commission appoint _____ and _____ to the Native American Local Government Commission.

SYNOPSIS: The Native American Local Government Commission was created by Joint City-County resolution on March 19, 2002. Cascade County recently appointed J. Eldon LaTray and Sister Kateri Mitchell. The City needs to make two appointments to the Commission.

BACKGROUND: The Native American Local Government Commission was created by City Resolution 9220 and Cascade County Resolution 02-29 on March 19, 2002. The Commission was created to serve as a local "point-of-contact" for all local City and County government departments; to represent the Native American community at the City and County government meetings, functions and events; to advise City and County governments on Native American needs, issues, forums and planning; to assist and advise in the coordinated review of the status of the local Native American community; and to serve as a clearinghouse of information on grants, employment opportunities and economic development activities for dissemination to Native American communities.

The Commission consists of three standing members (Indian Heritage Association Director, Indian Family Clinic Director, and Indian Education Program Director) and four rotating members with staggered terms (1-4 years, 2 each appointed by the City and County commissions.)

Citizens interested in this board are:

- Grace M. Fairhurst
- Henry Devereaux
- George Cozino
- Sandra Bearchum-Allen

Members appointed by Cascade County Commission

- J. Eldon LaTray
- Sister Kateri Mitchell