

SEATTLE INDIAN SERVICES COMMISSION
CORRECTED

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

February 21st, 2006

Ms. Rosalee Walz – Chairman at 5:30pm, called the Tuesday, February 21st meeting of the Seattle Indian Services Commission to order. Ms. Walz introduced Ms. Abada and welcomed her to the Board. Ms. Walz informed the Board that the paperwork had not been submitted on Ms. Juarez and that she hoped Ms. Juarez would be seated at the March meeting.

Present were:

Andrina Abada, Commissioner	American Indian Women’s Service League 1st
Vice-Chairman-Iris Friday, Commissioner	American Indian Women’s Service League
Carla Jones, Commissioner	Seattle Indian Center
Treasurer-Augustine McCaffery, Commissioner	United Indians of All Tribes Foundation
Jack N. Richards, Commissioner	Seattle Indian Center-
Chairman-Rosalee Walz, Commissioner	Seattle Indian Health Board

Absent were:

Vacant	Seattle Indian Health Board
Vacant	United Indians of All Tribes Foundation

Staff/Public

J. Michael Marshall	SISC Staff
Carol Peloza	SISC Staff
Elizabeth Campbell	University of Washington Student
Victorine Joyner	Seattle Indian Center Staff

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. **Approval of Agenda** – Ms. Friday made a motion to approve the Agenda as submitted, seconded by Ms. Abada, the motion carried.
2. **Approval of Minutes** – Ms. Walz requested a motion be made to approve the minutes of the January 17th meeting. The motion was so moved by Ms. Abada and seconded by Mr. Richards, the motion carried.
3. **Executive Director’s Report.**

Financial Reports

MONTH-CLAIMS	CHECK NUMBERS	OPERATING ACCOUNT \$
JULY-05	13539 TO 13609	150,577.99
AUGUST-05	13610 TO 13673	108,779.08
SEPTEMBER-05	13674 TO 13719	91,641.41
OCTOBER-05	13720 TO 13771	96,730.94
NOVEMBER-05	13772 TO 13830	88,368.09
DECEMBER-05	13831 TO 13881	85,421.56
JANUARY-06	13882 TO 13945	91,797.22

Mr. Marshall informed the Board that we were still trying to catch up on building up our reserves. Mr. Marshall asked if there were any questions regarding the financial report. Ms. Friday had a question regarding the Office Supplies category on page two of the report. Mr. Marshall informed her what was included in that category, i.e. software, hardware, etc. Ms. Friday had a question regarding the Annual Budget, the Budget had only been temporarily approved and was to be presented to the Board again she thought in January. Ms. Walz explained that because of so many meetings not being held that the Budget had not been gone over again. Mr. Marshall informed the Board that a revised Budget would be submitted at the March meeting. A motion to approve the January financial reports as presented was so moved by Ms. Friday and seconded by Ms. Abada, the motion carried.

Scholarship Request – There were no current requests.

Funding Requests – There were no current requests.

SIHB Purchase of the Pearl Warren Building- Mr. Marshall informed the Board that he had met with Ralph and Terri Danysh concerning the potential sale of the Building. Mr. Marshall explained the conversation he had with Jay Reich. There would not be any legal problems to the sale but there might be some financial ones since the current bonds would need to be defeased until 2015. Mr. Catin of Piper Marbury has agreed to run the numbers for the Commission and was expected to have them by the 23rd.

Building Policies & Issues – Mr. Marshall informed the Board that he had not heard from either the Seattle Indian Center or the Seattle Indian Health Board on their smoking policy or the list of programs that each agency offers nor have we received their certificates of insurance. The SIC has also not responded to the Motor home issue.

Seattle Indian Center Day Care Issues – Mr. Marshall informed the Board of the recent developments regarding the space occupied by the Seattle Indian Center's Day Care. On January 20th Mr. Marshall received a phone call from Ms. Monzon informing him of the leak the southeast corner of the large day care room. Mr. Marshall and Ms. Pelozo went to inspect the leak to decide a course of action.

The Commission in the last three years had spent a considerable amount of money trying to find the source of the leak in the daycare area. The roof had been continually patched, scuppers redone (\$20,000+), finally a new roof (\$177,000+), new downspouts (\$3,000+).

Mr. Ross and Ms. Pelozo inspected the daycare area after the first rain, after the new roof had been installed to see if the leak had been stopped. The inspection did not find any leaks. Mr. Ross and Ms. Pelozo informed the Daycare staff to call if any leaks develop. Mr. Ross was to repair the water damage if the leak had in fact been fixed. In the four-month period following the installation of the new roof no leaks had been reported.

Mr. Marshall after inspecting the leak concluded that the leak was coming from the balcony located above the daycare space. The construction crew after inspecting the area found that the Seattle Indian Center had inadvertently damaged the membrane of the roof of the daycare by storing office equipment there. A total of four big rips in the membrane were detected, three from office furniture and one from some type of animal digging in the floor.

Ms. Carla Jones, (Commissioner) letter of January 23rd Mr. Marshall and Ms. Pelozo stated that the letter took them by surprise as any instance of needed repair had been acted on. The information that the Indian Center had failed to pass an inspection for repeated violations of health and safety for the children had not been previously reported. Ms. Walz asked in what capacity Ms. Jones had written the letter. Ms. Jones replied that she had not written it as a Commissioner but as herself, she had used the childcare services and felt that the community needed these services available. **Ms. Jones was asked why she had written the letter instead of calling the staff. She informed the staff that she had called but did not like leaving a message on the voice mail.** Ms. Jones felt that the Indian Center has been treated as a "red headed step child". **"The reason why I made that comment was because of the damage in that area to the childcare facility was mentioned on July 19th and the reason I remember it was mentioned on July 19th was because that was my very very first day here acting as a Commissioner here it had been discussed but it was not in any minutes at that time."**

Ms. Jones indicated that Mr. Richards had not signed the letter.

The Commission Staff lacking any written direction by either the State of Washington Child Care Division, or the Seattle Indian Center via copy of said violations started to take action to remedy the situation. The daycare area was not in a sanitary condition. The mention of mold led to the daycare being gone over with a bleach and soap solution to kill any mold. Air vents were taken down and sanitized as they had been indicated in the mold report. Ms. Pelozo found the black material coating the screens was 24-18 years of car exhaust from I-5 and not mold. A plumbing company was brought in to fix all the bathrooms and faucets in both the upstairs and downstairs as leaking from inside plumbing appeared to caused some of the stains in the ceiling tile. The ceiling tile was replaced as needed in the food bank area and back bathrooms. Ms. Pelozo found the stains in the ceiling tile in this area to be from rat and cat excrement. The Diamond Roof Company was brought back in to check on the upstairs youth residence facility and the leak was determined to be not from the roof but the skylight. A new skylight (\$3,000+) was special ordered and would be replaced upon completion.

Mr. Marshall and Ms. Pelozo had expected to be included in the meeting between the State of Washington and the Indian Center that took place on January 31st. The Indian Center indicated that

they did not want the Commission Staff included in the meeting. The resulting letter from the State of Washington could have been avoided if the staff had been included in the meeting. The areas listed in the State letter required clarification so the Commission staff requested a second meeting with the State so staff would be clear on what action was required.

Mr. Marshall informed the Commission that the Staff had taken action to correct the problems indicated. The technical responsibility for the condition of the daycare is the direct result of the Indian Center's actions. The Commission staff has taken steps to take whatever action is necessary to correct the situation. Mr. Marshall will have more information available at the next Commission meeting. **Mr. Marshall informed the Commissioners that the staff will again be video taping the upcoming meetings to more accurately reflect actions taken.**

3. NEW BUSINESS

No New Business.

4. OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business.

Ms. Walz adjourned the February 21st Board meeting of the Seattle Indian Services Commission at 6:35pm.

Respectfully submitted: Carol Peloza, Assistant Director