



Tribal Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes

September 21, 2010, 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Northern Quest Resort & Casino

100 N. Hayford Road

Airway Heights, WA 99001

Tribal Advisory Council Members in Attendance:

<p>Tribal Members:</p> <p>Michael Werner, Kalispel Tribal Economic Authority Aimee Hubbard, Kalispel Tribal Economic Authority Nick Pierre, Kalispel Tribe Jim Luynecoop, Kalispel Tribe Bruce Didesch, Spokane Tribe Rion Ramirez, Suquamish Tribe Arnold Cooper, Squaxin Island Tribe Nathan Schreiner, Squaxin Island Tribe Ray Peters, Squaxin Island Tribe Matthew Mattson, Snoqualmie Tribe Chris Masse, Kalispel/Jamestown S’Klallam/Nooksack Tribes Robbi Kesler, Chehalis Tribe Alix Foster, Swinomish Tribe Bob Kelly, Nooksack Tribe Greg Abrahamson, Spokane Tribe</p>	<p>Liquor Control Board (LCB):</p> <p>Sharon Foster, Chair Ruthann Kurose, Board Member TAC/ Co-Chair Pat Kohler, Administrative Director Rick Garza, Deputy Director/Tribal Liaison Alan Rathbun, Licensing and Regulation Director Pat McLaughlin, Business Enterprise Director Sherri Lopez, Enforcement Officer Mona Moberg, Facilitator Roni Pettit, TAC Support</p> <p>Governor’s Office</p> <p>Craig Bill, Director, Governor’s Office of Indian Affairs</p>
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Ruthann Kurose welcomed everyone to the first Tribal Advisory Council (TAC) meeting. She explained that the rest of the LCB staff from Olympia were delayed by traffic and were expected to be about thirty minutes late. The agenda was adjusted to accommodate the delay. Ruthann reviewed the work of the original tribal workgroup and reviewed the recommendations that came out of that workgroup. (See attached Tribal Workgroup Recommendations – November 2009). Ruthann expressed her hope that the charter would be finalized and a co-chair to serve alongside her would be selected. Chairman Allen also shared his expectations for the meeting and conveyed his thoughts on the initiatives.

Liquor Store Siting Process

Pat McLaughlin gave a presentation on how the LCB selects and evaluates locations for new liquor stores. He described the policy the agency uses and the new communication with tribes to identify zip codes where they would be interested of new possible store locations. Pat also

provided an overview of the typical contractual framework between the LCB and a tribe for liquor retail sales.

Introductions were made by the Tribal Advisory Council members and guests. The TAC charter was presented and reviewed with no changes offered. There was discussion surrounding who will serve as the co-chair of the TAC. ACTION: Chris Masse committed to notify the LCB who will serve as the TAC co-chair by the end of the month. Attendees will also notify LCB of any changes to the TAC members' list.

Liquor Initiatives Overview

Rick Garza provided an update on the privatization initiatives and potential impacts. Rion Ramirez inquired as to how it might work if the initiatives pass. Pat McLaughlin responded that the transition plan would depend on which initiative passes. Rion commented that the transition would need to be as unburdensome as possible.

Bruce Didesch asked if information on the initiatives would be available in the voters' pamphlet. Rick reported that the information will be available in the pamphlet and is also available on the OFM website. <http://www.ofm.wa.gov/initiatives/>

Alix Foster inquired whether the initiatives were likely to pass. Rick indicated that there was a recent Elway poll that reported that the two initiatives currently showed support of under 50 percent.

Tribal Memorandum of Agreement (MOA)

Alan reported on the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) template which outlines how the LCB and the Tribes share an interest in how liquor is sold with the emphasis on public safety. It would require submission of detailed operating plans to the LCB, as well as implementing safety measures. The details for each tribe would of course be unique. One tribe has submitted a request to date. Until we have funding to modify our current information technology systems, the MOA would be handled manually.

Alan also reported that there t there are venues with multiple locations, i.e. sports entertainment facilities. We license based on business types and currently do not license casinos.

Roundtable

There were no items for discussion.

Ruthann Kurose reminded the group that this is an opportunity for us to understand each other's interests.

Chris Masse commented that the members are pretty quiet as everyone is waiting to see how November turns out. No one really knows what to ask about yet because they are waiting to see the outcome.

Mona Moberg suggested that any further comments could be provided to Mona Moberg at mlm@liq.wa.gov or Roni Pettit at <mailto:rjp@liq.wa.gov>

The next TAC meeting will be scheduled in March 2011 at a location to be determined later.

Handouts:

1. Tribal Advisory Council Meeting Agenda
2. Tribal Advisory Council Charter (Draft)
3. Tribal Advisory Council Members List
4. Tribal Workgroup Recommendations – November 2009
5. Government to Government Consultation Board Policy #11-2009
6. Memorandum of Agreement (Sample)
7. Siting Liquor Stores Policy
8. Zip Code Letter from Chair Foster to Tribal Chairs
9. Timelines for Initiatives