



LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS
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TRIBAL COUNCIL TRAVEL REPORT NARRATIVE

From: Marcella R. Reyes, Tribal Council Treasurer

Date: October 13th, 2018

Re: Meeting with the Citizens / Grand Rapids, MI

I would like to thank my fellow Tribal Councilors as well as the citizens of LTBB for allowing me this opportunity to meet with citizens from the Grand Rapids area to hear their questions, concerns and issues with the tribal government.

For cost saving measures I drove myself and Councilor Shananaquet to the meeting.

Here is a list of the things that the citizens brought forward:

*New tribal ID cards – Are they issues automatically? Some elders report that they did not receive a new tribal ID.

*30 year old female that is homeless with kids and living in her car now. What assistance can we provide?

*Live in Rockford, MI and has a daughter of a tribal member – inquires about dental services available.

*Education appeals board had a tied vote but student was denied anyway. Is there another step in

the process?

*Quill box at the Odawa Casino – No Native American artisan crafts are featured or available for purchase. No pictures of tribal Elders or anything highlighting the history of the tribe.

*Place more Odawa logos on clothes. Nothing with Odawa in the Grand Rapids area.

*Sell license plates that say “Odawa”.

*Lots of questions about a Tribal Christmas party in the Grand Rapids area this year.

*Has anyone thought of franchising the hotel for the casino instead of building it ourselves?

*General welfare benefit card VS (taxable) per cap?

*Look into Hemp and the CBD industry for revenue.

*Would Tribal Council consider more meetings, similar to this with out of the area citizens?

We answered their questions to the best of our ability and informed the people there that we would bring this information back and share with the Executive team as many of the topics fell under their prevue.

Marcella R. Byers