Aurora History Museum & Historic Sites

The Aurora History Museum seeks your input on adding the regional Native American history to the museum's permanent exhibit titled "Growing Home" that chronicles the history of the development of the city of Aurora, Colorado.

Indigenous and Native American History is important to the Aurora History Museum and Historic Sites. We are seeking an authentic voice of your community from within the Native American communities the "Growing Home" update. We want to create an honest, and meaningful exhibit that includes personal histories, oral histories, videos, written narratives, maps, and objects that represent an indigenous perspectives and histories. We want to include emphasis on what's happening today in the local Native American communities to educate museum visitors about contemporary life (including local businesses, arts, culture, and food) and the continuing contributions made to indigenous communities within our city.

<u>AHM Indigenous History Exhibition Committee Participation Survey Questions:</u>

1. Would you like to collaborate or provide insight with the Aurora History Museum staff to create and develop an exhibit focused on Indigenous Peoples histories and present-day lives on the land that Aurora, Colorado occupies? Yes ☐ No ☐ (please check one of the boxes)

2. Do you feel that your community's voice is adequately represented in the local community? If yes, how? If no, how can it be improved?

3. What story do you want this exhibit to tell? What is the most important or meaningful aspect of your experience or history that needs to be told?

4. What Indigenous communities need to be included and acknowledged when talking about the ancestral lands of indigenous people of what is now known as Aurora, Colorado?

5. Are there additional community leaders or members who might want to be involved? Other Organizations?

Additional Questions:

6. How do you introduce yourself? (Any disclosure of tribal affiliation is up to the individual and is completely optional.)

7. What languages do you speak?

8. How is language important to your culture?

9. Do you have any further questions, comments, suggestions and/or information to provide as it relates to the Aurora History Museum's efforts to expand our representation and interpretation of Indigenous People?

Additionally, we would like to provide local Native American artists and merchants a sales venue at the Kathy Sanders – Aurora Museum Foundation store.

If you are interested in finding out more specific information about this project and would like to see images of the exhibit space, here is the museum's website: AuroraMuseum.org and please contact T. Scott Williams, Director, Aurora History Museum and Historic Sites, 303-739-6667, twilliam@auroragov.org or Christopher Shackelford, Exhibits Curator, Aurora History Museum and Historic Sites, 303-739-6658, cjshacke@auroragov.org.