



**COCONINO COUNTY AFRICAN DIASPORA
ADVISORY COUNCIL
Meeting Minutes: February 9, 2022**

<p>Council Officers [X] Khara House, Chair and Communications and Social Media Liaison, [A] Amber Jones, Vice Chair [X] Jermaine Barkley, Assistant Vice Chair</p> <p>Council Members [X] Deb Harris [X] Dr. Tracye A. Moore</p> <p align="right">Also, Present: Mel Miller Cheyenne Grabiec David Wessell Audra Travelbee Areina Contreras Susie Garretson</p>			
TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION	FOLLOWUP
1) CALL TO ORDER	The meeting was called to order at 5:31 PM		
2) OPENING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION	A. Audra: Culture Connection is holding a Day of Love and Friendship Pop-Up on February 13 and needs Hispanic Artisans for the event. They will also hold an English/Spanish Language Exchange on February 11, 16, 25 and 28.		
3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES	A. Discussion and possible action on approving the January 12, 2022, ADAC meeting minutes: ADAC member Barkley moved to approve the January 12, 2022, ADAC meeting minutes. ADAC member Harris seconded the motion and it passed.	APPROVED	
4) NEW BUSINESS	A. Service and outreach to the Black/African community – Cheyenne Grabiec, Coconino Community College (CCC) Community Outreach Coordinator: Ideas: Cheyenne brings African American students together to learn about how their experience is going at CCC; they highlight these students on flyers on campus. He asked for ideas from ADAC members. CCC has proposed a Tax Reset and there will be a county election on May 17. Member ideas: Members who are working at NAU can offer help.		All: Send ideas to Cheyenne.

B. MetroPlan Stride Forward – David Wessell, MetroPlan Planning Manager: David presented this slide show:



Stakeholder Outreach #1 CHAC 2-2-22.pdf

The federal government requires the regional transportation plan for Flagstaff to receive federal funding for their transportation needs and they are required to update the plan every five years. They hope to conclude the update in December 2022. Their website is www.Metroplanflg.org and has documents to access as well as a survey. 40% of greenhouse gases come from transportation so this plan is very important to get right. They want to include ADAC member perspectives in their updates, so asked these questions:

1. What is best transportation you have experienced?

Member comments/questions: Milwaukee 2019 school public transportation; Chicago school bus system; Highway and rail system in the east; People can't afford electric cars; Buses don't cover entire city; Need bus connections to the homeless shelter and outer communities and to places of employment; Expanding trail systems; Harrisburg PA public buses regular schedules into deepest areas of the city; Create better and more regular schedules.

2. What questions can we answer through this process?

Member comments/questions: Connectivity between the neighborhoods, particularly those where communities of color; Access to homeless shelter; What is cost associated and what is the incentive; Connection to pharmacies, grocery stores, jobs, and parks; Attention to underserved neighborhoods.

He encouraged ADAC members to take the survey at <https://www.metroplanflg.org/>.

All: Fill out the survey on <https://www.metroplanflg.org/>

	<p>C. Black History Month (February) – Khara House, ADAC Chair:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. County Activities: ADAC members read the county Black History Month proclamation reading at a Board of Supervisors meeting. ADAC member Jones will be speaking about African Americans in STEM for a county Lunch and Learn at 12pm on February 25. ADAC Chair House and ADAC Assistant Vice Chair Barkley will be holding an ADAC Open House at the Lunch and Learn on February 15 at 12pm. Other members can join them. They are looking for a time at the end of the month where Lived Black Experience can be featured. 2. Independent Activities: ADAC is partnering with Goodnight Flagstaff and Lived Black Experience to hold story times every Saturday evening at the Flagstaff Public Library. Goodnight Flagstaff stories are on Crater radio and YouTube and are now a podcast. 3. Essay Contest task force report – Khara House, ADAC Chair, Amber Jones, ADAC Vice Chair, and Deb Harris, ADAC member: The effort is going well, and they have had outreach from the Superintendent of Schools and the principal and a counselor from Flagstaff High School. Their next step is to decide if there will be a live reception or a virtual event to celebrate the winners of the contest. <p>D. Juneteenth task force report - Khara House, ADAC Chair and Deb Harris, ADAC member: Juneteenth will be in person. Subcommittees are being formed. There will be a ball and awards ceremony on Friday. On Saturday will be the traditional Juneteenth at the Murdoch Center with vendors, arts and crafts, and entertainment. Sunday the Flagstaff Symphony will hold a concert featuring music from Earth, Wind and Fire.</p>		<p>Deb: Send Susie podcasts to send out.</p> <p>All: Contact Deb if interested in helping with Juneteenth.</p> <p>Deb: Send subcommittees to Susie.</p>
<p>5) OLD BUSINESS</p>	<p>A. ADAC social media – Jermaine Barkley, ADAC Assistant Vice Chair: Social media is going strong, with ADAC Assistant Vice Chair Barkley supervising Destiny who is posting.</p> <p>B. Lived Black Experience (LBE) update – Deb Harris, ADAC member, and Khara House,</p>		<p>Jermaine: Send Susie link</p>

	entries on social media. Supervisor Vasquez will send a letter of support for ADAC Assistant Vice Chairs Barkley's application to FUSD's Anti-Bias/Anti-Racism committee.		
9) NEXT MEETING DATES	March 9, 2022, ADAC meeting (Khara traveling) April 20, 2022, ADAC meeting (moved from April 13)		Next meeting: Importance of a quorum and orientation.
10) ADJOURNMENT	Chair House adjourned the meeting at 6:37 pm.		

Respectfully Submitted by Susie Garretson

These minutes were approved at the ADAC April 20, 2022, ADAC meeting.