



## COCONINO COUNTY INDIGENOUS PEOPLES ADVISORY (IPAC) COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, February 23, 2022

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION	FOLLOWUP
<p><b>Council Officers</b>            [X] Sharon Doctor, Chair            [X] Diana Cudeii, Vice Chair</p> <p><b>Council Members</b>            [A] Meg Kabotie Adakai            [X] Dorothy Gishie            [X] Sarah Hunter            [X] Mike Luna            [X] Juliette Roddy            [E] Steve Smith            [X] Rose Toehe</p>			
<p><i>Also, Present:</i> Ross Altenbaugh; Amy Denet Deal; Mel Miller; David Wessel; Bryan Calhoun; Aubrey Sonderegger; Supervisor Judy Begay; Supervisor Jeronimo Vasquez; Steve Peru; Cheryl Barlow; Areina Contreras; Susie Garretson</p>			
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<b>1) Call to Order</b>	IPAC Chair Doctor called the meeting called to order at 5:34 PM.		
<b>2) Opening Public Participation</b>	<p>A. Introductions</p> <p>B. David Wessel, MetroPlan Planning Manager: The Regional Transportation Plan Stride Forward includes focus on climate change, equity, a variety of transportation modes reducing the need for automobiles, and housing continues to be a concern. There is an online survey due Friday. IPAC is a stakeholder in this plan.</p> <p>C. Aubrey Sondregger, Coconino County Democratic County: Audrey invited IPAC members to join the Democrat Indigenous Voter meeting tomorrow. There are petitions for a voting rights protection initiative, which will prevent state legislatures from overturning presidential elections and protecting voting places. The petitions are in their office at 201 E Birch St. and members were encouraged to go there to sign them. The petitions are due by April 7.</p>		
<b>3) Approval of Minutes</b>	<p>A. Discussion and possible approval of the January 26, 2022, IPAC minutes: IPAC member Roddy moved to approve the January 26, 2022, IPAC meeting minutes. IPAC member Toehe seconded the motion and it passed.</p> <p>B. Discussion and possible approval of the January 26, 2022, Tri-Diversity meeting minutes: IPAC member Roddy moved to approve the January 26, 2022, Tri-Diversity meeting minutes. IPAC Chair Doctor seconded the motion and it passed.</p>	<p><b>APPROVED</b></p> <p><b>APPROVED</b></p>	
<b>4) New Business</b>	A. Flagstaff Shelter Services – Ross Altenbaugh, Director: Postponed		Next agenda

	<p>B. 4Kinship/Chizh for Cheii – Amy Denet Deal, Founder: Amy thanked IPAC for the contribution to their wood delivery program. Loren Anthony is the person who runs this program, delivering firewood to the elderly and disabled. In some cases, they deliver to the Navajo Nation Chapter Houses, who then distribute to local residents, but they also will deliver directly to the individuals. People can reach out to them through Instagram and Facebook. Amy will find out if they deliver coal. Loren was instrumental in working with the U.S. Forest Service to develop a policy allowing relatives to go on forest land to cut and gather wood. The program has 30 volunteers. Other projects they work on are food delivery, a skate park in Two Grey Hills, NM. When they ran out of funds for their food delivery program before the end of last year, actors such as John Hamm and Tina Fey, as well as Columbia and Patagonia helped, and they ended up raising 100% of what they needed. Amy invited IPAC members to come visit their skate park groundbreaking at the end of August. They are looking for ways to aide relatives with COVID19.</p> <p>Member input:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Encouraged Amy and Loren to work with Neil Chapman and John Martin at ERI regarding the Forest Services’ Wood for Life program.</li> <li>• Accept a cord of wood from the Democratic party.</li> </ul> <p>C. County Manager Updates – Steve Peru, County Manager:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Indigenous Initiatives Committee: IPAC member Toehe is on this committee. They invite different perspectives on the county’s justice system and how it is working to ensure access to justice. The justice system is bound by state and federal statutes. This is a new committee, but they are looking into creating a program of court navigators from diverse communities, to help individuals get through the system. The funding for the Indigenous Initiatives Committee came from American Rescue Plan (ARP). The courts have a backlog of cases, so the County is adding other positions to help alleviate the backlog.</li> <li>2. DEI Position: This position was changed from a supervisor position to a director position. The last recruitment was not successful. Before they start the next recruitment, they want to meet with IPAC and the other councils for input on the process and to tune up the job description. He will come back</li> </ol>		<p>Amy: Send info about skatepark</p> <p>Send Loren’s contact info to Aubrey. Cord of wood.</p> <p>All: <a href="mailto:chizforcheii@gmail.com">chizforcheii@gmail.com</a></p> <p>Susie: Ask Steve if he wants to present to other councils.</p>
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	<p>for discussion. The timeline depends on how fast they can get input from the councils. It might include a transition in diversity council focus. One big factor in hiring someone is the cost of living in the county.</p> <p>3. Steve also gave an update from staff on how they plan to use the rest of the funds from ARP: housing; education; vulnerable populations, COVID impacts, workforce development; behavioral health, and small business. They will be sending out Requests for Information (RFI) to get information on specific services that the Board of Supervisors could fund for those areas. Based on this input, the Board will identify services and issues, and then send out Requests for Proposals (RFP) to non-profits who might be able to provide these services. The amount available is \$5M, with \$2M of that for behavioral health. They are looking for this to cover the entire county and will ensure that agencies cover the diversity and vulnerable populations.</p> <p>D. Tallerita Tunney Rogers resignation from IPAC – Sharon Doctor, IPAC Chair: Sharon will create an ECard to Tallerita with good wishes from IPAC members.</p>		<p>All: Send thoughts to Sharon or Susie for Ecard to Tallerita.</p> <p>Susie: get more formal letter from Tallerita</p>
<p><b>5) Old Business</b></p>	<p>A. City of Flagstaff Indigenous Initiatives – Rose Toehe, IPAC member:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Thorpe Park Annex public participation is open now and it needs Indigenous voices. There will be public information sessions on March 2 and 5, where there will be consultants to give information on the process.</li> <li>• Rose is now in the planning process for an Indigenous marketplace pilot program with NACA.</li> <li>• Darrell Marks was appointed to the Indigenous Commission.</li> <li>• The City has approved an alternative response mobile unit, the one piece moving on from a prior RFP. The City Indigenous Commission had input into the process.</li> <li>• ICF has started meeting to get a proposal ready for an Indigenous Community Cultural Center related to the Thorpe Park Annex.</li> <li>• A working group (city and county) is working on placing public art at Sawmill Park with funds dedicated to Indigenous art representation.</li> <li>• There could be possible input needed from the Indigenous community for the 4<sup>th</sup> Street roundabout.</li> </ul>		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IPAC member Toehe is also working with Flagstaff High School to restart their hogan project, and they could use voice support for this at school board meetings.</li> <li>• The CJCC Indigenous Initiative committee is still recruiting members. IPAC member Toehe served on the interview panel for hiring of the CJCC Director. Members of the CJCC Executive committee will determine whom to hire.</li> </ul>		
<b>6) Finance</b>	<p>A. IPAC Account Status – Susie Garretson, Coconino County Diversity Council Coordinator: The balance is \$2,262.06</p> <p>B. Discussion and possible approval of funds – Sharon Doctor, IPAC Chair: None</p>		
<b>7) Announcements</b>	A. Julie: There are several Indigenous individuals running for state legislature and city Council.		
<b>8) Closing Public Participation</b>	None		
<b>9) Next Meeting dates</b>	<p>A. March 23, 2022, IPAC meeting</p> <p>B. April 6, 2022, Tri-Diversity meeting (CHAC hosting)</p> <p>C. April 27, 2022, IPAC meeting</p>		
<b>10) Adjournment</b>	Chair Doctor adjourned the meeting at 6:59 PM.		

Respectfully Submitted by Susie Garretson, Coconino County Diversity Council Coordinator

These minutes were approved at the IPAC meeting on March 23, 2022.