




COCONINO COUNTY INDIGENOUS PEOPLES ADVISORY (IPAC) COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, March 23, 2022

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION	FOLLOWUP
<p>Council Officers [X] Sharon Doctor, Chair [X] Diana Cudeii, Vice Chair</p> <p>Council Members [X] Meg Kabotie Adakai [E] Dorothy Gishie [E] Sarah Hunter [E] Mike Luna [E] Juliette Roddy [X] Steve Smith [X] Rose Toehe</p>			
<p><i>Also, Present:</i> Brian Francis; David Wessel; Ross Altenbaugh; Mel Miller; Linda Curley; Audrey Sondregger; Supervisor Jeronimo Vasquez; Cheryl Barlow; Areina Contreras; Susie Garretson</p>			
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1) Call to Order	IPAC Chair Doctor called the meeting called to order at 5:38 PM.		
2) Opening Public Participation	A. Introductions B. Aubrey Sondregger, Coconino County Democrats: Their Indigenous Voter committee is holding an auction this Sunday, March 27 at 4:30, where they will auction things that are specific to communities, such as a cord of wood, jewelry, and pottery. There will be speakers as well. People can join the Zoom from a link at their website CoconinoDemocrats.org/rk2022		
3) Approval of Minutes	A. Discussion and possible approval of the February 23, 2022, IPAC minutes: IPAC Vice Chair Cudeii moved to approve the February 23, 2022, IPAC meeting minutes. IPAC member Smith seconded the motion and it passed.	APPROVED	
4) New Business	A. MetroPlan update – David Wessell, MetroPlan Planning Manager: David presented these slides: <div style="text-align: center;">  Stakeholder Outreach #1 IPAC 3-23-22.pdf </div> <p>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</p>		

plan is very important to get right. They want to include IPAC member perspectives in their updates, so asked these questions:

1. What is the best transportation you have experienced? Phoenix airport bus; Singapore separation of bikes from roads and the trains; Tokyo has different levels of train service, and they are clean, organized, and efficient with signage in English as well as Japanese; European cities are interconnected with trains; Copenhagen massive bike lanes.
2. What questions can we answer through this process? Are there plans for transit to Snowbowl? Mountain Line goes to Snowbowl now.

B. Coconino Community College (CCC) Strengthening Indigenous Student Success – Brian Francis, Program Manager of Advising and Career Development: Brian presented these slides:



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The college received a five-year grant for the purpose of setting up Success Centers for Native American students, creating a home for the students and an enhanced sense of belonging. A home provides warmth, peace, food, water, language, and cultural teachings. The Page campus Success Center is active now and the Flagstaff Center is in the works of being opened now. There will be a Grand Opening on April 27. The centers will include elders to pass on teachings, books about Native Americans, academic advisors, orientation, peer mentors, and individualized tutoring. The goal is to give the students a sense of comfort, and to include Native American teachings in CCC teachings. This will help Native American students see themselves in CCC teachings. They have a summer bridge program to help students transition from high school to college, where among the classes will be English 101. The webpage is ready for students to apply for the summer bridge program.

There was a discussion about housing for Native American students who do not live in Flagstaff or Page. Students attending the Flagstaff campuses can utilize NAU dorms, but CCC dorms is one of Brian’s goals to work on. In Page, dorms are in the planning stages now. It was suggested that a different type of housing be worked on for students

All: Take the survey and send more questions to David.

All: Let folks know about the bridge program.

who go home for family events often.

C. Update on Flagstaff Shelter Services (FSS) – Ross Altenbaugh, Director: FSS is the second largest shelter in the state. It shelters 150-200 individuals each night at its property on Huntington Ave. It operates on a year-round basis, 24 hours/day, closing from 10am-12pm daily for cleaning. During cleaning time, people can be there working with case managers, nurse practitioners, or vocational workers, but just not in the bedding area. North Country Health Care and NACA are also on site. It accepts people regardless of faith, sobriety, or mental health and they do not have to be vaccinated. They are working on their policies and procedures to make sure everyone feels comfortable accessing their services because of hearing that some Indigenous people did not feel welcome. Flagstaff Family Food Center drops off dinner every night. They are buying a motel property for families, medically vulnerable, and senior citizens. They already have three motels for this purpose. Before COVID, the population consisted of 40% Indigenous, 40% female and 57% male. They are a Housing First agency, and their goal is to get people into more permanent housing. Before Covid they placed an average of two households a week into permanent housing, providing the first few months of rent and utilities, and helping them work through the paperwork. This has slowed down after COVID, but they have the funding for this to pick up. Indigenous people don't tend to take advantage of this service, and the center is working to understand why this is. The Navajo Nation President and Hopi Tribal Chairman have both visited in the last 8 months and want to work with FSS to help their relatives. They have common goals and would like their relatives to return home. FSS Board of Directors has members that represent various tribes. Ross was asked to share needs that the center has with IPAC, so that IPAC could help. The center has a transportation program with a local cab company so that if a person on the street needs to go to the center, they can take a cab for free. If people see a person who needs a ride, they can call the Shelter at 225-2533, and a cab will be called to pick the person up. Members were invited to a tour of FSS.

D. IPAC Spring events – Sharon Doctor, IPAC Chair: Ideas shared included partnering with other group such as Culture Connections, NACA, or the Indigenous Circle:

- April 22 Earth Day

All: Tell Susie if you want to tour FSS

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May 5 National Women’s Awareness Day • Indigenous Tea Day • Heritage Festival at MNA • Fall Forum 		Next agenda
5) Old Business	A. City of Flagstaff Indigenous Initiatives – Rose Toehe, IPAC member: All the projects covered in past minutes are ongoing. The Thorpe Park Annex Survey is still open.		Susie: Send survey out
6) Finance	<p>A. IPAC Account Status – Susie Garretson, Coconino County Diversity Council Coordinator: The balance is \$2,131.04</p> <p>B. Discussion and possible approval of funds – Sharon Doctor, IPAC Chair: None</p>		
7) Announcements	<p>A. IPAC member Toehe requested that Jana Weldon from the City present on indigenous art at the next meeting.</p> <p>B. IPAC Chair Doctor: NAU Indigenous convocation May 5 3:30pm-5pm at Ardrey Auditorium and there is a pre-event. Invitations to IPAC members are coming.</p>		Next agenda
8) Closing Public Participation	A. None		
9) Next Meeting dates	<p>A. April 6, 2022, Tri-Diversity meeting (CHAC hosting)</p> <p>C. April 27, 2022, IPAC meeting</p>		Next agenda. Two guests max.
10) Adjournment	IPAC Chair Doctor adjourned the meeting at 7:07 PM.		

Respectfully Submitted by Susie Garretson, Coconino County Diversity Council Coordinator

These minutes were approved at the IPAC meeting on April 27, 2022.