

# Coconino County Tri-Diversity Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: April 6, 2022

5:30pm

**Attendance:**

IPAC: Dorothy Gishie; Sarah Hunter; Mike Luna; Julie Roddy; Steve Smith; Rose Toehe

ADAC: Jermaine Barkley (Assistant Vice Chair); Khara House (Chair); Tracye Moore

CHAC: J Michael Cruz (Chair); Dani Donaldson (Vice Chair); Patty Garcia

Guests: Colleen Smith; Cheyenne Grabiec; Sarah Jarvis; Mel Miller; Lina Wallen; Audra Travelbee; Nat White; Sarah Dechter; Andrea Barrantes; Jana Weldon; Leah Klaus

County Guests: Jeronimo Vasquez; Amanda Acheson; Trey Williams; Cheryl Barlow; Areina Vasquez; Susie Garretson

Issue/Topic	Conclusions/Results	Follow-up
<b>Call meeting to Order</b>	CHAC Chair J Michael Cruz, called the meeting to order 5:31_ PM.	
<b>1. Welcome and Introductions</b>	A. Introductions	
<b>2. Public Participation</b>	<p>A. Audra Barrantes, Culture Connection (CC): CC’s Language Exchange is ongoing. Dates for April are on their website: <a href="http://www.cultureconnectionaz.org">www.cultureconnectionaz.org</a>. CC will be hosting artists at First Friday Art Walk and are looking for artists. Artists can contact Audra at: <a href="mailto:audra@cultureconnectionaz.org">audra@cultureconnectionaz.org</a></p> <p>B. Sara Dechter, Flagstaff Comprehensive Planning Manager: For the Regional Plan update they would like equity to be a part of the process. Sara asked to present at upcoming Council meetings.</p> <p>C. Jana Weldon, City of Flagstaff Beautification, Arts and Sciences Project Administrator: Jana asked to present at Diversity Council meetings in the next month. They are forming work groups and would like to have multicultural representation. To reach Jana: <a href="mailto:jana.weldon@flagstaffaz.gov">jana.weldon@flagstaffaz.gov</a></p> <p>D. Rene Redday, Community Conduit/Facilitator of Building Community: Building Community supports public and non-profit groups and focuses on social problems and hopes to effect social change. Rene attends Diversity Council meeting to learn what they are working on. To reach Rene: <a href="mailto:rene@buildingcommunity.com">rene@buildingcommunity.com</a>.</p>	
<b>3. New Business</b>	<p>A. Environmental Justice – Amanda Acheson, Coconino County Sustainability Manager: Amanda presented these slides:</p> <p>The Sustainability Department provides free services, education, and consultation to every resident in Coconino County. There is urgency for us all to act. Climate change will affect some more than others. One of the department’s goals is to increase community resilience.</p>	Get slides

Amanda invited the Councils to be a part of their efforts.

B. Coconino Community College (CCC) Proposition 438 – Dr. Colleen Smith, President, and Cheyenne Grabiec (Dine), Community Outreach Director: Dr. Smith and Cheyenne presented these slides:

Proposition is a tax reset of primary property tax, increasing it to \$.74. The intention is for CCC to be able to provide continue and increase programs for citizens of Coconino County. To learn more, go to: [coconino.az.edu/prop-438](http://coconino.az.edu/prop-438) and [www.yesforcoconino.com](http://www.yesforcoconino.com). Member questions/comments: Start early to use students from diverse backgrounds to assist in the passage; Thank you to the college for being open to community needs.

C. NAU Cardiovascular Regulation Unit research on sex and race-based health disparities: Sara Jarvis, PhD, Associate Professor, NAU Department of Biological Sciences; Leah Klaus, NAU Associate Professor, Department of Biological Sciences: Sara and Leah presented these slides:

Students do research on how the body regulates blood pressure. Member comments: Connect with Deb Harris at the Murdoch Center: Table at Juneteenth at the Murdoch Center on June 18; Connecting with Sunnyside Neighborhood Association, Southside Community Association and Plaza; Offer a program at the library including free blood screening.

D. County Updates - Trey Williams, Coconino County Public Affairs Director:  
1) Redistricting: Trey presented these slides on the redistricting of Supervisors districts: <https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/9d8d38db97b34ff691d2b8940428ba30>  
Supervisor Districts must be redistricted every 10 years according to population. The districts must have equal populations with a deviation of 5% allowed. One of the requirements is that communities of interest cannot be split. The Supervisors have adopted five maps. To view them go to: [Coconino.az.gov/redistricting](http://Coconino.az.gov/redistricting). Public comments so far can be viewed there. Public input ends April 12. They have had four public input meetings over during March.  
2) American Rescue Plan: The Board of Supervisors (BOS) allocated \$5million in funds in December for community projects from Congress. The Board has issued Requests for Information (RFI) and wants to hear from Diversity Council members and the public about what the needs are. This will help them know what to issue Requests for Proposals (RFP) to hear about what needs are. How it impacted your organization. Once the RFPs are received, the Board and staff will refine. The Deadline to send an RFI is April 15. Information on the

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County’s RFI request:

<https://coconino.az.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=2646>

3) The BOS is beginning its budget process. In early May it will conduct budget meetings with departments and adopt the FY2023 budget by June 30. They are asking for community input as well. Over the next two months Trey will meet with the Councils.

E. Diversity Council Reports for January-March 2022:

1. African Diaspora Advisory Council (ADAC) – Khara House, ADAC Chair: ADAC has:

- participated in the Flagstaff’s Stride Forward effort; hosted Black History Month Art and Essay contest.
- Lived Black Experience community dialogs.

Teachers are beginning to reach out to ADAC for better material. Students have been using or accused of using the “n” word. Planning is underway for Juneteenth, partnering with the Southside Community Association and will take place over the weekend of June 17-19.

2. Coconino Hispanic Advisory Council (CHAC) – J Michael Cruz, CHAC Chair:




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3. Indigenous Peoples Advisory Council (IPAC) – Rose Toehe, IPAC member:  
Presentation to IPAC were:

- 4Kinship/Chiz for Cheii, which delivers firewood to the elderly, disabled, and chapter houses.
- County Manager Steve Peru reported that the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council has created an Indigenous Initiative committee and are working to ensure access to justice for all. This includes Court Navigators for Indigenous community members. They are planning to hire a new Director. The Diversity, Equity and Inclusion position has changed from Supervisor to Director and recruitment has begun. He plans to meet with Councils to work on the job description. The hiring problem is cost of living.
- Stride Forward Transportation plan by David Wessell.
- Brian Francis reported that Coconino Community College received a five-year grant and is creating a Student Success Center for Native American Students at the Page and Flagstaff campus.
- Ross Altenbaugh of Flagstaff Shelter Services gave an update and invited IPAC members for a tour.

**5. Announcements**

1. Deb Harris, ADAC member: Miss Cleo’s Tea Party

	 Miss Cleo's Tea Party 2022.pdf 2. Caitlin Huntley, CHAC intern: CHAC is partnering with the Flagstaff/Coconino Library on an April 30 Diversity book drive at the library, 9am-12pm	
<b>6. Next Tri-Diversity meeting</b>	July 13, 2022 (ADAC Hosting)	
<b>7. Adjournment</b>	Adjourned at 7:09 pm	

Respectfully Submitted by Susie Garretson.

These minutes were approved at the May 5, 2022, CHAC meeting.

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