

**COCONINO COUNTY
AFRICAN AMERICAN ADVISORY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES: April 8, 2020**

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION	FOLLOWUP
<p>Council Officers [X] Breaunna Smith, Chair [X] Khara House, Vice Chair and Communications and Social Media Liaison</p> <p>Council Members [X] Deb Harris [E] Amber Jones [X] Laurel Matsuda [X] Dr. Tracye A. Moore [X] Melisa Tunley</p> <p>Also, Present: Eric Peterson Susie Garretson</p>			
1) CALL TO ORDER	The meeting was called to order at 5:47 PM		
2) OPENING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION	A. Introductions		
3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES	A. Discussion and possible action on approving the February 12, 2020 AAAC Retreat meeting minutes: Council member Harris moved to approve the February 12, 2020 AAAC Retreat meeting minutes. Council member Moore seconded the motion and it passed.	APPROVED Deb/Tracy 6/0/0	
4) NEW BUSINESS	A. Discussion and possible action regarding new name for AAAC and Bylaw changes - Breaunna Smith, AAAC Chair, and Eric Peterson, Coconino County Public Affairs Director: Eric explained that this is an effort to combine all three council bylaws in to one. He displayed the current AAAC bylaws, the proposed new tri-council bylaws, a summary matrix of the proposed changes, and a matrix of how member terms will change and went through the suggested Bylaws changes Article by Article. The group agreed to keep the changes except for: Article I Name: Table. This will be considered at the May meeting. Article IV.1.C Function and Purpose of the Councils: Remove "as approved by the Board of Supervisors." Article V.1. Memberships, Appointments, and		All: Send Susie ideas opinions on a new name Susie: Add

Qualifications: Reduce maximum number of members to 11.
 Article VI.1.3 Membership Terms, Vacancies and Removals: Remove “for any reason or who fails to attend for any reason at least thirty percent (30%) of the meetings called in a calendar year”
 Article VII.3 Council Officers: Remove officer term limits.
 Article IX.4 Council Meetings: Change 20 minutes to 15 minutes

B. Status of County and AAAC members during the Covid-19 Stay at Home orders – Eric Peterson, Coconino County Public Affairs Director, and Breaunna Smith, AAAC Chair: Eric gave an update on County Covid-19 information. The County website has a daily dashboard with updates, which includes employee and business resources. To get tested, go to the County collection site at Ft Tuthill. It is for people who have doctors order, but if a person is showing symptoms, they may perform the test. Within a week the rapid test should be in place. Once it is, then they will go through jails, hospitals, and institutions first. Then it will be available to the public at the collection site. The County is investigating the Covid-19 cases and deaths. As they get results, they can break down the racial/cultural breakdowns.

C. Essay contest and Scholarships – Breaunna Smith, Council Chair: The Council agreed to conduct the contest in the fall or during Black History Month. Eric clarified that prizes can be awarded, but not scholarships.

D. Juneteenth Details – Breaunna Smith, Council Chair: The Council agreed to table Juneteenth for this year due to the uncertainty caused by the Covid-19. Council Vice Chair House moved to suspend Juneteenth until June 19, 2021. Council Member Moore seconded the motion and it passed.

There was discussion to possibly do a virtual Juneteenth that could include a fashion show, live reading, drumming, Becoming Othello, etc. Eric offered that the County will help with the

new name to May agenda.

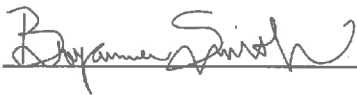
Eric: Write up changes.

Susie: Add Essay contest to next agenda; Remove the word “scholarship”

**Approved
 Khara/Tracye
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	virtual presentation creation. Deb will draft a letter to those who have donated asking if they would like the Southside Community Association to keep their donation for next year's event or return the check to them.		Deb: Draft letter to donors
5) OLD BUSINESS/REPORTS	A. Becoming Othello Sponsorship - Deb Harris, AAAC Member: It was moved to end of April and may get moved again. \$15/ticket. At the next AAAC meeting sponsorship will be considered.		Deb: Let AAAC know final date. Susie: Add to May
6) FINANCE	A. AAAC account status – Susie Garretson: There is \$2075.20 in the account. Eric explained that the whole county budget has changed due to Covid-19 but that the budget carry-over for councils stays at \$2000, unless things change. B. Discussion and possible action on expense approval – Breyaunna Smith, AAAC Chair		
7) ANNOUNCEMENTS	April 8, 2020 Becoming Othello – date moved to end of April but may get moved again. June 20, 2020 Juneteenth – Tabled		
8) NEXT MEETING DATES	May 13, 2020 AAAC Meeting June 3, 2020 Tri-Diversity Meeting (CHAC hosting) (Open Meeting Law) June 10, 2020 AAAC Meeting		
9) ADJOURNMENT	The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM.		

Respectfully Submitted by Susie Garretson



Breyaunna Smith, Chair of Coconino County African American Advisory Council



Susie Garretson, Coconino County Diversity Council Coordinator

