

**COCONINO COUNTY
AFRICAN DIASPORA ADVISORY COUNCIL
Meeting Minutes: April 14, 2021**

<p>Council Officers [E] Khara House, Chair and Communications and Social Media Liaison, [X] Amber Jones, Vice Chair</p>			
<p>Council Members [X] Jermaine Barkley [X] Deb Harris [X] Dr. Tracye A. Moore [X] Breyanna Smith</p>		<p>Also, Present: Rick Nevius Patty Hansen Eric Peterson 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. None		
3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES	A. Discussion and possible action on approving the March 10, 2021, ADAC meeting minutes: Council Assistant Vice Chair, Barkley moved to approve the March 10, 2021 ADAC meeting minutes. Council member Moore seconded the motion and it passed.	APPROVED	
4) NEW BUSINESS	<p>A. Voter suppression education project – Patty Hansen, County Recorder: Patty has a plan for a voter suppression education project. This idea came up after reading ADAC Chair, Khara House’s concerns in a letter to the Board of Supervisors, about the Women’s Suffrage marker recently mounted at the courthouse.</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Letter to Coconino County Board of Supervisors 4-7-2021.pdf</p> </div> <p>Patty is also concerned about the Arizona Legislature’s plan to implement laws that will discourage and suppress the vote. She would like assistance from the Councils in developing an education process to illustrate the history in our country of voter suppression.</p> <p>Member comments to include in the process:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • History of how this came about. • Process that was used. • Education on the laws in the Arizona 		<p>Susie: Clarify if this can be added to Tri-Council agenda on 4/28.</p> <p>Next agenda</p> <p>All: Send Patty Hansen ideas for the project.</p> <p>Eric: Explore the Board process and report to the Councils.</p>

Senate and House of Representatives.

There was discussion on what the process was to approve of the marker. Patty explained that the commemoration and plaque was about a speech that Anna Howard Shaw gave at the Courthouse in 1912, about the passage of the 19th Amendment to the US Constitution, granting women the right to vote. She had not known about Ms. Shaw’s stance that the right to vote was only to be given to White women, not African American women. In 2019 the William Pomeroy Foundation approached County Facilities to put up a plaque in support of the 19th Amendment to commemorate this speech. The County had no input on the wording on the plaque. Judge Slayton approved it to be mounted at the Courthouse and then it was approved by the Board of Supervisors. It was noted that the possible approval of this marker should have been presented to the Diversity Councils before the Board of Supervisors’ approval. There is a conversation that the Board needs to have with the Councils, regarding this, and to ask the Board how they want the Advisory Councils to advise them. It would be good to have a written formal process that is codified. There is a possibility that a Plaque or marker could be added next to the existing plaque, explaining this complicated matter.

B. Juneteenth – Deb Harris, ADAC member: The Southside Community Association (SCA) Board is interested in joining ADAC in holding a Black Expo for Juneteenth at the Murdoch Center outside. This will be shedding light on Black businesses and celebrating Juneteenth. Businesses can set up booths to highlight their businesses. No City permits will be needed, and no cost involved.

Council member Barkley moved to co-sponsor the Black Expo with SCA. Council member Harris seconded the motion and it passed.

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All: Find Black businesses to invite.

	<p>C. Women’s Suffrage Commemoration and Marker – Deb Harris, ADAC member: This was discussed in 4.A) of these minutes.</p> <p>D. Pen Pal Program – Amber Jones, ADAC Vice Chair: A flyer will be created this month.</p> <p>E. Murdoch Center Community Center Garden – Amber Jones, ADAC Vice Chair: Council Vice Chair Jones spoke with the University of Arizona Extension Officer. She has one volunteer so far. The water will be hooked up in the next few weeks. Master Gardeners will supply the plants. Once everything is set up there will be a social media blitz. A grant has been received in the name of SCA. ADAC will help with getting volunteers.</p> <p>F. Laurel Matsuda Memorialization – Deb Harris, ADAC member: SCA will hold a vote to determine whether to include a paragraph about Laurel on their website and other ways to memorialize her. SCA received a Flagstaff Beautification Commission grant to improve the SCA grounds.</p> <p>G. Coconino County Public Affairs Update – Eric Peterson, Coconino County Public Affairs Director: Eric has accepted a job in another state and will be moving on May 6. He has created County accounts for all Diversity Council members. This will allow them to access online central filing storage, and to more easily access and chat on TEAMS meetings. He will be providing training on this. Presenter forms are on each Council’s web pages. The County will have a large booth at the County Fair in early September. Councils can be there to represent their Councils, or they can have their flyers there.</p>		<p>All: Help find volunteers to help with the garden project.</p> <p>Deb: Speak with Bryon Matsuda.</p> <p>Eric: Cut a check for this from the money ADAC members contributed for flowers for Laurel.</p>
<p>5) OLD BUSINESS</p>	<p>A. ADAC Social Media – Amber Jones, ADAC Vice Chair:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Social media intern: The goal is to have a candidate selected by May 6. Public Affairs can contribute up to \$2000 to be 		<p>Jermaine & Deb send intern candidate info to Amber.</p>

	<p>used by June 30, and the Council will contribute up to \$500 to fund this position.</p> <p>2. Lived Black Experience (LBE) is holding a Barbershop Talk on Monday, April 19 at 6:00pm, featuring local Black men and their reaction to the George Floyd trial and their reaction to the Dante Wright killing. It will be live streamed at the Murdoch Center.</p> <p>B. Lived Black Experience CommUnity Coalition – Deb Harris, ADAC Chair: LBE dialogs that are happening now are not part of the Coalition. They are a product of SCA. They are a part of implementing the strategic plan. If anyone has an idea for a topic that should be covered. If the Coalition receives money from the City, they will then decide what to do next in implementing the plan.</p>		<p>All: Send ideas for topics for Barbershop Talks.</p> <p>Susie: Send strategic plan.</p>
<p>6) FINANCE</p>	<p>A. Finance report – Susie Garretson, Diversity Council Coordinator: There is \$3,746.22 in the account.</p> <p>B. Discussion and possible action on expense approval – Amber Jones, ADAC Vice Chair: None</p>		
<p>7) ANNOUNCEMENTS</p>	<p>Monday, April 19 at 6:00 pm: Barbershop Talk</p> <p>The FUSD Board of Directors voted on April 13 for six people who were on their Anti-racism Task Force to be on the FUSD Anti-racism Advisory Committee.</p> <p>The NAU Presidents Transition Commission has held one meeting, which consisted of a breakout session and brainstorming. Their assignment is to identify groups or individuals that he should meet with in his first six months. Council member Harris in on the Commission.</p> <p>Council member Moore moved to submit ADAC’s name to be considered. Council member Barkley seconded the motion and it passed.</p>	<p>APPROVED</p>	<p>Susie: Get flyer.</p>
<p>8) NEXT MEETING DATES</p>	<p>April 28, 2021, Tri-Diversity meeting (IPAC hosting) May 12, 2021, ADAC meeting June 10, 2021, ADAC meeting</p>		

9) ADJOURNMENT	Vice Chair Jones adjourned the meeting at 6:36 pm.		
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Respectfully Submitted by Susie Garretson

These minutes were approved at the ADAC June 9, 2021 ADAC meeting.

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