




Coconino County Hispanic Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes
Date: May 6, 2020

Members Present: Ruth Eaton (Chair); John Haro (Vice Chair); Dani Donaldson; Patty Garcia; Frank Moraga
 Members Absent: Esteban Villarreal; Miguel Vasquez; J Michael Cruz;
 Guests: Sarah Dechter; Barbara Mendez
 County Staff Present: Bill Ring; Eric Peterson; Susie Garretson

Issue/Topic	Conclusions/Results	Action	Follow-up
1. Call to Order	Chair Ruth Eaton called the meeting to order at 5:31 pm.		
2. Public Participation			
3. Minutes to approve	A. Discussion and possible action on approval of April 1, 2020 CHAC Meeting Minutes: Council Member Haro moved to approve the April 1, 2020 CHAC minutes. Council member Donaldson seconded the motion and it passed.	APPROVED John/Dani 5/0/0	
4. New Business	A. Southside Community Plan – Sarah Dechter, City of Flagstaff Planning Manager: Sarah presented a power point.  20200501_HACCounc il.pptx This has been a very expansive effort over the last three years with over 30 public meetings. In December it was up for public review and now it is in legal review. More information is available on the City website. The churches of the southside are high importance landmarks to the southside residents. There is a possibility for Park Service grants for restoration for them. There are many small single-family homes and apartments, so the model is different, and they plan to preserve and replicate. They addressed flooding for the southside and what Rio de Flag Flood Control project means for this area. They explored how to make infill more compatible with		All: Send questions to Sarah Dechter at Sarah: Send Susie notices of public hearings.

	<p>what is already there. For many property owners there, this is the only asset they own and they want their property to be developed. There is a possibility of creating a new zoning district that integrates business and residential. Regarding parks, there is a plan to develop one under the Lone Tree Overpass, and other pocket parks within the neighborhoods, so people will have close access to these green areas. Murdoch Center, owned by the City, has needs on the inside and outside. All of these plans are not funded yet, and are just ideas. Once public hearings can be conducted again, there will be two public hearing and then one more when it goes to the City Council.</p> <p>B. Discussion on letter to the Board of Supervisors – Bill Ring, County Attorney and Ruth Eaton, CHAC Chair: It was asked how it is defined as to who will be released from the County Jail to reduce the population, due to the pandemic.</p> <p>When the pandemic struck, there was a need for social distancing, and in the jail social distancing is difficult. The plan was to reduce population from the back end and the front end:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local law enforcement can decide in the field to cite and release, so no booking event, depending on the offense. • There are natural release terms, so the population reduced that way. • The jail is used by Adult Probation when someone violates their terms of probation, so the release of these was accelerated. <p>Before the pandemic the average jail population is about 460 and now it averages about 250. A judge makes the decision to release, not the Sheriff, on a case by case basis. Offences with victims are not released.</p> <p>It was asked if the criteria for the local law enforcement officers to make the decision to arrest or cite, was the same for suspected undocumented persons as for documented. It was also asked if there are measurements as to those cases. Those answers will have to come from local law enforcement.</p>		

Other items of note:

- There is a holding area for cases that need to be in incubation.
- The average stay for a misdemeanor is 7 days and the average stay for a felony is 14 days.
- The Grand Jury is continuing to meet. There was a court order to extend the service of the, then current Jury to extend their service period to 6 months. Every one of them honored this duty.

C. Discussion on CHAC Bylaws – Ruth Eaton, CHAC Chair, and Eric Peterson, Public Affairs Director: Eric reviewed the matrix of Bylaw articles and revisions to the bylaws to date. ITAC has agreed to change their name to the Indigenous Peoples Advisory Council. The Council agreed to keep the revisions they had previously made, except for these:

Article IX, Section 4 - Establishing Quorum: The council agreed to change the time to establish quorum to 15 minutes.

On Article VI, Section 1 – Membership Terms – Per the term end dates, Eric explained that in order to make it possible for all the terms to end on December 31, rather than scattered dates throughout the year, he will propose that everyone start off with staggered years, so that there aren't too many people's terms ending on December 31 of the same year.

Eric will present the same AAAC, and then the matter will be presented at the June 3 Tri-Diversity Council meeting to see if the differences between the Councils can be brought to an agreement. If not, then the bylaws will note the differences.

D. Nomination Committee Formation – Ruth Eaton, CHAC Chair.
E. Discussion and possible approval of funds for the July 4, 2020 Parade Entry – Ruth Eaton, CHAC Chair: Council Member Garcia moved to approve \$75 for the July 4 Parade. Vice Chair Haro seconded the motion and it passed.

All: Email Eric if questions.

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5. Old Business	A. Chavez Breakfast next steps – Ruth Eaton, CHAC Chair: Vice Chair Haro and Chair Eaton met with Sgt Hernandez to present his award at the Sheriff's office. For the Vietnam Award, the American Legion wants to have a couple of people there when it is awarded, so that presentation is still to come. A. CHAC Account Status – Susie Garretson, Council Coordinator: Balance is \$2946.41. B. Discussion and possible approval of funds for the June 3 Tri-Diversity meeting - Ruth Eaton, CHAC Chair: That meeting will probably be virtual so no food will be needed.		
6. Finance			
7. Announcements	June 9 Board of Supervisors meeting: Diversity Councils will present their reports. CHAC members should send their activities for CHAC to Ruth.		All: Send your CHAC activities to Ruth for her June 9 report to the Board of Supervisors.
8. Closing Public Participation			
9. Next meeting dates & topics	June 3, 2020 CHAC Meeting June 3, 2020 Tri-Council Meeting (CHAC Hosting) (Bylaws & Open Meeting Law training) July 1, 2020 CHAC Meeting		
10. Adjourned:	Adjourned at 6:29 pm		

Respectfully Submitted by Susie Garretson

Ruth Eaton
Ruth Eaton, CHAC Chair

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