

Envision Cameron

Meeting Notes

February 3, 2021

Videoconference | Teleconference Options

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1. Call to Order—Jamie Larson

1:15 PM MST

2. Self-Introductions

Attending the meeting included Chris McKibben, Don Irby, Marshall Whitmire, Stanley Robbins, Mae Franklin, Bobby Robbins, Eileen Tohonnie, Raymond Maxx, Brian Cole and Jamie Larson.

3. Brainstorming about Project Presentation purpose and images

Brian Cole asked Jamie Larson to share a presentation that she compiled that consisted of forty-eight photographs that were taken in Fall of 2019. Jamie explained that the photographs could be added to the presentation in order to provide local flavor and context to the presentation. Brian Cole recommended that Jamie follow up with Eileen Tohonnie, Marilyn Reed and other members of the Cameron community to consider which photographs could be added and where.

4. Administrative Details and Reports—Tolani Lake Enterprises/USDA Rural Development

As Tolani Lake Enterprises was not at the meeting, there was no administrative report. Chris McKibben indicated that Swaback had received draft agreement and that it was being reviewed internally. Brian Cole reported he received a draft agreement during the previous meeting and indicated that with small changes he was prepared to execute the agreement. Cole also indicated that he would assist Native Builders LLC with the draft and final agreement, especially with the passing of Thomas Tso.

5. Project Activity/Programming

a. Swaback Partners

A contract has been finalized and the Swaback role will now be able to move forward. Currently at the very beginning of the project and will begin taking a more active role. Want to keep momentum moving and people excited thus engaging the community is crucial. Would like feedback on how to begin outlining how to get the community involved within the parameters of COVID-19. Would appreciate feedback on this

situation. Workshops, surveys, emails, and other virtual feedback is are some brainstorming ideas.

The group previewed a Swaback project from eight years ago about Cameron land use maps regarding preservation, conservation, sustainability, and community influence areas. In addition, there was a closer look at the Conceptual Planning Study for recommended Housing Locations. Discussed how to design a neighborhood that aligns with the socio-economic culture of Cameron. Must provide availability of many different housing options to meet the age population needs for now and in the future. Need for senior living community and for those with disabilities expressed. In addition, a place for workers to stay on the reservation.

b. Building Communities

Feedback mainly regarded the photos to add to the project presentation.

c. Native Builders

Native Builders was represented at the meeting by Raymond Maxx and Bobby Robbins. Maxx and Robbins explained that Thomas Tso passed on January 22 due to complications of the Corona Virus. They indicated it was the strong desire of Thomas Tso that the work of Native Builders continued on and Tom specifically requested Maxx and Robbins to continue to work. Maxx and Robbins along with Brian Cole are reaching out to the children of Pauline and Thomas Tso for the restructuring of the company. It was emphasized that Native Builders will continue to support the project as originally envisioned.

d. Cameron Chapter/CLUP

People in the community would like to remain rural rather than in the city. A hogan provides more protection than the 2x4 stick frame and should be considered in the building. A Facebook page for Envision Cameron may be beneficial to help spread information. People need more access to data to connect to the zoom calls and thus is not the best way to reach out to Cameron Community. It is crucial to be apart of the community for people to be able to put a face to the project and collect information from people. As long as PPE is worn, it should be COVID safe to do some outreach.

Feedback given that there is a need to lay the groundwork for people to understand the Envision Cameron Project because the quality and volume of response is dependent on how much community members know about the project. Through good design and placemaking you can set stage for communal and cultural interactions.

e. Placemaking Advisors

No report.

6. New Business

No new business was added to the agenda.

7. Next Meeting –

Next meeting is scheduled for 1 PM MST February 18th

8. Adjourn –

Adjourned at 2:40 PM MST

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1st and 3rd Thursdays at 1 PM MST