

Envision Cameron

Meeting Notes

April 7, 2022

10 am MST

1. Call to Order

Kelsey Lee called the meeting to order at 10:12 am. Attendees included Brian Cole, Kelsey Lee, Mae Franklin, Bobby Robbins, Raymond Maxx, Alfrieda Littleboy, Chris McKibben, Don Irby, Aletha Johnson, Lula Neztosie, Bailey Anderson and Eileen Tohonnie.

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

Aletha Johnson noted that Tolani Lake Enterprises is expecting to receive the \$40,000 in matching funds from Blackstreak Holdings within the next few days.

Aletha Johnson then asked for assistance from Building Communities to create a calendar with the dates and times of future meetings.

3. Work Session on Current/Urgent Topics

a. Innovation Implementation Challenge Project Discussion

i. Reminder on Projects Identified in the Cameron Chapter Recovery Plan

Kelsey Lee then led the discussion on identifying projects for the Innovation Implementation Challenge (IIC). Some of the top project ideas coming from the March 26 meeting included: 1) an “all in one” map, 2) community center, 3) amphitheater or park, 4) multipurpose building, and 5) reuse of the old lumber mill.

With respect to the reuse of the lumber mill, Chris McKibben asked about site control and who to reach out to. It was generally agreed that it might be best to coordinate with Chuck Howe who might reach out to the Western Regional Business Development Office and the Land Department.

ii. Cameron Recovery Plan Two Page Project Summary

b. Report on Project Facebook Page

c. Planning for May Community Gathering

Bobby Robbins began the discussion by summarizing the tent-set up and meeting activities that took place during the March 26 meeting. Mae Franklin stated that she would like to see a write up of the outreach activities that were performed by Native Community Builders. This would help to determine what efforts should be made prior to the May and July meetings in order to increase attendance and participation. Raymond Maxx and Bobby Robbins provided some detail on the outreach activities that did take place. Aletha Johnson stressed that she needed to have reports of such activities. The requirements of the reporting are provided in the executed agreement between TLE and NCB.

Mae Franklin suggested that it might be beneficial to have a map of the area so we could identify routes and not duplicate efforts.

It was noted that there is a 2' x 3' and a 3' by 8' banner that is utilized to promote meetings and events.

4. Project Activity/Programming

See above.

5. New Business

a. TLE Support Resolution

No report.

b. Kelsey Lee Report to CLUP-C

Kelsey Lee noted that she has reached out on multiple occasions to the Cameron CLUP-C related to the February 28 Community Engagement Meeting. This was the meeting in which background on the project was provided to approximately 20-25 attendees. This was to serve as an official community engagement meeting but Envision Cameron has not received the notes back from the Cameron CLUP-C. That meeting was intended to lead to the CLUP-C making a recommendation to the Chapter to pass a resolution related to the Envision Cameron project. Kelsey Lee indicates that she is not receiving a response from the CLUP-C on any forthcoming resolution. She stated she would provide one more email to the CLUP-C before sharing the status of all of this on social media.

Brian Cole added that, as the grant writer for the project and a liaison with the federal agency, that the work being done by the Envision Cameron Committee to engage volunteers throughout the Chapter area meets the spirit and intent of the application. That is, even without a supporting resolution from the Cameron Chapter, the work activities are consistent with the anticipated deliverables of the grant. He also noted his appreciation that Don Irby has regularly attended meetings and is familiar with the expectations of his agency and the increased work efforts of the volunteer committee.

Mae Franklin recommended that Kelsey Lee give a deadline to the Cameron CLUP-C stating that we have been waiting for their response and this project is moving forward and will continue to do so.

c. Recruiting Additional Committee Members

The status of reaching out to hire an intern was then discussed. It was agreed that a Public Service Announcement should be developed and distributed, especially with KTNN. Brian Cole volunteered to draft that PSA which is shown as Attachment A. (Note: Building Communities sent the draft PSA to TLE with a recommendation to forward to KTNN).

d. Partners Roles and Goals

No report.

6. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Thursday, April 21, 2022 at 10 am MST via Zoom.

7. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11:31 am MST.

Envision Cameron Meetings

**1st and 3rd Thursdays at
10 am MST**

Attachment A

Tolani Lake Enterprises (TLE), a non-profit organization, is coordinating with leaders and volunteers on the Cameron Chapter to implement the Envision Cameron Project – a long-range placemaking plan so that Cameron becomes a great place for people to work, live, and play.

The federal grant-funded project has funding to hire an intern for the project who will serve in a project coordination role through September 30, 2022. Anyone interested in applying for the internship should contact Aletha Johnson at aletha@tolanilake.org.