

Envision Cameron

Meeting Notes

April 21, 2022

10 am MST

1. Call to Order

Kelsey Lee called the meeting to order at 10:09 am. Attendees included Kelsey Lee, Shawn Newell, Don Irby, Cheryl Reuss, Aletha Johnson, Bailey Anderson and Eileen Tohonnie.

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

Don Irby noted that the modification and the budget is being worked on and he thinks it will be approved soon. Mr. Dale is working on this and should send it out tomorrow.

Shawn Newell then stated that they have been having email issues to USDA and thanked Don Irby for helping to forward all of these documents along. She also explained that it would be good to get the committee members to submit for stipend reimbursement.

Shawn Newell reported that the \$40,000 matching funds had been received by TLE and a thank you letter is on its way to Blackstreak. Because TLE had not received the matching funds they have not been able to ask for reimbursement, but now that the funds have been received TLE can ask for those reimbursements.

Shawn Newell stated that she will be out during the month of May. Aletha is equipped to handle all issues. She also asked if Building Communities would be able to help with reporting that is due at the end of this month as we have in the past. Bailey Anderson offered to communicate with Brian and help get these reports to her. Don Irby noted that he would look for the updated forms and send them to Shawn and Bailey.

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 indicated that they had decided to zero in on a community center as well as an amphitheater/park area. She explained that it would be nice for Swaback to work on the maps for this.

ii. Cameron Recovery Plan Two Page Project Summary

No report.

b. Report on Project Facebook Page

Kelsey Lee reported that the Facebook page is doing well and people are finding and liking it. She indicated that she has been less active due to family issues but the educational forum videos will be posted later that day.

c. Planning for May Community Gathering

In relation to the May community gathering, Shawn Newell explained that food needs to be figured out. Kelsey Lee stated that she would be in communication with Mae Franklin to help get this done.

The idea of having Navajo Power at the May community gathering was brought up. Kelsey Lee and Shawn Newell expressed that if it would be helpful to have them at the meeting to answer questions, then they will be invited.

Bailey Anderson said that she would work with Native Community Builders and Mae Franklin about outreach to the community for the May work session.

4. Project Activity/Programming

a. Swaback

No report.

b. Building Communities

Bailey Anderson communicated that Brian Cole had been in communication with Chuck Howe. Chuck is prepared to move forward as role of placemaking advisor on one or two of the projects. Bailey also expressed that Chuck would get a more specific proposal to TLE as the projects are firmed up.

Kelsey Lee noted that she had been in contact by email with Chuck and Chuck gave an update on the building. Aletha asked if Chuck would be able to reach out to Charlie Smith to get more information on this building. Bailey Anderson said that a scope of work would be produced by Chuck Howe.

Shawn Newell asked if this building would be helpful to the Cameron Community. Don Irby stated that it could be valuable for the Chapter to have as it could be refurbished and used. Kelsey Lee added that they wanted to turn this building into a community area where they could host events. Right now it is just an eye sore, and it would be nice to turn it into something that the community could access and use.

There was concern about who would be operating and running the community center. Don Irby explained that it is best to establish a non-profit to help maintain and keep up the building.

c. Native Community Builders

No report.

d. Cameron Chapter/CLUP

Kelsey Lee noted that the Cameron Chapter/CLUP still needs the DOJ to say that it is okay to work with Envision Cameron. Billy Baldwin, Cameron Chapter community Service Coordinator, was asking DOJ to put in writing or say something official that indicates that they are allowed to work with Envision Cameron.

Kelsey Lee said that she would be in contact with Mae Franklin to try and get on the agenda this Sunday to present the resolution and have it be voted on.

Eileen Tohonne stated that Charlie Smith, Jr. is the only person they have contact with. The best thing to do is present a resolution to the Chapter and ask them for their support.

e. Placemaking Advisors

No report.

5. New Business

a. TLE Support Resolution

No report.

b. Kelsey Lee Report to CLUP-C

No report

c. Recruiting Additional Committee Members

Kelsey then welcomed Cheryl Reuss as the newest committee member. Kelsey stated that she would send Cheryl all the information she needs in order to send invoices.

d. Partners Roles and Goals

No report.

6. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Thursday, May 5, 2022 at 10 am MST via Zoom.

7. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 10:48 am MST.

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