

Envision Cameron

Meeting Notes

November 4, 2021

1 PM MST / 2 PM MDT

Videoconference | Teleconference Options

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1. Call to Order

Jamie Larson called the meeting to order at 1:10 pm MST. Meeting attendees included Mae Franklin, Rhonda Harvey, Waylon Honga, Chuck Howe, Don Irby, Jamie Larson, Chris McKibben, Bobby Robbins, and Brian Cole.

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

There was no representation at the meeting from Tolani Lake Enterprises. Don Irby reported that he would be the only one in attendance representing USDA Rural Development. He had noted earlier that Tim O'Connell has a different assignment and **put name here** is our contact in the future.

3. Project Activity/Programming

a. Swaback

Chris McKibben reported that Swaback continues to stand prepared to deliver services when the time and place is appropriate.

b. Building Communities

Brian Cole reminded the group that there was considerable discussion at the previous meeting about the path forward for the project. During that meeting, Charlie Smith, Jr., Cameron Chapter President, indicated that there would be an internal meeting within the leadership at Cameron (Chapter Officials and CLUP Members) about the project. The Chapter has reached out to the Navajo Nation Department of Justice to receive guidance on how they can move forward with the project activities without jeopardizing any of the other goals of the Chapter. Charlie Smith, Jr., also reported that there would then be a second meeting in which the Envision Cameron Team would be invited to discuss the project goals and make introductions.

Cole indicated that he was uncertain as to whether the first meeting has taken place or not. Later in the meeting Raymond Maxx summarized a similar path forward.

Cole then explained that he had received a call from Mae Franklin. Franklin was the secretary/treasurer for the Cameron Chapter at the time of application and she remains active within the Cameron Chapter to affect positive change. Cole stated that Franklin has multiple ideas on how the project can move forward.

Mae Franklin then indicated that she was concerned that the Cameron community might lose the benefits from the federal grant and stated she could work to bring the community together to engage in the project. Cole replied that he welcomed the approach by Franklin and stated that he believed that the objectives of the grant could be met with this slightly revised approach. Cole noted that the Cameron CLUP members could engage with the project as it was moving forward. Don Irby emphasized the importance of getting the project underway in earnest. Cole briefly reviewed the grant proposal and indicated that the revised approach was consistent with the overall goals, especially if the CLUP members could become engaged at a later point. Franklin indicated that this idea did have the support of Cameron President Charlie Smith, Jr.

Chuck Howe noted that it was important that the engagement between Blackstreak Holding and the community continue to be strong and positive. Cole emphasized the importance of maintaining the matching funds for the project.

Cole indicated that he would develop a “one pager” that would describe the situation and the proposed solution.

c. Native Builder

Brian Cole reminded the group that Native Builder LLC has been established as a replacement company for Native Builders LLC. Cole noted that Travis Tso had not been as active with the business activities as expected and recommended that the group continue to take the input from Raymond Maxx and Bobby Robbins as the contribution from Native Builder until the time in which everything was sufficiently firmed up so that Tolani Lake Enterprises could establish a contract for that portion of the work.

d. Cameron Chapter/CLUP

Noted earlier, Mae Franklin and Raymond Maxx had reported that they continue to be in regular communication with Cameron Chapter President Charlie Smith, Jr. Charlie Smith, Jr. continues to work both with the project team and the community to find a path forward for the project. Franklin reported that Charlie Smith, Jr. is supportive of the recommended path forward from Mae Franklin.

e. Placemaking Advisors

Chuck Howe indicated he continues to be in communication with Blackstreak Holdings on future engagement with the project.

4. New Business

As noted above, Brian Cole will prepare a “one pager” summarizing the path forward for the project.

5. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on November 18th, 2021 at 1 PM MST. It was noted that lost.

6. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 1:55 PM MST / 2:55 PM MDT.

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1st and 3rd Thursdays at
1 PM MST and 2 PM MDT