

# Envision Cameron

## Meeting Notes

May 5, 2022

10 am MST

### 1. Call to Order

Kelsey Lee called the meeting to order at 10:12 am. Attendees included Kelsey Lee, Don Irby, Cheryl Reuss, Aletha Johnson, Mae Franklin, Rhonda Harvey, Brian Cole, Raymond Maxx, Bobby Robbins, and Eileen Tohonnie.

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

Don Irby indicated that he had forwarded along the recommended contract revisions within Rural Development. He is awaiting for a reply back to Tolani Lake Enterprises.

Aletha Johnson reported that they are working on the Quarterly Report. She is coordinating with AJ within her office. She indicated that TLE is looking for additional detail on the Native Community Builders invoice. Bailey Anderson would coordinate with NCB to provide those details to Aletha.

Aletha Johnson noted that TLE is current with the reporting and payments to Building Communities. She also acknowledged the receipt of invoices from Kelsey Lee and Mae Franklin.

### 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 reminded the group that the implementation challenge projects are focusing upon the old lumber mill site and the potential renovation or demolition of the old Chapter House building. It was noted that C2 Environmental has revised their project scope so that it would include this type of analysis. That agreement is currently being reviewed by USDA Rural Development.

##### ii. Cameron Recovery Plan Two Page Project Summary

No report.

#### b. Report on Project Facebook Page

Kelsey Lee indicated that there has been “lots of views” on the Facebook page. She has not had a chance to analyze the analytics.

#### c. Planning for May Community Gathering

Raymond Maxx and Mae Franklin reported that efforts are underway to promote the next community outreach meeting which is scheduled for Saturday, May 14. They are creating a 4 ft x 10 ft sign on a board (that can withstand the wind!). The board will be located near the Arts and Crafts Building. A door-to-door effort will be made by Native Community Builders to increase awareness of the May 14 event. Kelsey Lee will post promotional information and a flyer on the Facebook page. The flyer is shown as Attachment B.

Mae Franklin then recommended that the same arrangements be made for food as was made for the first meeting.

Mae Franklin also noted that Navajo Power has expressed some interest in presenting information at the meeting. Franklin would reach out to Navajo Power to see if they wanted to present.

Raymond Maxx indicated he would reach out to Stan Robbins at KTNN related to a Public Service Announcement promoting the event.

#### **4. Project Activity/Programming**

##### **a. Swaback**

Rhonda Harvey stated that they are developing mapping as requested by the group. Swaback will distribute the mapping by mid-week next week and make it available for review and discussion during the May 14 event.

Rhonda Harvey continued that the primary focus of the May 14 session will be a “programming exercise.” Basically, participants will answer the question: *What does everyone envision with respect to a new park and community center?*

##### **b. Building Communities**

Brian Cole noted that the primary function of Building Communities will be the attendance at regular meetings and the provision and distribution of meeting notes and future agendas.

##### **c. Native Community Builders**

Native Community Builders will work with Bailey Anderson to update the reporting and invoicing so that it provides more detail.

##### **d. Cameron Chapter/CLUP**

No report.

##### **e. Placemaking Advisors**

Placemaking Advisors activity will pick up upon the approval of the draft contract with C2 Environmental.

#### **5. New Business**

##### **a. TLE Support Resolution**

Kelsey Lee reported that she had received an email from Charlie Smith related to a recent meeting in which Cameron Chapter Officials and CLUP members had met with the Navajo Nation Department of Justice. The conclusion of DOJ was that: “Yes, the Cameron Chapter can work with the Envision Cameron project.” Kelsey Lee understands that the Chapter would want to know about any liabilities the Chapter could potentially incur related to the project. This led to a review of the draft project acknowledgement resolution. Brian Cole read the resolution to all of the meeting attendees and revisions were made to the draft resolution, including a notation that “the project would not impose any liabilities on the Cameron Chapter.” The updated draft resolution is provided as Attachment A.

##### **b. Kelsey Lee Report to CLUP-C**

Kelsey Lee reported that there may not be a May Cameron Planning Meeting due to a conflict with Mother's Day.

Kelsey Lee continued by asking Brian Cole if he was successful in reaching out to the Cameron Gateway Project. Cole responded that he had sent an email to Arval McCabe of the Navajo Tourism Department but he did not believe that email went through. Kelsey Lee then provided the project contact email ([rbernthal@anterogroup.com](mailto:rbernthal@anterogroup.com)). Brian Cole indicated he would reach out with that updated email address.

**c. Recruiting Additional Committee Members**

Aletha Johnson reported that they had conducted an interview for a project intern and were awaiting a response from the prospective intern. She noted that she had received the proposed contract revisions from C2 Environmental for the Placemaking Advisors work. This was being forwarded to USDA for review and approval.

**6. Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be Thursday, May 19, 2022 at 10 am MST via Zoom. Brian Cole noted that this particular hour on Thursdays no longer works with Chris McKibben. Kelsey Lee then asked if Bailey Anderson could send an email out to the group to see if there is a better option for these twice-per-month meetings.

**7. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:11 am MST.



**Attachment A**  
**Resolution in Recognition of Tolani Lake Enterprises Envision Cameron Project**

In the matter of the Cameron Chapter supporting a Tolani Lake Enterprises Project called Envision Cameron intended to create a long-range plan helping the area envision a community where people want to live, work and play.

**WHEREAS:**

1. Tolani Lake Enterprises (TLE) is a 501 (c)(3) corporation with eligibility to apply for federal grants, and
2. TLE has successfully applied for a \$215,000 federal grant from USDA Rural Development through their Rural Placemaking Innovation Challenge Grant Program, and
3. TLE has received a matching funds commitment from Blackstreak Holdings in the amount of \$40,000 to create a total project budget of \$255,000, and
4. The project is intended to engage volunteers from throughout the Cameron community to participate in the planning exercises, and
5. TLE circulated a flyer and invitation welcoming people to volunteer to serve on the committee, and
6. TLE does not require that the Cameron Chapter receive or disperse any funding for the project, and
7. The TLE Envision Cameron project does not impose any conditions, requirements, or liabilities on the Cameron Chapter, and
8. Information generated by the TLE project is public information available to benefit everyone.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

The Cameron Chapter acknowledges the work by TLE to advance the Envision Cameron Project. The Project does not obligate the Cameron Chapter to directly participate or to receive/disperse funds. Activities and final products related to the Envision Cameron Project can be considered by the Chapter at any time present or in the future without obligation for acceptance. The project does not impose any liabilities on the Chapter.

CERTIFICATION

We, hereby, certify that the foregoing resolution was presented and considered at a duly called Chapter meeting at which a quorum was present and that the same was approved by a vote of \_\_\_\_\_ in favor, \_\_\_\_\_ opposed and \_\_\_\_\_ abstentions on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

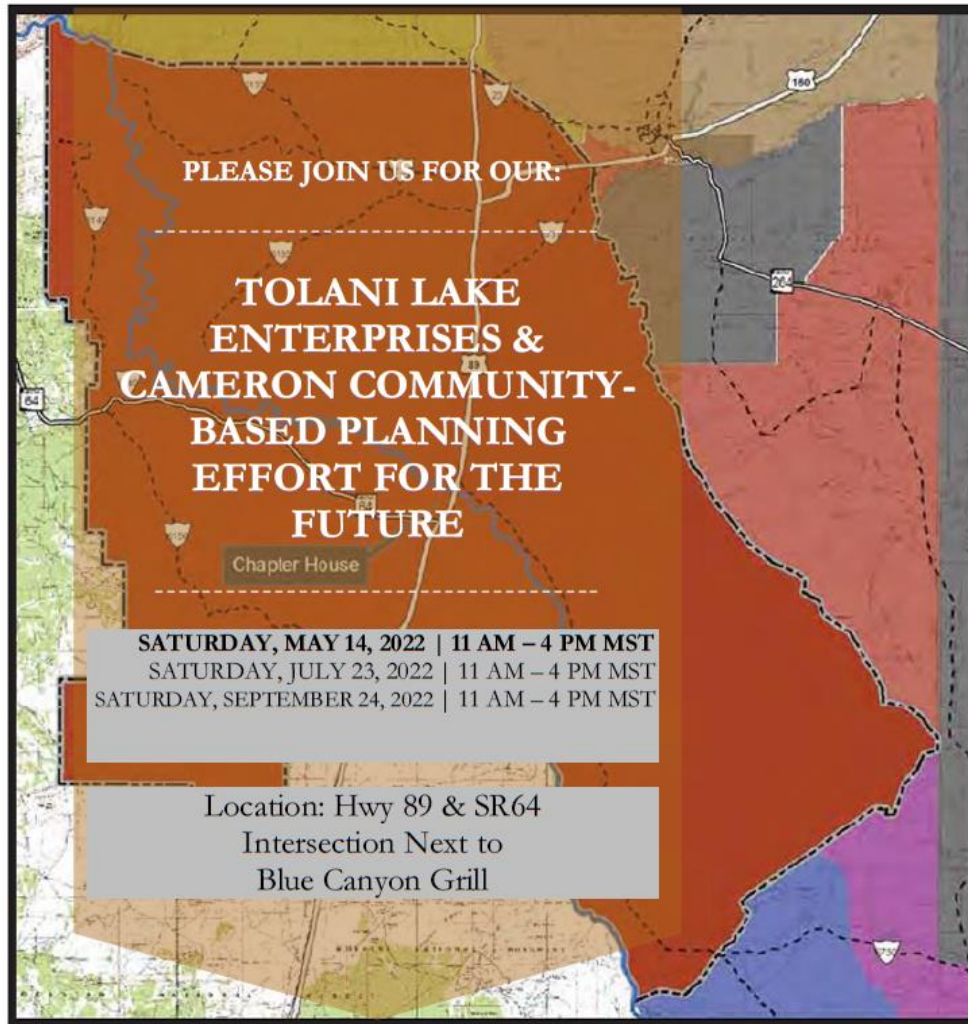
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(Name), Vice-President

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(Name), Secretary/Treasurer

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(Name), Council Delegate

Attachment B



The purpose of this event is for the Cameron Community as well as the Envision Cameron Team to work together to develop a future plan for Cameron.

We invite all members of the Cameron Community as well as Envision Cameron Team members to attend this event.

Snacks will be provided throughout the day for those in attendance. The meeting starts at 11 am – 4 pm and attendance is limited to 25. Lunch will be provided.

This is a hybrid meeting. For the link to join online please visit the Envision Cameron Facebook page.

For more information on this effort, please visit  
<https://navajothaw.com/envision-cameron-placemaking-project/>

We would like to acknowledge Janet Simpson for allowing us to utilize and set up on her property

For more information, please contact Mae Franklin at [atsamhf23@gmail.com](mailto:atsamhf23@gmail.com)