

Envision Cameron

Meeting Notes

May 19, 2022

10 am MST

1. Call to Order

Kelsey Lee called the meeting to order at 10:10 am. Attendees included Kelsey Lee, Don Irby, Aletha Johnson, Mae Franklin, Bailey Anderson, Chuck Howe, Rhonda Harvey, Raymond Maxx, Bobby Robbins, Waylon Honga, and Eileen Tohonnie.

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

Aletha Johnson updated the group that she has forwarded the email that was suggested by Brian Cole to Gregory Dale. That email was sent the morning of May 19 and Aletha is hoping to hear back from Mr. Dale today and will let us know what his response is. Kelsey Lee then asked if we have next steps just in case this does not go through. Aletha mentioned that this is something that Chuck Howe and Brian Cole had briefly discussed, but Brian was confident that this would go through with USDA.

Don Irby then told the group that he had not heard from Terry or Greg in a while related to the Sawmill area and the old Chapter house. Other than that, he had no new business to report.

3. Work Session on Current/Urgent Topics

a. Innovation Implementation Challenge Project Discussion

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

No Report.

ii. Cameron Recovery Plan Two Page Project Summary

No report.

b. Report on Project Facebook Page

Kelsey Lee shared her screen with some statistics from the Envision Cameron Facebook page. The statistics showed that the Facebook page has reached over 835 people, with 35 people following the page.

A post that Kelsey lee made last night (May 18) about the planning meeting received a lot of engagement and had reached 280 people.

Kelsey Lee noted that posting more and more relevant information should get increased engagement and get more people talking about the project.

4. Project Activity/Programming

a. Swaback

Rhonda Harvey was dealing with audio issues and would send an update by email. That update is below.

Summary Memo: I am working on a summary memo of the May 14 Community Work Session 2. I will send that out today or tomorrow.

Old Mill Building: Chris and I drove by the old mill building and were thinking that maybe we can propose the comm building to happen in the metal building next to the old mill building as a start (thinking in terms of what can happen within 1 year) The CMU walls/roofing to the Old Mill are pretty much falling apart, this could take a long time to get it back to being occupiable. We need to study this more. If we get info on that area, that would help us with figuring out what could happen there.

Project Schedule: I have an updated schedule that changed a bit...Phase 3/tasks shifted a bit, but it doesn't impact much. We still have planned the Community work session #3 at end of July. And the deadline for the entire project to be end of September. I will send out with the Summary Memo.

Mapping: Chris and I will continue to compile information for the mapping effort, we are going to reach out to NN Land Dept. and RBDO for maps.

Next meeting we are thinking will be more design focused where we take the list of things we came up with in this past meeting and as activities the attendees at the next meeting can help us design the following:

Park Design

- This could be combined into the Community Center area, rather than placed at a separate location. What type of activities happen here will tell us what type of elements are needed (ex: playground, dog park, shade structures/ramadas, street furniture, etc.)

Community Center Design – (hopefully before that mtg we have info on the old mill building area)

- In 1 year this is what can happen with the metal building (ex: clean it up, paint a mural on side of the building, garden boxes, add tables/chairs, lighting, etc.) – small, temporary solutions
- In 5 years this is what could potentially happen (add on to this...expand the area a bit)
- In 10 years...(new building?)

Overall Comprehensive Community Planning

- We analyze the Opp & Constraints mapping and I.D. developable areas
- We take the list of community programming that we came up with during the mtg (trailer park neighborhood, library, food bank, etc.) and start to suggest where those should go based on their relationship with existing community amenities/bldgs./housing

b. Building Communities

Bailey Anderson will coordinate with Brian Cole to get a document written up to hopefully help the Cameron Chapter/CLUP understand our intentions and meaning behind the grant and the resolution.

c. Native Community Builders

Bobby Robbins, Raymond Maxx, and Mae Franklin talked about updating the sign as well as making the lines thicker and adding the time and more information to the sign. Bobby and Raymond stated that they will find a date soon to go out and repaint and improve the sign with everyone's suggestions.

d. Cameron Chapter/CLUP

See below.

e. Placemaking Advisors

Kelsey Lee reminded everyone that we will need to wait on Mr. Dale's response before we can move forward on this topic.

5. New Business

a. TLE Support Resolution

b. Kelsey Lee Report to CLUP-C

Kelsey Lee reported that the resolution was denied and provided some of the feedback that they gave:

1. They didn't like the word "recognize." It was less restrictive.
2. It did not mention Title 26.
3. The resolution noted that the Cameron Chapter has no liabilities, but they want this to be reflected in the grant proposal. The grant proposal mentions Cameron a lot, so they feel that it still has liabilities.

Kelsey Lee also noted that they wanted any documentation of changes that were made to the grant. Aletha Johnson noted that no alterations have been made to the grant itself, besides the budget which doesn't directly affect the wording in the original grant documentation. This revision was to include Native Community Builders, TLE, and the Cameron Community Committee. Other than that, there has been no changes to the contract itself.

Aletha also explained that the grant application mentions the Cameron Chapter multiple times because it was created together with the Cameron Chapter and the CLUP. Naturally, it had their input but doesn't indicate that they are responsible for the grant in any way. Instead, it simply suggests that we want to work with the Chapter.

Mae Franklin then suggested creating a document for the Chapter to look at that takes out any references to the Cameron Chapter.

Raymond Maxx provided background to the word "Chapter" meaning the whole area. He mentioned that it depends on how the word is used. The group concluded that the grant application uses the words "Cameron Chapter" to indicate the area and the people, not the Officials and the CLUP.

Kelsey Lee asked if there is a way to add an Appendix to the grant defining what "Chapter" means so that they don't feel that there are any liabilities. Aletha noted that she would refer to Don Irby or Brian Cole with this question.

Kelsey stated that it seems like the CLUP doesn't want to work with us, and that's fine. But we need to show that we are doing all we can to try and work with them. Ultimately, they need them to say "no" before we give up.

The group agreed that we are meeting the requirements of the grant, and we need to continue to move forward whether that be working with the Chapter or not.

Chuck Howe stated that it seems that there is always going to be a response to suit their objectives rather than ours, but it is a good idea to continue to point out that this is a placemaking grant and it is intended to help support the planned envisioning and support in Cameron, and then continue to move forward.

Aletha asked for suggestions moving forward on this.

Bobby Robbins noted that he and Raymond can be present at the next meeting to help Kelsey Lee advocate and help them understand what our efforts are. Bobby pointed out that Charlie Smith, Jr. agrees with us and wants to work with us. We need to get a group together to be at the meeting to advocate for Envision Cameron.

There was a discussion on next steps and the group concluded that we talk to Brian Cole and get his suggestion and get something written up. We might get in contact with Charlie Smith, Jr. or the Chapter Officials to get exactly what we need to write so that we can get closer to gaining support.

Don Irby noted that it would be great if we could get the people who have a problem with it could put in writing what needs to be changed so we have something to go off of instead of guessing what they want. He mentioned that time is growing short and trying to redo the grant probably isn't possible. We just need to move forward and get what we can done.

c. Recruiting Additional Committee Members

No report.

6. Next Meeting

The group discussed the possibility of moving meetings to the 1st/3rd Monday at 10 am Arizona Time so that Chris McKibben can attend. The group agreed that this would work. The next meeting will be Monday, June 6 at 10 am Arizona Time.

7. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 am MST.



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