

Envision Cameron

Meeting Notes

August 1, 2022

10 am MST

1. Call to Order

Kelsey Lee called the meeting to order at 10:11 am. Attendees included Franklin Fowler, Mae Franklin, Rhonda Harvey, Waylon Honga, Chuck Howe, Don Irby, Kelsey Lee, Alfredia Littleboy, Raymond Maxx, Chris McKibben, Lula Neztosie, Marilyn Reed, Bobby Robbins, Stan Robbins, Eileen Tohonnie, and Brian Cole.

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

Don Irby stated that he has been in contact with his colleagues related to the current status of reporting and draw downs. Irby noted that he was pleased to see that Shawn Newell “flooded” his office with reports dating back several months and quarters. He indicated this was very helpful.

Irby continued that there continues to be discussion about the work activities of Placemaking Advisors. The group indicated it would be beneficial to have a meeting with all of the USDA Rural Development personnel to address the Placemaking Advisors scope of work.

Irby then complimented Kelsey Lee for her role as a “great leader.” Irby noted that he was very impressed with the in-person meeting and took several photographs that he is sharing within his agency.

Irby then stated that he is in support of a six-month extension to the project. He has communicated this extension recommendation within his agency. He is awaiting a response.

Chris McKibben responded that he agrees that a better work product could be done if there was a project extension. McKibben noted that COVID has disrupted and delayed many of the meeting sessions that typically would have been held in-person earlier during the two-year project period. Chuck Howe then stated he thought it would be important to have an in-person meeting with USDA Rural Development personnel to best understand the eligible uses of funds for the type of services C2 Env. can perform. Alternatively, Howe indicated that it would be better to reprogram the funding to Swaback if an acceptable scope of work cannot be identified.

Brian Cole stated that he would support efforts by Tolani Lake Enterprises to reach out to USDA Rural Development to have a Zoom-based meeting to address the request for extension and the scope of services by the Placemaking Advisors. Cole also noted that he had received an email from Shawn Newell that TLE has submitted the reports to Rural Development last week with a request to expedite and for an advance payment. TLE is working on other fundraising and should have word this week on at least one request.

3. Work Session on Current/Urgent Topics

a. Summary of July Community Gathering

Kelsey Lee: It was a good gathering with good attendance and food. Lee then shared her screen to show the results of the meeting as she has posted on the mural software as shown in Attachment A. A name for the project was identified as Dzil Jooba’ii. This

means “to give and sustain” in Navajo. Lee also reported that discussion took place related to how new community facilities could be operated and maintained.

Lula Neztosie: It was a good planning session with a good effort to reach out to the community. Such community outreach should be continued. The caliber of planning product is impressive.

Chuck Howe: It will be important to prepare paperwork that could be reviewed by the Resources Development Committee (RDC) and Delegate Thomas Walker so they understand the purpose and value of the product. This paperwork should also be shared with Milford Maloney at the Administrative Support Center (ASC).

Brian Cole: Explained that the term “Placemaking Advisors” was created at the time of the project submittal to include a group of professionals that could provide planning services that would augment the primary product being developed by Swaback to ensure that Swaback’s work could be implemented given the complexities of advancing projects at Navajo.

Stan Robbins: Explained that he was back involved with the project after being away from the area due to a commitment with KTNN radio.

Kelsey Lee: The work that we are completing here may not be accepted by the current CLUP committee but the stage should be set that the product has value to Cameron in the future.

Stan Robbins: Inquired as to the results of the July in-person meeting. Kelsey Lee responded that plans were reviewed and a name was given to the project.

b. Planning for September Community Gathering

Kelsey Lee: If we do not receive an extension, the September gathering will be a summary report to the community.

Stan Robbins: Inquired as to how the project scope shrunk from being about the entire geographic area of the Chapter to a couple of specialized projects. Kelsey Lee responded that due to a truncated timeline, it was more advantageous to focus upon a smaller geographic project scope. Chris McKibben added that the work is largely focused upon the Innovation Implementation Challenge Projects.

Stan Robbins: What is the status of the land in terms of it being developable. Kelsey Lee responded that this would have been the work of the Placemaking Advisors but it was rejected by USDA Rural Development. As such, much of these considerations are unknown.

Raymond Maxx: We have shifted from a 30,000 foot project perspective to a 5,000 foot project perspective.

Kelsey Lee: Discussion has taken place in terms of how a non-certified Chapter may be able to utilize the plan and advance and maintain projects resulting from the plan.

Kelsey Lee then read the resolution that was passed by the Cameron Chapter during the Sunday July 31 meeting. That resolution is attached as Attachment B.

Kelsey Lee emphasized that the approved resolution contained no liabilities to the Cameron Chapter, did not require any commitment of funding by the Chapter, and there were no requirements for accounting by the Chapter. She stated that the resolution was signed and she anticipated a review by DOJ. She noted that both the Cameron Vice President and Cameron Secretary/Treasurer walked out of the meeting. She stated that substitutes were appointed for those two positions in order to continue to carry on the people's business.

Chuck Howe: Asked if the resolution was recorded. Mae Franklin stated that she was the substitute Secretary and took extensive notes from the meeting. Franklin stated that the President, substitute Vice President, and substitute Secretary signed the resolution which was approved on an 11-0 vote. Kelsey Lee noted that she has an original signed version of the resolution. She also noted that Mae Franklin had digitized the notes from the meeting.

Stan Robbins: Inquired as to why people had left the meeting. It was reported that there were two prospective resolutions including the Envision Cameron resolution under consideration.

Bobby Robbins: Reported that he believed the Chapter wanted the matter on the CLUP agenda.

Brian Cole: Complimented Kelsey Lee on the leadership and steady hand that she displayed during the meeting on July 31.

Raymond Maxx: Chapter meetings are for the purpose of receiving input from the people so the Chapter can make good decisions. The community members remained at the meeting so they could be heard and Chapter President Charlie Smith did a good job of allowing this to happen.

Bobby Robbins: These are the "people's meetings" and the President did a good job of running the meeting.

Chuck Howe: The Cameron Chapter is an uncertified Chapter. Chapters that have an Alternative Form of Government (AFoG) have built-in efficiencies for meeting management and decisions. This could be a model for the Chapter in the future.

Mae Franklin: The Chapter needs an orientation on how to hold Chapter meetings.

Marilyn Reed: There is a danger due to the divisive nature in the community. Envision Cameron needs to do everything it can to create an inclusive environment and to shy away from divisions. Stan Robbins asked how Marilyn Reed saw Envision Cameron as divisive. Marilyn Reed responded that the Envision Cameron effort is not trying to create a divisive environment but that is how it is going.

Alfredia Littleboy: Indicatef that Billie Baldwin presents herself as a “community member.” Littleboy continued that it is not the community of Cameron that is getting divided, all of the division is happening within the Chapter governance. Littleboy continued that decision making belongs to the community members but the Officials are not including community members in community discussions.

Mae Franklin: Stated that the community is not divided. Franklin continued that community members want to be heard at community meetings and they all stepped up and continued a positive community dialogue with no animosity leading up to the passage of the resolution. Young people should have an opportunity to voice their opinion and be a part of the community. It is important to understand and follow policies and procedures.

Marilyn Reed: Agreed with Alfredia Littleboy. Expressed concern that people are calling in to meetings to have their vote counted even if they were not at the meeting originally. It is important to inform all people and there is no doubt an effort is being made by Envision Cameron to reach out because community members are seeing signs promoting upcoming meetings. Stated that she does not believe the community is divided but it could be in the future.

Stan Robbins: Questioned how Envision Cameron can reach out to even more community members in the future. Noted that his relatives in Cameron did not know about Envision Cameron.

Kelsey Lee: The younger people of the community get their information from social media. When they do not see information on social media, they do not know what is going on. Kelsey Lee was looking for advice from the group on what should be posted.

Mae Franklin: Policies and procedures should be posted on social media. Envision Cameron proponents want public input.

Stan Robbins: The meeting minutes that were taken in the meeting on July 31 should be posted on social media.

Bobby Robbins: Expressed some concern about posting the minutes because it could be divisive. Mae Franklin noted that she took the notes but she did not feel comfortable posting the notes without additional feedback.

Kelsey Lee: Stated that Billie Baldwin is opposed to Envision Cameron. A formal complaint will be filed by Kelsey Lee on this matter. Information supplied by Kelsey Lee to Billie Baldwin is not being forwarded to Chapter Officials and being considered at Chapter meetings. A formal complaint will be filed and copied to DOJ and to Milford Maloney.

Bobby Robbins: These matters are covered in Chapter 26. This includes a summary of the duties of the President, Vice President, and Secretary.

Mae Franklin: Is going to also file a complaint related to the activities by Cameron staff and two of the Chapter Officials who are stifling input from community members at Chapter meetings. Expressed concerns about the hybrid nature of the meetings.

Marilyn Reed: Expressed that she was comforted by the discussion. Noted that Kelsey Lee's comments related to the importance of social media is a valid point. It is good to put policies on social media.

Brian Cole: Sought clarification on the detailed nature of these meeting notes. Received direction from Kelsey Lee that the notes should be full, detailed and complete.

Lula Neztosie: The community members that attended the meeting on July 31 were very composed and offered their thoughts and support about the Envision Cameron project.

Kelsey Lee: The Envision Cameron group has done everything in its power to meet the requirements outlined by the Cameron CLUP-C to engage with the people before seeking supporting resolutions from the Chapter.

Stan Robbins: The challenging nature of the meetings at Cameron is evident in 13 other Chapters that he is working with. There is frequently a strain between the CLUP committees and the Chapter Officials.

Raymond Maxx: It is important that we all continue to move forward together.

c. Innovation Implementation Challenge Project Discussion

No report.

d. Report on Project Facebook Page

No report.

4. Project Activity/Programming

a. Swaback

No additional report.

b. Building Communities

Sought clarification on the needed level of detail on meeting notes.

c. Native Community Builders

No additional report.

d. Cameron Chapter/CLUP

No additional report.

e. Placemaking Advisors

Chuck Howe emphasized the importance of communicating directly with USDA Rural Development on an approved scope of work.

5. New Business

a. TLE Support Resolution

See above.

b. Kelsey Lee Report to CLUP-C

See above.

6. Other Business

No other business

7. Next Meeting

The next regular meeting is scheduled for August 15, 2022 at 10 am MST.

8. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 pm MST.

Envision Cameron Meetings

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

Attachment A Results From July Gathering

The collage displays several exhibits with the following titles and content:

- Exhibit 1: "What's in a name?"** - A panel with a list of names and a central diagram. Includes a sticky note: "Needs to be added to the Community Label (see the 4)".
- Exhibit 2: "How to turn your 'to do's' into 'I did's'"** - A panel with a list of items and a central diagram. Includes a sticky note: "How to turn your 'to do's' into 'I did's'".
- Exhibit 3: "Multiple organizations that can help the community center."** - A panel with a list of organizations and a central diagram. Includes a sticky note: "Multiple organizations that can help the community center."
- Exhibit 4: "How to get the most out of the Community Meeting."** - A panel with a list of items and a central diagram. Includes a sticky note: "How to get the most out of the Community Meeting."
- Exhibit 5: "People who donate can expect something back in return."** - A panel with a list of items and a central diagram. Includes a sticky note: "People who donate can expect something back in return."
- Exhibit 6: "Low quality items are donated in bulk."** - A panel with a list of items and a central diagram. Includes a sticky note: "Low quality items are donated in bulk."
- Exhibit 7: "Needs to be added to the Community Label (see the 4)"** - A panel with a list of items and a central diagram. Includes a sticky note: "Needs to be added to the Community Label (see the 4)".
- Exhibit 8: "How to turn your 'to do's' into 'I did's'"** - A panel with a list of items and a central diagram. Includes a sticky note: "How to turn your 'to do's' into 'I did's'".
- Exhibit 9: "Multiple organizations that can help the community center."** - A panel with a list of organizations and a central diagram. Includes a sticky note: "Multiple organizations that can help the community center."
- Exhibit 10: "How to get the most out of the Community Meeting."** - A panel with a list of items and a central diagram. Includes a sticky note: "How to get the most out of the Community Meeting."
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- Exhibit 20: "How to turn your 'to do's' into 'I did's'"** - A panel with a list of items and a central diagram. Includes a sticky note: "How to turn your 'to do's' into 'I did's'".

NOTE: All the LOCKED "Post-It Notes" are comments made from the Community Members who were at the July 23rd meeting. To add comments and suggestions can be left on the Facebook post, visitors don't have ability to edit the board.

Click on the OUTLINE button to see the wording for each exhibit! 3rd icon from the end of task bar.

Attachment B
Approved Resolution

Resolution in Support 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. Pursuant to 26 N.N.C., Cameron Chapter is certified and recognized by the Navajo Nation Council and is vested with the authority and responsibility to address local concerns of the people living within its community; and
2. Navajo Nation Chapters are authorized pursuant to 2 N.N.C. 4001 and 11 N.N.C. Part 1 10 to address the local needs and concerns of chapter residents through participation in community planning; and
3. Tolani Lake Enterprises (TLE) is a 501 (c)(3) corporation with eligibility to apply for federal grants, and
4. TLE has successfully applied for a \$215,000 federal grant from USDA Rural Development through their Rural Placemaking Innovation Challenge Grant Program, and
5. 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
6. To clarify that the grant wording uses the phrase "Chapter" to refer to the community that the Cameron Chapter represents/ services, and
7. The project is intended to engage volunteers from throughout the Cameron community to participate in the planning exercises, and
8. TLE circulated a flyer and invitation welcoming people to volunteer to serve on the committee, and
9. TLE does not require that the Cameron Chapter receive or disperse any funding for the project, and
10. The TLE Envision Cameron project does not impose any conditions, requirements, or liabilities on the Cameron Chapter, and
11. 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.