

Envision Cameron

Meeting Notes

September 7, 2022

10 am MST

1. Call to Order

Kelsey Lee called the meeting to order at 10:11 am. Attendees included Chris Benally, Garry Biakeddy, Dermayne Cody, Mae Franklin, Waylon Honga, Chuck Howe, Don Irby, Aletha Johnson, Kelsey Lee, Raymond Maxx, Lula Neztosie, Bobby Robbins, Stan Robbins, Eileen Tohonnies, and Brian Cole.

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

Aletha Johnson: TLE has forwarded information to Terrance McDermott requesting the extension for the project. This included an updated schedule from Swaback. Don Irby stated he hoped to receive a quick response to the request. Johnson continued that the financial situation for TLE is getting better as they are receiving their reimbursements. They have now received two reimbursements for the Envision Cameron project. TLE is still on a limited budget. Johnson requested all pending invoices be submitted for payment. Johnson indicated that they should get all squared away with Swaback.

Garry Biakeddy: Introduced himself to the planning team. Brian Cole thanked Biakeddy and TLE for stepping up to the plate on this project. Biakeddy stated that he had attended a very interesting presentation on economics by Waylon Honga.

3. Work Session on Current/Urgent Topics

a. Planning for September Community Gathering

Kelsey Lee: Confirmed that we should proceed with the September 24 gathering. She noted that Native Community Builders has successfully updated the sign. It was agreed that this meeting should proceed without the large tent. Perhaps a smaller sunbreak would be advisable. It was noted that Swaback would probably not be able to participate in the meeting. Lee explained that if this had been the final meeting (if we do not get the extension), this would be the “big reveal.” But now that an extension is likely, we will be abiding by the new project schedule. Lee stated that people are very curious about the projects that we are beginning to advance.

Aletha Johnson: Recommended that we proceed with the project. She asked if there is an effort to involve the youth of the community. Mae Franklin replied that some of these efforts are being made and inquired about the availability of the funding set aside for the intern related to this.

Kelsey Lee: Emphasized that everything does hinge on the requested extension.

Raymond Maxx: If we hold a meeting we should be well organized. Lee responded that receiving documentation from Swaback to share with the community would be helpful. Mae Franklin suggested that Bailey Anderson may be helpful in this regard.

Stan Robbins: Asked for clarification related to the direction of the planning project. Kelsey Lee replied that they were looking for helpful mapping and to focus on the design for a community center project at the site of the former Sawmill. This would become the Innovation Implementation Challenge project.

The group had a detailed discussion about the size and availability of land.

Kelsey Lee: Indicated she was going to provide an update to the Chapter at a meeting later that evening.

b. Innovation Implementation Challenge Project Discussion

It was emphasized that the IIC project relates to the community center design at the former mill site location.

c. Report on Project Facebook Page

The Facebook page has 42 followers. Kelsey Lee will be updating information on the Facebook page soon.

4. Project Activity/Programming

a. Swaback

Swaback provided an update to the schedule presuming that the extension is approved. The new schedule is shown as Attachment A.

b. Building Communities

No report.

c. Native Community Builders

Noted that they have updated the sign promoting the September 24 event.

Lula Neztosie: Noted that it is important to keep the Chapter informed of the activities.

d. Cameron Chapter/CLUP

Stan Robbins: Asked if efforts have been made to update the Cameron CLUP. Kelsey Lee replied that a presentation was made in June. There have been efforts to coordinate both with the Cameron Planning Committee as well as the CLUP. Lee noted that she was waiting to hear back from DOJ related to decisions made at a previous Chapter meeting. Brian Cole asked Chris Benally if he had any insight on the matter. Benally explained that this matter related to the Chapter's Unit at DOJ and he had no specific information or comment.

e. Placemaking Advisors

It was noted that we should change the name of "Placemaking Advisors" on the agenda.

5. New Business

a. TLE Support Resolution

No report.

- b. Kelsey Lee Report to CLUP-C**
No report.

6. Other Business

No other business.

7. Next Meeting

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 3, 2022 at 10 am MST.

8. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11:18 am MST.

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

