

Envision Cameron

Meeting Notes

December 5, 2022

10 am MST

1. Call to Order

Kelsey Lee called the meeting to order at 10:10 am. Attendees included Mae Franklin, Rhonda Harvey, Chuck Howe, Aletha Johnson, Kelsey Lee, Chris McKibben, Bobby Robbins, Patsy Yazzie, and Brian Cole.

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

Aletha Johnson noted that we had a coordinating call with our new USDA contact, Mahelia Whittier. The group responded that they look forward to the possibility she can join on some of the future meetings.

3. Work Session on Current/Urgent Topics

a. Future Community Gatherings

It was agreed that we are still shooting for a community outreach gathering in March. Given the weather conditions, there would be an effort to see if we could once again utilize Floyd Stevens tent.

b. Innovation Implementation Challenge Project Discussion

No additional report.

c. Report on Project Facebook Page

Kelsey Lee reported that the Facebook page can be helpful as we try to collect local history.

Mae Franklin emphasized the continued effort to get “local history stories.” Kelsey Lee responded that she did post this on the Facebook page and has had a couple of responses. This work would likely take place near the end of February.

4. Project Activity/Programming

a. Swaback

Chris McKibben and Rhonda Harvey outlined their thoughts about how the project should proceed over the next six months. A discussion about reengaging the Cameron community was considered a priority.

Chris McKibben noted that he would be finalizing a draft agreement between Swaback and C2 Environmental for the work to be done by Chuck Howe. Aletha Johnson responded that she would like to see a draft of this agreement. Brian Cole noted that Aletha is doing a good job of keeping USDA Rural Development apprised of relevant updates such as this.

Rhonda Harvey noted that she and Chris would continue to work on the draft report.

b. Building Communities

Brian Cole noted that he recently had a meeting with President-elect Buu Nygren and his team. Cole expressed great optimism that the Nygren/Montoya Administration would be very good to work with. Mae Franklin recommended that Raymond Maxx reach out to the Nygren Administration to invite them to future Envision Cameron meetings.

c. Native Community Builders

Mae Franklin asked if Native Community Builders would be able to update the sign to provide notice that the next Envision Cameron meeting would be in March. Bobby indicated that he would coordinate to get this done. Brian Cole indicated that Building Communities would pay for the development of a project notification banner that could be erected on the sign. It was later discussed that perhaps establishing a new sign location at the Blackstreak Holdings properties might be advantageous. The meeting can be promoted from both directions.

d. Cameron Chapter/CLUP

No report.

5. New Business

No new business.

6. Next Meeting

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 19, 2022 at 10 am MST.

7. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 am MST.

