

**Joint Village Strategic Planning Meeting Notes
Tuesday, February 9, 2021
2 PM MST
Zoom Videoconference and Telephone**

1. Call to Order—Cedric Kuwaninvaya, CSA, Upper Moenkopi Village

Special Welcome to Jack Jackson, Jr. with Office of Congressman Tom O’Halleran and Luther Lee with Office of Senator Mark Kelly

Cedric Kuwaninvaya called the meeting to order at 2:10 PM. A special introduction and welcome was made to Jack Jackson, Jr. with the Office of Congressman Tom O’Halleran, Luther Lee with the Office of Senator Mark Kelly, and to Josh Clause, lobbyist for the Hopi Tribe.

2. Project Purpose—Cedric Kuwaninvaya

Cedric Kuwaninvaya provided a background of the project purpose and all of the planning activities that have taken place over the past three years which built upon prior work that was conducted in 2010. Former Hopi Tribal Chairman, Le Roy Shingoitewa, provided additional background on historical efforts to address the Bennett Freeze.

3. Self-introductions

The meeting was very well attended. In total, 16 people participated in the Zoom-based meeting.

Meeting Attendees		
Name	Title	Organization
Bradley, Mary	Director of Operations	Hopi Assisted Living Facility
Clause, Josh	Attorney	Advisor to the Hopi Tribe
Cole, Brian	President	Building Communities
Honahni, Linda	Program Administrator	Moenkopi Senior Center
Honanie, Doris		
Jackson, Jack Jr.	Tribal Liaison	Office of Congressman Tom O’Halleran
Kewanvouyma, Verrin	Board Member	Moenkopi Developers Corporation
Kuwaninvaya, Cedric	Community Service Administrator	Upper Moenkopi Village
Lee, Luther	Tribal Liaison	Office of Senator Mark Kelly
Quamahongnewa, Lorna		
Shingoitewa, Le Roy	Former Hopi Tribe Chairman	UMV Board Member
Sumatzkuku, Robert	Community Service Administrator	Village of Moenkopi (Lower)
Surveyor, James	Executive Director	Moenkopi Developers Corporation
Talahyewa, Philton	Former Member	Hopi Tribal Council
Tootsie, Oriel	Board Member	Yuwehloo Pahki Community
Wright, Cathy	Community Service Administrator	Yuwehloo Pahki Community

4. Project Presentation—Brian Cole

Brian Cole tabled the project presentation as attendance was very strong for the meeting and virtually all of the attendees were already familiar with the content of the PowerPoint.

5. Participant Updates

There was a wide ranging discussion from most of the participants related to the history, purpose, and path forward for the Joint Village Strategic Planning effort.

Josh Clause mentioned that the \$1.9 trillion stimulus package being advanced by the Biden Administration and soon to be considered by Congress included \$17.5 billion for Tribes. He noted that this was up from \$8 billion that passed in the spring 2020 stimulus bill. This could mean another substantial influx of funding for the Hopi Tribe for relevant projects. He noted that it was likely that consideration of this bill would be completed by March 14.

Linda Honahni provided an update on the status and needs of the Senior Center. Mary Bradley provided a similar update on the status and needs of the assisted living facility.

Josh Clause then provided additional information related to funding availability related to telecommunications. He noted recent success in assisting the Hopi Tribe for full funding for the HAMP project.

A discussion referencing the effective work of Senator Kelly helping to extend the CARES Act deadline was then held. It was noted that Congressman O'Halleran is always interested and effective in advancing legislation important to Hopi.

Both James Surveyor and Cedric Kuwaninvaya noted the importance of water infrastructure. It is generally understood that Moenkopi will "run out of water" by 2025. Cedric Kuwaninvaya indicated that he has been working Norm Honie in the Hopi Department of Natural Resources to secure US DOE funding for an analysis of how water from Water Well #9 might be transported using the old right-of-way/slurry line that served the Mohave Generating Station.

Jack Jackson, Jr. made reference to a \$2.6 billion fund for water infrastructure.

Brian Cole offered three points. First, he noted that the Village of Moenkopi (Lower) has long-standing plans for the Poosiwlelena Community Development project while the Upper Moenkopi Village has expansion plans near Range Unit 251. Second, Cole noted that the request by Hopi would be a three-phased, 10-year, \$1.2 billion request allowing for installments of funding. Third, Cole described one approach in which federal funding could be routed through a repurposed Office of Navajo and Hopi Indian Recovery with substantial Hopi oversight to ensure that the funding was effectively spent.

Le Roy Shingoitewa provided additional background on the historical efforts to address the Bennett Freeze and the importance of continuing forward. Mr. Shingoitewa also expressed the significant frustration of the Hopi Tribe related to the lack of performance by the Office of Navajo and Hopi Indian Relocation (ONHIR). Mr. Shingoitewa stated that the Hopi Tribe moved to support the closure of ONHIR back in 2012. The Hopi Tribe did not feel like they were treated equally. Mr. Shingoitewa indicated that if funding were to be routed through ONHIR, there

would need to be substantial changes beforehand that would ensure that the funding would go where it was intended to go.

Jack Jackson, Jr. then asked about the status of official Hopi Tribal Council support. Cedric Kuwaninvaya indicated that the JVSP group had submitted paperwork to put a resolution before the Hopi Tribal Council.

Philton Talahyewa spoke about the 2010 effort to address the impacts of the Bennett Freeze. Mr. Talahyewa cautioned about using the phrase “broken promises” when making references to the Bennett Freeze. Mr. Talahyewa stated it would be more appropriate to characterize this effort as a “development fund request.” Brian Cole responded that, indeed, all of the strategic planning work was really intended to make the request as an “investment strategy.”

6. Approach to Hopi Tribal Council

a. Status/Edits of Hopi Tribal Council Resolution Draft

As noted above, documentation has been submitted to the Hopi Tribal Council in order that the resolution be considered. Cedric Kuwaninvaya indicated that he would continue to make sure that this was considered.

7. Discussion on Moving Forward—All

It was generally understood that the JVSP committee would continue to meet and seek support from the Hopi Tribal Council. The group thanked the special guests, Jack Jackson, Jr., Luther Lee, and Josh Clause for their participation.

8. Other Business/Next Meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, February 16, 2021 at 10 AM MST.

9. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 PM MST.