

**Joint Village Strategic Planning
MEETING NOTES
Tuesday, August 24, 2021
10 AM MST
Zoom Videoconference and Telephone**

1. Call to Order

Brian Cole called the meeting to order at 10:14 am MST.

2. Self-introductions

Meeting attendees included Andrew Gashwazra, Linda Honahni, Roberta Sequi, Leroy Shingoitewa, Sam Shingoitewa, Fred Shupla, James Surveyor, Hillis Tootsie, Oriel Tootsie, Cathy Wright, and Brian Cole.

3. Efforts to Refine Projects and Budgets and Seek Federal Funding

Leroy Shingoitewa indicated that he is still working to connect with Navajo Delegate Otto Tso related to a joint message to Congress to fund both the JVSP and the Navajo Thaw.

Cole then spoke again related to the EDA Build Back Better Regional Challenge (BBBRC) grant program that could assist with funding some of the tourism-related projects of JVSP, especially projects associated with MDC expansion and water availability infrastructure. With respect to MDC projects, James Surveyor indicated that recent research by MDC has led to better understanding some issues related to leasing agreements. Surveyor indicated that MDC would be working with the Hopi Realty Office on this matter. Shingoitewa indicated that the UMV Steering Committee could also open some communication channels between MDC and UMV that could lead to some resolution. Cole noted that the leasing issues would not necessarily prohibit MDC from engaging in the BBBRC project. In fact, this matter could be resolved as a part of the Phase One element of that project.

Cole and Shingoitewa spoke to the timing and urgency of the request to Congress given continued work being done in Congress related to the Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill and the \$3.5 trillion Infrastructure Bill.

Cole then asked Sam Shingoitewa to update the group on efforts to coordinate with Star Link. Sam Shingoitewa stated that he did not have an update from the previous (in-person) meeting. Cole offered any help from Building Communities related to advocacy and paperwork to continue to advance communications and possible projects Star Link. Sam Shingoitewa indicated he would like to position UMV to be a Star Link Gateway.

4. Reports from Villages/Community

a. Upper Moenkopi Village

Leroy Shingoitewa indicated that there is a new Governor for Upper Moenkopi Village. She is Alene Garcia, a retired judge. Garcia has connections to the Hualapai Tribe. Shingoitewa would work to get an email address to Cole to add to the distribution list for future meetings.

Leroy Shingoitewa reported that the next UMV Steering Committee would be 9:30 am on Thursday, August 26.

b. Village of Moencopi (Lower)

No report.

c. Yuwehloo Pahki Community

Cathy Wright indicated that the Board would have a meeting on Saturday, August 28 to review and prioritize YPC JVSP projects again.

5. Other Business

There was no other business discussed.

6. Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting is Tuesday, August 31 at 10 am MST.

7. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am MST.