

**Joint Village Strategic Planning
MEETING NOTES
Tuesday, January 11, 2022
10 AM MST
Zoom Videoconference and Telephone**

1. Call to Order

Brian Cole called the meeting to order at 10:18 am MST.

2. Self-introductions

Meeting attendees included Bailey Anderson, Travis Hyer, Fred Shupla, Le Roy Shingoitewa, Sam Shingoitewa, Neil Yazzie and Brian Cole.

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

Brian Cole reminded the group that the plan is to hold an in-person meeting on Wednesday, January 19 at 9 am MST at the Legacy Inn and Suites. Brian Cole and Bailey Anderson updated the group that the meeting space has been reserved and that Building Communities has committed to hosting the lunch. There would be a minimum of 25 in the order for lunch.

There was a sidebar conversation about information brought forward by Fred Shupla related to an advisory about in-person attendance given the recent increase in COVID cases and the Omicron Variant. The group agreed to be wary of this but “for now” the plan was to maintain plans for the in-person meeting. Cole noted that a hybrid option will be offered.

Le Roy Shingoitewa indicated he had coordinated with Bailey Anderson to confirm the listing of Hopi Department Heads to be invited.

Travis Hyer updated the group that the Hopi Tribal Council and its subcommittee structure has been reestablished after the election. Hyer stated that three of the relevant committee meetings are scheduled:

- Land Committee at 9:00 am MST on January 13
- Water and Energy Committee at 9:00 am MST on January 14
- Transportation Committee at 9:00 am MST on January 19 (opposite the JVSP meeting)

Le Roy Shingoitewa suggested that a letter of outreach to the Hopi Tribal Council and, especially, the relevant committees, be made by JVSP. Brian Cole indicated he would draft such an outreach memo.

Fred Shupla then made mention of the water well drilling activity at Range Unit 251. Shupla indicated that the group would be well advised to have the process underway for the identification of the final right-of-way for the transmission line to Moenkopi. Cole replied that continued coordination will be underway both with HUC and MUA on this.

Neil Yazzie then updated the group on the importance of coordinating with Indian Health Services (IHS), as they are a major planner and funder of water infrastructure. Cole asked Yazzie if he could set up a meeting with his contacts at IHS to make some introductions. Yazzie would follow-up on this.

4. Reports from Villages/Community

a. Upper Moenkopi Village

No report.

b. Village of Moencopi (Lower)

No report.

c. Yuwehloo Pahki Community

No report.

5. Other Business

No other business.

6. Next Meeting

It was noted that the next regular meeting which would be scheduled for Tuesday, January 18 would be canceled due to the plans to hold the in-person meeting on January 19. Cole noted that even if the in-person meeting format was canceled, there would be a Zoom-based meeting at that time with the broader invitation list.

7. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 am MST.