

**Joint Village Strategic Planning
MEETING NOTES
Tuesday, November 2, 2021
10 AM MST
Zoom Videoconference and Telephone**

1. Call to Order

Brian Cole called the meeting to order at 10:08 am MST.

2. Self-introductions

Meeting attendees included Mary Bradley, Andrew Gashwazra, Dale Lucero, Leroy Shingoitewa, Sam Shingoitewa, Kathleen Sumatzkuku and Brian Cole.

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

Le Roy Shingoitewa provided several updates. First, he indicated that he had been in contact with Michael Elmer, especially related to water infrastructure planning. Shingoitewa stated that the discussion primarily focused upon the right-of-way routing from the Siderock Well to Moenkopi with a preference to route it along the Questar Pipeline route rather than Highway 160. Shingoitewa emphasized this was a shorter, more cost-effective route that could also benefit the planned development of Poosiwlelena at the Village of Moenkopi (Lower). Shingoitewa stated he was working to again invite the Water & Energy Committee along with all relevant Hopi government offices to Moenkopi to have a strategy session around the routing, financing, and operations of the improved water system.

Shingoitewa continued that an additional topic that is emerging relates to gaming. Shingoitewa noted that UMV voted favorably for the establishment of gaming in conjunction with the MDC facilities.

Finally, Shingoitewa stated that he had reached out to Chairman Nuvangyaoma related to a meeting about the pursuit of the federal funding, potential collaboration with the Navajo Nation and taking the next steps on the EDA BBB RC proposal. Shingoitewa noted that he continues to be in contact with the Hopivewat Learning Center Board.

Next, Shingoitewa stated that it would be beneficial to have a local project manager advancing all of these issues, especially the water infrastructure. He asked the group if they would be favorable to reaching out to Tim Bodell on this opportunity. The response was generally favorable and there was a suggestion that Bodell could work well with MUA.

4. Reports from Villages/Community

a. Upper Moenkopi Village

The group had a preliminary discussion about holding the next Steering Committee meeting on November 10.

b. Village of Moenkopi (Lower)

No report

c. Yuwehloo Pahki Community

No report.

5. Other Business

Brian Cole updated the group on the NHH Regional Tourism Collaborative. He noted that there were 529 applicants. He stated that there would be 50-60 of those applicants selected for Phase 1 funding (and eligible for Phase 2 application).

Sam Shingoitewa provided a brief update on Starlink telecommunications. He reported that Starlink is somewhat behind schedule due to the microchip (and microchip labor) shortage. Brian Cole affirmed the work that Sam Shingoitewa was doing to take a lead role on the availability of telecommunications in the region. There was a brief discussion about locating a major Starlink facility in the region.

6. Next Meeting

Brian Cole indicated he would not be available for the November 9 meeting. The group agreed to cancel that meeting so the next meeting would be held at 10 am MST on Tuesday, November 16.

7. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 am MST.