

**Joint Village Strategic Planning
MEETING NOTES
Tuesday, November 16, 2021
10 AM MST
Zoom Videoconference and Telephone**

1. Call to Order

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

2. Self-introductions

Meeting attendees included Andrew Gashwazra, Linda Honahni, Dale Lucero, Le Roy Shingoitewa, Sam Shingoitewa, Kathleen Sumatzkuku, Robert Sumatzkuku and Brian Cole.

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

The meeting began with a brief update on the election results for Hopi Chairman and Vice Chairman. Timothy Nuvangyaoma retained his position as Chairman. Craig Andrews will become Vice Chairman. Le Roy Shingoitewa noted that he had connected with Chairman Nuvangyaoma both before and after the election related to advocacy for JVSP. Later in the meeting it was agreed that we should work to hold an in-person briefing of the Chairman and the Vice Chairman on the efforts and goals of JVSP. Shingoitewa noted that both the Chairman and the Vice Chairman are from the Village of Mishongnovi.

Brian Cole stated that with the passage of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill, an additional \$11 billion is now available for Indian Country on top of the \$86 million that has been received by the Hopi Tribe from ARPA. Cole emphasized the importance of advancing shovel-ready projects right now.

Le Roy Shingoitewa then provided an update on the elections for Upper Moenkopi Village. There are five individuals that are running for a position on the Hopi Tribal Council from UMV. All of the elections process will be firmed up by November 19 for the December 14 election.

The group then had a detailed discussion about the Moenkopi Developers Corporation (MDC). Several of the attendees discussed the urgent need to have a clear understanding related to the activities and goals of MDC.

Brian Cole then provided a brief update on the NHH Regional Tourism Collaborative application. The Hualapai Tribe should be notified by December 8 if they are a Phase 1 winner.

Sam Shingoitewa then provided an update on the Starlink telecommunications technology. He noted that some of the recipients of Starlink technology are also benefiting from fiber-based telecommunications. This is, in turn, leading to Starlink establishing a “buyback” program where Starlink can reposition the deployment of the technology to individuals that do not benefit from fiber-based telecommunications. Sam Shingoitewa stated that it was still his goal to advocate for a Starlink gateway facility to be developed at Moenkopi. The group generally agreed that HTI is not authorized to provide reliable telecommunications services to Moenkopi. There is general dissatisfaction with the services of Frontier.

The group then discussed the need to reach out to Dyron Murphy Architects related to his professional services associated with the water system planning. Cole indicated he would follow up with Dyron Murphy and his associate, Tim Burt.

Le Roy Shingoitewa indicated that he continues to be in contact with the Hopivewat Learning Center project. There may be an opportunity to brief the board on the NHH Regional Tourism Collaborative proposal. (Shortly after the meeting, Andrew Gashwazra, Le Roy Shingoitea and Brian Cole received an invitation for a November 17 meeting of the Hopivewat Board).

4. Reports from Villages/Community

a. Upper Moenkopi Village

No report.

b. Village of Moencopi (Lower)

Robert Sumatzkuku indicated that the VML Board is meeting and active. They have been impacted, unfortunately, by two positive COVID-19 cases.

c. Yuwehloo Pahki Community

Brian Cole noted that he had received an email from Cathy Wright that she had a conflict and would not be available for the meeting. She was extending the invitation to her Board Members.

5. Other Business

None.

6. Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting is Tuesday, November 23 at 10 am MST.

7. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 am MST.