

**Joint Village Strategic Planning  
MEETING NOTES  
Tuesday, December 14, 2021  
10 AM MST  
Zoom Videoconference and Telephone**

**1. Call to Order**

Brian Cole called the meeting to order at 10:11 am MST.

**2. Self-introductions**

Meeting attendees included Andrew Gashwazra, Linda Honahni, Luther Lee (Office of Senator Mark Kelly), Fred Shupla, Le Roy Shingoitewa, Sam Shingoitewa, Kathleen Sumatzkuku, Robert Sumatzkuku, James Surveyor, and Brian Cole.

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

Brian Cole offered a special welcome to Luther Lee, Tribal Engagement Representative for the Office of Senator Mark Kelly. Cole explained that Luther Lee was very familiar with the efforts of JVSP and that Mr. Lee was very skilled at keeping Senator Kelly informed of our efforts. Cole then proceeded to provide a more detailed update of the recent activities of JVSP and our immediate goals as we move forward.

Le Roy Shingoitewa added that one of the top priorities of the JVSP effort is to finally secure a long-term water supply for Upper Moenkopi Village and the Village of Moencopi (Lower). Shingoitewa also spoke about the repurposing of the Office of Navajo and Hopi Indian Relocation so that Hopi would finally benefit from activities of that Office.

Shingoitewa noted that he was aware of legislation being advanced by Congressman O'Halleran that might cause Hopi some concern. Shingoitewa stressed that a lot of good planning has been done with JVSP and Hopi and it is important that we all work together to address economic development priorities.

Cole noted that he might be making a trip to Washington DC within the next 60 days to advocate for both JVSP and Navajo Thaw goals. Luther Lee recommended that Cole keep him updated on travel plans so that appropriate meetings could be established.

Cole then updated the group that a decision has been made by the Economic Development Administration (EDA) that the Build Back Better Regional Challenge (BBB RC) Phase One winners have been selected. Cole stated he was disappointed to report that the NHH Regional Tourism Collaborative proposal was not funded. He noted that none of the 60 (out of 529) proposals that were funded had anything to do with tourism. Cole noted that there are other EDA programs focused upon Indigenous Communities and Tourism that could support some of the projects in the NHH portfolio. Cole also noted that there are still several funding sources that could fund the water improvements needed for Moenkopi.

**4. Reports from Villages/Community**

**a. Upper Moenkopi Village**

No additional report.

**b. Village of Moencopi (Lower)**

No additional report.

**c. Yuwehloo Pahki Community**

Cathy Wright had reported that she had a prior conflict and was unable to attend the meeting.

**5. Other Business**

James Surveyor noted that he had reached out to Taos, New Mexico related to the recent telecommunications grant that they had received. Surveyor has determined who the local advocate was and that advocate would be willing to share their story about their goals and grant funding with us. The group unanimously agreed that James Surveyor should reach out and make such an invitation for a future meeting.

**6. Next Meeting**

The next regularly scheduled meeting is Tuesday, December 21 at 10 am MST.

**7. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:11 am MST.