

**Joint Village Strategic Planning
MEETING NOTES
Tuesday, February 7, 2023
10 AM MST
Zoom Videoconference and Telephone**

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Brian Cole at 10:10 am MST.

2. Self-introductions

Meeting attendees included William Charley, Kristen Cooper, Andrew Gashwazra, Cassie Honie, Cedric Kuwaninvaya, Sam Shingoitewa, Fred Shupla, Robert Sumatzkuku, Hillis Tootsie, Neil Yazzie, and Brian Cole.

3. Planning and Initiatives

a. Collaboration with Hopi Tribe to Secure Federal Funding

The group summarized the presentation made by Brian Cole to the Hopi Tribal Council on January 25. Cole noted that attendance was very high and a report of this nature should be made on a quarterly (or so) basis.

Cole also noted that he had made an offer to provide free strategic planning facilitation and planning services to the Hopi Tribal Council. The group approved of this offer by Building Communities and supported a 1-page letter that Building Communities would send to the Hopi Tribal Council making this offer.

Cedric Kuwaninvaya noted that similar strategic planning services had been offered by Blue Stone in the past. Cedric Kuwaninvaya indicated that he did not believe that the Hopi Tribal Council had a set of goals and objectives that are driving their activities.

Neil Yazzie gave a “shoutout” to Claudina Burgener for her remarks at the Hopi Tribal Council meeting.

i. Request to Congress for \$1.0 Billion

The group agreed that continued efforts to invite staff from the Arizona Congressional Delegation should be made.

ii. Repurposing ONHIR

No report.

iii. Village Resolutions of Support for JVSP

No report.

b. Moenkopi Water Development Projects

i. Approach to Hopi Tribe for ARPA Funding

No report.

ii. Request for \$1.5 Million of Congressional Directed Spending

Cole noted that JVSP needs to remain aware of the funding committed through Congressionally Directed Spending of \$1.5 million for the MUA Waterline Project. This funding would likely be directed through the Hopi Tribe. Cole noted that a draft resolution has been developed that addresses this opportunity. A draft of this resolution is shown as attachment A. Fred Shupla noted that he had received a copy of an email from Joe Russell of Senator Kelly's staff related to this funding commitment. Shupla would forward that email to Cole.

The group then had a discussion about the Indirect Cost Rate and why this should not be applied to the project given that JVSP was the advocate for the funding and the money could be routed to the project without an administrative burden on the tribe. It was also noted that the Indirect Cost Rate, if it is applicable, only applies to personnel (not construction and contracting).

iii. **HTHA Outreach and Response**

No report.

c. **Water Well #9 Study**

No report.

d. **Telecommunications Report**

No report.

e. **Yuwehloo Pahki Community Projects and Budget Update**

No report.

4. **Reports from Villages/Community**

a. **Upper Moenkopi Village**

No report.

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

No report.

c. **Yuwehloo Pahki Community**

Claudina Burgener reported that YPC was grateful for the firewood that they had received coordinated by ONHIR. The group agreed that YPC should send a letter to ONHIR thanking ONHIR for this contribution and inquiring as to other benefits that could be delivered by ONHIR to YPC especially road improvements. Burgener noted that YPC recently coordinated a very beneficial meeting between HDOT, NDOT, and the White Cone Chapter related to road improvements.

5. **Other Business**

a. **Hopi Roundtable**

No report.

b. **Harvard Business**

Cole reported that the Harvard School of Design has agreed to provide a student team to Hopi to address governance recommendations. The group had a lengthy discussion about the potential scope of such work. Kristen Cooper of Building Communities noted that she would be the coordinator that would connect the Hopi team with the Harvard team. Cedric Kuwaninvaya noted that we should look into Studies Circuit 2005 by Harvard.

The group recommended that Brian Cole submit a letter to the Hopi Tribal Council that summarized the upcoming work of Harvard. Many of the JVSP committee members volunteered to participate. In addition, William Charley and Ruth would be excellent Tribal Council Members to participate.

6. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 14 at 10 am MST.

7. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 am MST.

Attachment A

HOPI TRIBAL COUNCIL
RESOLUTION
H-XXX-2023

WHEREAS, the Constitution and By-Laws of the Hopi Tribe, ARTICLE VI – POWERS OF THE TRIBAL COUNCIL, SECTION 1 (a), authorizes the Hopi Tribal Council “To represent and speak for the Hopi Tribe in all matters for the welfare of the Tribe,...”; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, the Hopi Tribal Council passed Resolution H-028-2021, expressing support of village efforts to seek federal funding for projects benefiting the Village of Moenkopi (Lower), Upper Moenkopi Village and Yuwehloo Pahki Community; and

WHEREAS, in 2022, the Hopi Tribal Council passed Resolution H-051-2022, expressing its continued support of the efforts of the Village of Moenkopi (Lower), Upper Moenkopi Village, and Yuwehloo Pahki Community to seek out federal funding for projects benefitting Village of Moenkopi (Lower), Upper Moenkopi Village, and Yuwehloo Pahki Community; and

WHEREAS, the Joint Village Strategic Planning (JVSP) team has taken upon itself a responsibility to engage in efforts on behalf of the Village of Moenkopi (Lower), Upper Moenkopi Village, and Yuwehloo Pahki Community as a result of Resolution H-028-202; and

WHEREAS, the JVSP team assisted Upper Moenkopi Village to develop an Economic Development Strategic Plan that identifies top projects and funding needs to address the impacts of the Bennett Freeze; and

WHEREAS, the Upper Moenkopi Village Economic Development Strategic Plan identifies the need for new and improved water infrastructure as a top priority; and

WHEREAS, JVSP, Upper Moenkopi Village, and the Moenkopi Utility Authority (MUA) have worked over the past two years with Indian Health Services (IHS) to scope the MUA Pasture Canyon Water Well #2 project; and

WHEREAS, JVSP has submitted monthly reports to the Hopi Water Energy Committee explaining the water infrastructure project and their coordinating efforts to seek congressional funding; and

WHEREAS, the advocacy efforts by JVSP and MUA have successfully resulted in Congressionally Directed Spending of \$1.5 million to be received by the Hopi Tribe for the purpose of addressing the water infrastructure project advanced by MUA in coordination with IHS; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the \$1.5 million is specified by Congress for Moenkopi water infrastructure.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Hopi Tribal Council recognizes the work of JVSP, Upper Moenkopi Village, and the Moenkopi Utility Authority to successfully secure \$1.5 million to be directed by the United States Congress to the Hopi Tribe for the Moenkopi Water Infrastructure Project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tribal Council (TC) approves the receipt of funding from the United States for this purpose.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the entirety of this funding award will be transferred by the Hopi Tribe to MUA or the designee by MUA to be used for the Water Infrastructure Project as approved by the United States Congress.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that this resolution shall supersede and replace all prior resolutions of the Hopi Tribal Council that are inconsistent, or in conflict with the intent, purpose, and provision of this Resolution.

CERTIFICATION

The Hopi Tribal Council duly adopted the foregoing Resolution on _____ at a meeting at which a quorum was present with a vote of ___ in favor, ___ opposed, ___ abstaining (Chairman presiding and not voting) pursuant to the authority vested in the Hopi Tribal Council by ARTICLE VI-POWERS OF THE TRIBAL COUNCIL, SECTION 1 (a) of the Hopi Tribal Constitution and By-Laws of the Hopi Tribe of Arizona, as ratified by the Tribe on October 24, 1936, and approved by the Secretary of Interior on December 19, 1936, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934. Said Resolution is effective as of the date of adoption and does not require Secretarial approval.

Timothy L. Nuvangyaoma, Chairman
Hopi Tribal Council

ATTEST:

Judith Youvella, Tribal Secretary
Hopi Tribal Council

