Joint Village Strategic Planning
MEETING NOTES
Tuesday, May 5, 2026
10:00 MST
Zoom Videoconference and Telephone

Attendees:

- Stephen Jew, Diana Lucero, Bonnie Secakuku, Wayne Sekaquaptewa, Sam Shingoitewa, Juan Carlos Orrego Zamudio, and Brian Cole.

Primary Meeting "Take-aways:"

- Brian Cole welcomed Juan Carlos Orrego Zamudio and asked him to introduce himself and describe the programs of the Harvard Growth Lab
- Juan Carlos explained that his program has received a grant to work with Tribes in the Four Corners Area, including Hopi; this would also allow student interns from Harvard to be on-reservation conducting specific projects and studies
- Stephen Jew updated the group on the energy development project being advanced by NeRD Power including a new roof section for solar installation on the Upper Moenkopi Administration Building and Community Center; in addition, a new foam room is being installed on the Senior Center
    - This all sets the stage for a 25-lease for solar installation which will lower power rates for all three facilities
- Stephen Jew also noted that NeRD Power is going to conduct on-site training for microgrid photovoltaic maintenance; this will show how Hopi can capitalize on renewable energy
- Jew also reported that they are coordinating with HUC Energy on other energy development projects
- Separate from work by NeRD Power is an eight-megawatt microgrid at the Turquoise Well site
- Wayne Sekaquaptewa reported that April 23, 2026 was the annual meeting for HUC Energy, HUC Water, and HTI
    - All three entities have ongoing projects, and look for increased coordination and communication with the Hopi Tribe on projects
    - It was noted that the work to update the Potskwaniat could be highly valuable in communications between the Hopi Tribe and the regulated entities
    - He noted that there is an increasing focus by Hopi on the I-40 corridor which is wise
    - It was noted that utilities cannot be developed until all of the players are on the same page

    - Similarly, there is a need for improved telecommunications services for HTHA at Winslow, but there is a lack of clarity now on the big picture direction; at Winslow, HTI is only an Internet Service Provider (ISP) not an Incumbent Provider
- Brian Cole updated the group on the importance of updating the Potskwaniat which will address many of the "big picture" directional issues for the Tribe
    - Cole noted that Building Communities has submitted a proposal to do this work (in addition to being the finalist for the HTEDC CEDS Implementation Project)
- Diana Lucero noted the support that JVSP and the work of Building Communities has from Vice Chairman Mikah Kewanimptewa

Next Meeting:

- The next meeting will be held via Zoom on Tuesday, May 19 at 10 am MST.