Joint Village Strategic Planning
MEETING NOTES
Tuesday, June 16, 2026
10:00 MST
Zoom Videoconference and Telephone

Attendees:

- Andrew Gashwazra, Ralph Lamson, Mellie Mesfin, Tim O'Brien, Kim Secakuku, Sam Shingoitewa, Juan Carlos Orrego Zamudio and Brian Cole

Primary Meeting "Take-aways:"

- Tim O'Brien spoke of the Economic Complexity Analysis developed by the Harvard Growth Lab and how they could apply that tool to determine future economic development opportunities associated with the consolidated New Lands
- Ralph Lamson also referenced the checkerboard lands
- Mellie Mesfin indicated that she has been reviewing these maps
- It was noted that a draft grant proposal to the BIA Energy and Minerals Grant Program was being developed for consideration by the Tribe
    - Andrew Gashwazra noted the importance of the potential project being on trust land
    - Ralph Lamson indicated he would reach out to Edison Tu'tsi for information on Hopi lands
- Kim Secakuku questioned the authority to be developing the grant proposal
- Tim O'Brien made reference to a recent Request for Information (RFI) related to potential energy development south of Interstate 40
- Ralph Lamson then made reference to the $150,000 of funding for potential studying of Water Well #9
    - He indicated that we also may want to look at the land toward Hardrock
    - He also referenced a moratorium on certain mineral development
    - Lamson emphasized the importance of having a plan to determine the future value of Water Well #9
- Andrew Gashwazra recommended a book that summarizes the Oriavi Split that Juan Carlos may be interested in

Next Meeting:

- The next meeting will be held via Zoom on Tuesday, June 30 at 10 am MST.