

**COCONINO COUNTY**  
**AFRICAN DIASPORA ADVISORY COUNCIL**  
**Meeting Minutes: February 10, 2021**

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION	FOLLOWUP
<p><b>Council Officers</b>  [X] Khara House, Chair and Communications and Social Media Liaison,  [X] Amber Jones, Vice Chair</p>			
<p><b>Council Members</b> :</p>			
<p>[E] Jermaine Barkley  [X] Deb Harris  [X] Dr. Tracye A. Moore  [E] Breyanna Smith</p>		<p><b>Also, Present:</b>  Rick Nevius  Makaius Marks  Mel Miller  Susie Garretson</p>	
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<b>1) CALL TO ORDER</b>	The meeting was called to order at 5:33 PM		
<b>2) OPENING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</b>	A. Mel Miller, Red Cross B. Rick Nevius: Rick is here to learn ways to support the African American Community in Northern Arizona. He wants to be more of an advocate.		
<b>3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES</b>	A. Discussion and possible action on approving the January 11, 2021 ADAC meeting minutes: Council member Harris moved to approve the January 11, 2021 ADAC meeting minutes. Council member Moore seconded the motion and it passed.  B. Discussion and possible action on approving the January 13, 2021 Tri-Diversity meeting minutes: Council member Harris moved to approve the January 13, 2021 ADAC meeting minutes. Council member Moore seconded the motion and it passed.	<b>APPROVED</b>          <b>APPROVED</b>	
<b>4) NEW BUSINESS</b>	A. Possible partnerships to elevate voices of color within the school district - Darrell Marks, FUSD Councilor: Darrel is the Native American Academic Advisor for Flagstaff High School. His role is to help students struggling academically. He has been looking for opportunities to celebrate multi-cultural identities in the community. He described things they have done over the last 5 years, including advocating for the name change for Agassiz Street to WC Riles Street. He encourages students to celebrate the cultural		Deb: Send

	<p>diversity months, as well as being honest about depicting history. They have been collecting video stories from older generations. He encourages students to reach out to other students of color, as schools focus on the majority. If all the students of color work together, then they are the majority. Through their work at the school, the teachers, staff, and administrators are becoming more culturally aware. He wants to find ways to collaborate with various diversity groups. He has worked with CHAC to help bring an Academic Advisory Position to Flagstaff High School for Hispanic students and with the Indigenous Circle of Flagstaff.</p> <p>He asked if ADAC members can send short videos about upcoming events, as that is how his students learn about them.</p> <p>B. Black History Month Essay Contest – Khara House, ADAC Chair: Information has been shared with school districts but there have been no submissions. It was agreed to extend the deadline to March 1. Khara is collaborating with the newspaper and library. Darrell said it has already been shared with students and parents through Naviance. Khara will send the updated information to him for that and for him to put it on Peachtree at the school district. The Essay Contest committee will have a Zoom call and video it to send to Darrell for the students.</p> <p>C. Coconino County Black History Month – Breaunna Smith, ADAC member: Khara reported that Carolyn Kidd needs a picture for the flyer for the Lived Black Experience video. She asked if members can be available for a Show and Tell on February 15 or 22 at noon, as part of the Black History month. This is to show an item of significance to you of your African Diaspora experience.</p> <p>D. Pen Pal Program – Amber Jones, ADAC Vice Chair: Amber proposed that ADAC start</p>	<p>video about upcoming Murdoch Center events to Darrell.</p> <p>Darrell: Share cooking video with Khara.</p> <p>Khara: Edit essay contest flyer with new deadline and notify schools and library: Send new flyer to Darrell for Naviance &amp; Peachtree.</p> <p>Essay committee: Meet for Zoom call about contest &amp; video it. Send to Darrell.</p> <p>Deb: Send Carolyn a picture of the Murdoch Mural.</p> <p>All: Tell Khara if you are available for Show and Tell on February 15 or 22 at noon.</p>
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	<p>pandemic, loneliness has been a big problem because people cannot interact. Amber will develop screening questions regarding who they would like to connect with. Distribute through social media and county webpage. Letters can be electronic or pen and paper. Include senior living centers.</p> <p>Council member Harris moved to have Amber continue setting up particulars of this program and bring back to ADAC for final approval. Council Chair House seconded the motion and it passed.</p> <p>E. ADAC Social Media – Amber Jones, ADAC Vice Chair: The Facebook page is ready. Jermaine is updating calendar events. Jermaine is working on an Instagram account. Amber is working on a Twitter account. They can pull items from the Murdoch Center, Lived Black Experience, and the Black Student Union. They are hoping to boil down their entries to a formula. They plan to highlight people in the community and historical events. There was discussion about ADAC including a paid internship in its budget. The intern could have concrete hours and be located at the Murdoch Center. Interns could be found through NAU Ethnic Studies.</p> <p>F. Murdoch Community Center Garden – Amber Jones, ADAC Vice Chair: Amber is currently working through Coconino County Master Gardener program and must do volunteer hours. She chose the Murdoch Center to do that and is applying for grants to incorporate a composting and water system. Ways ADAC can participate are to help with volunteering and sharing videos.</p>	<p><b>APPROVED</b></p>	<p>All: Send Amber Facebook ideas</p> <p>Susie: Ask Eric about intern and send to Amber &amp; Jermaine.</p>
<p><b>5) OLD BUSINESS</b></p>	<p>A. Lived Black Experience Community Coalition - Khara House, ADAC Chair: Deb and Khara presented the Strategic Plan to the County Board of Supervisors on February 2 and asked them to adopt it. Now that Supervisor Archuleta is gone, they will Circle back with the Supervisors. Members were asked to share</p>		<p>All: Share the Lived Black Experience Strategic Plan</p>

	the Plan out as much as possible.		
<b>6) FINANCE</b>	<p>A. Finance report – Susie Garretson, Diversity Council Coordinator: There is \$4,130.73 in the account. The Board of Supervisors contributed \$1766.67 to ADAC.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Pens</li> <li>2. Nametags</li> </ol> <p>B. Discussion and possible action on expense approval – Khara House, AAAC Chair: Council member Harris moved to allocate up to \$500 to pay for an intern to help with social media if it is approved by Eric. Vice Chair Jones seconded the motion and it passed.</p>	<b>APPROVED</b>	<p>Susie: Order pens</p> <p>Deb: Pick up nametags</p> <p>Susie: Send Amber student information</p>
<b>7) ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>			
<b>8) NEXT MEETING DATES</b>	<p>March 10, 2021 ADAC meeting</p> <p>April 14, 2021 ADAC meeting (Khara's birthday) Murdoch Center.</p> <p>April 28, 2021 Tri-Diversity meeting (IPAC</p>		
<b>9) ADJOURNMENT</b>	Chair House adjourned the meeting at 6:45 pm.		

Respectfully Submitted by Susie Garretson

These minutes were approved at the ADAC March 10, 2021 ADAC meeting.