



Tri-Diversity Council Meeting
Hosted by: African Diaspora Advisory Council (ADAC)
Wednesday, May 10, 2023, 5:30pm-7:00pm

Minutes

Attendance:

IPAC: Julie Roddy, Diana Cudeii, Mike Luna, Linda Curley

ADAC: Khara House, Diana White, Kengatta Callen, Diamond Bracey

CHAC: Patty Garcia, Jose Diaz Aquino

Guests: Cheyenne Grabiec

County Guests: Areina Contreras

1) Call to Order, Welcome, and Introductions: Khara House, ADAC Chair

2) Opening Public Participation:

1. Diversity Council Reports:

a. African Diaspora Advisory Council (ADAC): Khara House, ADAC Chair

- i. Hosted Black History Month Art and Essay Contest. Also hosted a virtual reception at a previous ADAC meeting and invited winners to Juneteenth for a formal recognition.
- ii. Members serve on other committees and have been working on effort with partners.
- iii. Continuing our partnership with the Lived Black Experience for planning Juneteenth and the monthly cultural artisan fair.

b. Coconino Hispanic Advisory Council (CHAC): Patty Garcia, CHAC Chair

- i. Held the annual CHAC retreat in person and worked on an ambitious list of items to work on for the year.
- ii. Esteban Villareal has stepped down from CHAC. Patty Garcia is now the CHAC Chair and Jose Diaz Aquino is the Vice-Chair.
- iii. CHAC has been participating in community events and committees through its membership.
- iv. Resetting a foundation moving forward and excited about the items to do. It was also nice to be in person and to connect with new members who we haven't met.

c. Indigenous Peoples Advisory Council (IPAC): Julie Roddy, IPAC Chair

- i. IPAC has been attending events in the community through its membership.
- ii. Received an update on Tuba City Regional Health and Sacred Peaks at a committee meeting and had visitation from Sup. Fowler and Begay who gave reports to IPAC.

- iii. President Biden proclaimed May 5 has Missing and Murdered Person Indigenous Day and it is a day to wear red in solidarity of those who have been lost.
- iv. The possibility for an in-person Tri-Diversity meeting, IPAC is hosting next, so it could be done.
- v. IPAC retreat is planned for July 14 with Brooke Holiday from the health department will facilitate.

2. Work Session Items:

- a. Continued School Engagement/FUSD Anti-Racism and Anti-Bias Council Update
 - i. Superintendent of Schools connected to ADAC on items coming out of Tom Horne's office for reporting instances of anything that presents as critical race theory or topics that make students uncomfortable. The Superintendent is concerned that this new reporting will hinder the representation for engagement around things with black or indigenous influence.
 - ii. Checking to see if anyone is a part of the FUSD Anti-Racism and Anti-Bias Committee for an update.
 - iii. A reminder to keep a pulse on the respective population groups in FUSD.
 - iv. Open discussion about this topic and any suggestions
- b. Brainstorming/Discussion of potential future joint Tri-Diversity event
 - i. Recommendation from an ADAC member, there is a great opportunity for collaboration and partnership as a united front as the Tri-Diversity.
 - ii. Open Discussion and brainstorming on potential events or items.

3. County Updates: Steve Peru, Coconino County Manager

- a. Steve was unable to attend the meeting so no update.

4. Announcements Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.02(H), these matters will not be acted upon

- a. Diana White is a board member of Tynkertopia and they are looking for more diversity on the board. Checking to see if Tynkertopia could present at the next Tri-Diversity meeting.
- b. Patty Garcia wanted to remind the group about the annual food drive in partnership with USPS and the local food bank.
- c. Khara House announced to the group to be reminded about the NAU convocations that start this week.

5. Next Tri-Diversity Meeting Date: August 23, 2023 – IPAC hosting

6. Adjournment at 6:25pm