



Coconino Hispanic Advisory Council (CHAC)

Wednesday, August 2, 2023, 5:30 — 7:00 pm

In Person Meeting at Killip Elementary School

Minutes

Present: Patty Garcia, Miguel Vasquez, Frank Moraga, Jose Diaz Aquino, and Katie Mommaerts

Excused: J Michael Cruz, Ruth Eaton, Sedrick Cap

Absent:

Guests: Roxana Cardiel DeNiz, Cristen Crijudo, Alexander Garcia, Soe Reh, Jana Weldon, Joe Guitierrez

County Guests: Areina Contreras, Jeronimo Vasquez

1. Call to Order: Patty Garcia, CHAC Vice-Chair at 5:39pm
2. Opening Public Participation:
 - a. Roxana Cardiel, thank you for allowing me to be a part of CHAC. Very impressed with the plans happening with CHAC.
3. Consideration and Possible Action to Approve the May 6, 2023 Retreat Minutes
 - a. Postponement of approval will vote next meeting
4. Consideration and Possible Action to Approve the June 7, 2023 Meeting Minutes
 - a. Motion by Frank Moraga, second by Miguel Vasquez
 - b. Vote unanimous
5. Consideration and Possible Action to Approve the July 19, 2023 Meeting Minutes
 - a. Motion by Frank Moraga second by Miguel Vasquez
 - b. Vote unanimous
6. Tour of Killip Elementary – Joe Guitierrez
 - a. Welcome from Joe, have completed one full year of school in this new facility. Built with a mission and vision of a student-centered environment. The community of school theory approach to the facility of the school. Giving our students the opportunity to learn with their hands and be creative. You will see a building that was built to nourish that type of environment. The intent is to help our students and to help them feel empowered about their education. The school hasn't quite opened to the community yet as everything in the school is still under warranty, so there are still some things to finalize or repair. The total cost for the building was about 23 million. The construction company and architect have been a great team to work with. The group then went on a foot tour of the school.
7. Update on NALEO Conference – Supervisor Jeronimo Vasquez
 - a. Supervisor Vasquez attended the National Association of Latino Elected Officials (NALEO) conference on its 40th year. Some topics and session he attended were around housing and flood mitigation. Listening to the presentation showed how much Coconino County is ahead of the game for flood mitigation. The service project at the conference was to assemble safety kits for women escaping abuse and with the help of everyone the project was completed on the first day of the conference. The another member of the County who attended was Sarah Benatar, the County Treasurer.
8. Presentation from City of Flagstaff – Cristen Crijudo, Art Collections & Beautification Coordinator

- a. A presentation with an overview of the project at the Elizabeth “Liz” C. Archuleta County Park for the indigenous/multicultural representation project. There is a current call to artists to work on the project. The park location has a deep history of one of the first sawmills. The selection plan will select 5 artworks in representation of the diverse cultural representation. Planning to have an annual exhibition to solidify the park as an outdoor sculpture venue in northern Arizona. The call to artists is not just for professionals, it is open to anyone 18 years or older. There is a national call to artists, but it is with a strong regional focus and Arizona focus. There will be some grassroots outreach as well such as attending some flea markets on the reservation. The artists will be compensated up to \$20,000 and will need to look at each budget from the artist proposals. The long-term plan is to keep holding this exhibition annually with the focus on diverse community input. Cristen will be sending more information to the CHAC group for dissemination.

9. Presentation from Prestamos – Alexander Garcia, Business Advisor

- a. Prestamos has worked with the county to promote small business growth. Items included with this partnership is to have one on one engagements such as how to register an LLC, marketing, or create a digital footprint. Prestamos also focusses on networking, financial literacy or any needs seen by a majority of the group. Prestamos also wants to provide educational opportunities to small business owners to learn business concepts. Prestamos is working on grant opportunities and small loans for small businesses. Looking forward to having a relationship with CHAC to help with outreach and networking. Prestamos wants to support the growth of Hispanic businesses by giving subsidized interest rates. Prestamos gives a report to the county every month on what businesses is working with Prestamos.

10. Work Session Items:

- a. Chair Updates: Patty Garcia, CHAC Chair
 - i. Asked the group to provide written reports for the work group updates.
- b. Work Group Updates:
 - i. Summer Events – Sedrick Cap
 - 1.
 - ii. Hispanic Heritage Month – Frank Moraga
 - 1.
 - iii. Fall/Winter Events – Katie Mommaerts
 - 1.
 - iv. Cesar Chavez Breakfast – Patty Garcia
 - 1.
 - v. Other
 1. Sup. Vasquez brought up the recognition of Tio Tachias since he just passed away. Asking to see if CHAC would like to spear head a remembrance.

11. Action Items:

- a. Finance, CHAC Account Status:
 - i. Balance Report: Areina Contreras, Diversity Coordinator
Report given, amount is \$7,724.00 and no expenditures since September of 2022. CHAC was awarded \$2,000 for the new 2024 Fiscal year and an additional \$200 for the Consumer Price Inflation.

This amount does not include the sponsorships to Nuestras Raices yet. That will be deducted for next month.

- ii. Discussion and possible action to expend funds: Patty Garcia, CHAC Chair
 - 1. None

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

- a. Frank Moraga, reminder of the Tareada event on August 12 from noon – 7pm.

13. Closing Public Participation:

- a. None

14. Next Meeting Dates & Topics:

- a. August 23, 2023 Tri-Diversity (IPAC Hosting) 5:30-7:00pm
- b. September 6, 2023 CHAC meeting 5:30-7:00pm
- c. October 4, 2023 CHAC meeting 5:30-7:00pm

15. Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned at 7:34 pm