



COCONINO COUNTY INDIGENOUS PEOPLES ADVISORY COUNCIL (IPAC) MEETING

Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/87154777312>

Meeting ID: 871 5477 7312 Phone: 1 (719) 359-4580

Thursday, October 12, 2023, 5:30 – 7:00 PM

Minutes

Present: Julie Roddy, Rose Toehe, Meg Kabotie Adakai, Mike Luna, and Sharon Doctor

Absent: Sarah Hunter and Cheyenne Grabiec

Excused: Steve Smith, Linda Curley, and Diana Cudeii

Guest: Audra Travelbee

County Staff: Areina Contreras

1) Call to Order, Welcome, and Introductions: Julie Roddy, IPAC Chair

Meeting called to order at 5:34pm

2) Opening Public Participation: *The public is invited to speak on any item or any area of concern. Please hold comments on Public Hearing items until appropriate times. Items presented during the Public Participation portion of the agenda cannot be acted on by the Indigenous Peoples' Advisory Council. Individual IPAC members may ask questions of the public but are prohibited by the Open Meeting law from discussing or considering the item among themselves until the item is officially placed on the IPAC's agenda. Individuals are limited to a five-minute presentation.*

None

3) Approval of Minutes

A. August 23, 2023 Tri-Diversity Minutes

i. Table the approval of minutes for next meeting so everyone has time to read the minutes.

B. September 29, 2023 Meeting Minutes

i. Table the approval of minutes for next meeting so everyone has time to read the minutes.

4) New Business

A. Discussion and possible action for the potential for a land acknowledgment for the Board of Supervisors.

Discussion amongst the group, if IPAC would like to put forward a land acknowledgment to the Board of Supervisors. Various members shared examples they have seen of land acknowledgments and what they appreciate and examples of when it doesn't come across as sincere. Other comments included that having a land acknowledgment gives recognition of the Native American community and makes it aware that our county encompasses multiple tribes. Members feel that the land acknowledgement should be substantial and meaningful to really get a point across of the significance. Areina will invite both Sup. Fowler and Begay to the next IPAC meeting to get the conversation started with the Board of Supervisors.

B. Discussion and possible action for current membership due to attendance.

Julie gave an update on members she contacted to confirm participation in IPAC. The results are the resignation of Cheyenne Grabiec and Sarah Hunter. Meg Kabotie Adakai will continue to be a part of IPAC and is in attendance tonight. There were 10 members and now with the resignations there are now 8 members, so quorum is now five members.

C. Discussion and possible action for IPAC to participate in County Native American Heritage month presentation.

The group talked over past topics for the presentation and potential for this year's topic. Suggestion of talking about land acknowledgements since that is part of IPAC's planning right now. Members decided on the Nov 15 date for the presentation, and it will be through zoom from 12-1pm.

5) Old Business

A. IPAC Cultural Fair 2023

Report from Mike and Audra on the progress of the event. The event is on a lot of community calendars and emails. Encouraging anyone to share the event with others. The planning committee is looking for more presenters and workshop leaders. Some performers and presenters are not able to make the event as this event is also the same weekend as the Navajo Nation Fair. The road closure is still in progress as there is planning with a construction company to assess the road adjacent to the Icehouse for closure. Volunteers are needed for the setup and breakdown of the event. There is also a planning meeting tomorrow for the committee to follow up on lingering items.

6) Finance

A. IPAC account status: Areina Contreras, Diversity Coordinator

i. Balance Report: Areina Contreras, Diversity Coordinator

Balance is \$2,607.69. This includes the \$1,000 sponsorship for the Culture Fair. The expenses from the retreat and the expenses for Brooke Holiday to facilitate.

ii. Discussion and Possible action to expend funds: Julie Roddy, IPAC Chair

None

7) Announcements

A. Invitation to participate in an Indigenous Nations Focus Circle for Coconino County's Comprehensive Plan Update. Monday, October 30, 2023, beginning at 1:00 p.m., at Coconino County Community Development Thomas Auditorium, 2500 N. Fort Valley Road, Flagstaff, AZ 86001.

Areina will be sending out a reminder email with the RSVP for this event.

8) Closing Public Participation: *For comments about items not on the posted agenda*

None

9) Next Meeting Dates and Presenters/Topics:

A. November 1, 2023, Tri-Diversity Council Meeting (CHAC Hosting) 5:30 – 7:00pm

B. November 9, 2023 - IPAC meeting 5:30-7:00pm on Zoom.

C. December 14, 2023 – IPAC meeting 5:30-7:00pm

10) Adjournment at approximately 6:52pm