

What We Hope to Achieve . . .

With the help of the County and community resources, the Council would like to make more diverse platforms of expression in Fine and Performing arts and other cultural opportunities available for all ethnic groups.

We would like to build relationships with community members, business owners and organizations to maximize our resources.

We would like to inform the African American community about post high school learning opportunities—including career and trade schools in addition to community college and university level education.

Information about the African American Advisory Council is also available on the County website, as well as information on other volunteer citizen boards, commissions, committees and councils:

<http://www.coconino.az.gov/index.aspx?nid=93>

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Coconino County African American Advisory Council



“Never look down on anybody, unless you’re helping him up.”

Jesse Jackson

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What is the African American

Advisory Council?

The Coconino County African American Advisory Council was established in 2001 by the Board of Supervisors. The Council was created to provide an official liaison and communication link between the African American community and Coconino County.

The African American Advisory Council Mission Statement: To act as an official liaison between African American citizens and the Coconino County Board of Supervisors.

The African American Advisory Council Council Vision Statement: That the many contributions of African Americans in all areas of American life be recognized and celebrated.

Goals of the African American Advisory Council:

- * To review and make recommendations on proposed local, state and federal legislation affecting the African American community
- * To examine and assist in planning policies in the areas of employment, education, housing, land use, social services, health, mental health, criminal justice and recreation
- * To assist Coconino County in recruiting and retaining African American employees
- * To promote African American cultural arts, historic activities and events
- * To conduct surveys regarding the needs and wants of African American citizens
- * To conduct community forums as needed to educate the community about African American issues and concerns

Council Membership

The membership is appointed by the Board of Supervisors and is comprised of citizens who reside in Coconino County. Members serve a six year term; however, a member may be re-appointed. An appointment for a vacant position shall be for the un-expired portion of the term.

For more information, or to receive a membership application, interested citizens may call the Board of Supervisors at (928) 679-7134.

Council Accomplishments

- Participated in NAU's *Black History Month* African American art exhibit



- Participated in an informational session on the education process for juvenile inmates
- Discussion with the Board of Supervisors regarding community involvement ideas
- Participated in the design work session for the *Sawmill Multicultural Art and Nature Park* mural
- Sponsored 7 *Black History Month* Essay Contests

- Sponsored several Gospel Festivals
- Reviewed the Coconino County Diversity Management/Affirmative Action Policy and made recommendations to the Human Resources Department
- Participated in Tri-Council meetings and information exchanges
- Sponsored several *Juneteenth* celebrations with the Southside Community Association at the Murdoch Center
- Participated in co-sponsoring, with NAU, the James Baldwin performance of "Down From the Mountain"
- Helped co-sponsor, with the Flagstaff Symphony "Take a Student to the Symphony" evening
- Held a very successful community Resource Fair with County Health and Community Services, City of Flagstaff and the Flagstaff Diversity Awareness Commission



"He who learns—teaches."

... Ethiopian proverb