Diamondbacks host Native American Recognition Days

By Mikhail Sundust
Gila River Indian News

PORTLAND, Ore. — The United National Indian Tribal Youth conference is an annual event that provides young Native American people from tribes all around the country the opportunity to get together and get inspired. “It’s really creative that people put this on just for Native youth,” said Miss Gila River Lucia Antone. “It’s really good that you get to know other tribes from other areas.

As royalty, Antone accompanied 12 others of the Akimel O’odham Peep Posh Youth Council as an honorary member on their trip to UNITY this year from June 28 – July 3.

This year’s conference, held in Portland, Ore., was the largest yet. There were about 1,500 youth participants and instead of being in a hotel conference center, it was at the Portland Convention Center.

Social media plays a major role in today’s world and UNITY, which is run by the youth for the youth, embraces the new technology at every turn. To see what the conference was like yourself, search #unityor14 on Twitter, Facebook or Instagram.

The theme of the conference, “Healing and Empowering Aspiring Leaders with Tradition and Heritage,” focuses on health and wellness, and Portland is the perfect place to exercise that notion. Just down the road from Portland is Nike Headquarters. UNITY is well known for exercising that notion in its event, specifically for Native Americans, before they first came out with it.”

The hit of the morning was back to the convention center, students got to hear from and interact with University of Louisville women’s basketball star Jude Schimmel, acclaimed author Sherman Alexie and Mikhail Sundust, Bobby Wilson from the popular online sketch comedy troupe the 40s, who spoke about Native American identity.

At the awards banquet on Tuesday night, Gov. Gregory Mendoza recognized Nathalie Tomask of the Cherokee Nation as a 25 Under 25 Youth Leadership Award recipient.

For Mendora attending UNITY is a source of rejuvenation, he said after the banquet. UNITY also consists of hours of work sessions and seminars that cover topics related to financial literacy, college athletics, suicide prevention education, internship opportunities, lessons in community organizing and of course tribal government and leadership.

With Gila River faces around every corner, Miss Gila River 2014 Lucia Antone said she used the opportunity to introduce herself to the other tribal pageant winners, and to enjoy the game. “It’s good to be out here and represent Gila River,” said Antone.
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Thank You Letter

On behalf of Karen Rivers-Fleming & Family, we would like to express our deepest gratitude for all who shared their words of comfort, prayers and food donations with our family during the loss of our beloved Karla Rodrigues. Words cannot express how grateful we are for the outpouring of support during this difficult time.

Special thank you to District 3 Service Center Staff, Phillip Robles & Crew, GRIC Tribal Social Services, J. Warren Funeral Services, Cole & Maud The Garden Chapel, Casa Grande Diaslysis Center & Staff, Rev. Garvin Jones, Praise Fellowship Church, Raymond Garcia & Family, Leland “Sonnny” Madrid, Cameron & Delson Rivers, Francisco Sieweysumpta, Sally Rivers & Family, Cynthia Baptista & Family and the numerous amount of choirs who shared their songs. And to my family, thank you for your unconditional love and support.

May God Bless & Keep You!
Karen Rivers-Fleming & Family

O’odham New Year Gathering

Traditional games were held during the O’odham New Year Celebration in Sacaton on June 20.

By Roberto A. Jackson

Gila River Indian News

While the sun rises and the desert wakes, the saguaro fruit ripens and opens signifying the start of the New Year. The O’odham New Year that is!

O’odham people from afar gathered at the Mul-Chu-Tha Fairgrounds in Sacaton for an all-night ceremony which began June 20 into the morning of June 21. Community members as well as visiting O’odham had the opportunity to experience and revive an old tradition practiced by the ancestors long ago.

“Traditionally, the belief was that they [O’odham] didn’t go by the modern scientific manner of time keeping and seasons,” explains Bamaby Lewis, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, in a sit down interview. “As we know the non-Indian world goes by the New Year beginning with the winter. We [Natives] had traditional views and perspectives with the different seasons and the natural world, so normally it indicated the time of the year being what we knew as the end of June when the cactus fruit is ripening and also the beginning of the monsoon season.”

During the ceremony, traditional basket dancers, Pee-Posh traditional bird singers and dancers from District 7 and the Bazaar Carolers performed a variety of songs and dances. Continuing into the night, Lewis and a group of young singers sat in the center of the cultural grounds shaking their gourds singing a series of social songs while the people joined hands and danced around them.

At midnight, folks also had fun dancing for gifts for themselves and the elders. The young O’odham conversed with the elders and the children walked together holding hands joining the social circle. “I’ve heard some elders say in early historic times, their parents would take them social dancing. People would dance and when one circle was complete, another one would form then another. They would remember as many as 10 to 12 circles of people dancing at one time all through the night,” said Lewis.

In addition to the gathering, guests also participated in a game of Thoka and were shown a demonstration on how to play Shongival (Kickball) exposing the new generation to traditional games played long ago.

“The event that happened June 20th, some people view it as a historical event because it has been many years…with the coming of the Europeans in the early sixteenth hundreds and the attempts to civilize the Natives into mainstream society and Christianity, they restricted cultural ways and, at a time, federal law prohibited native people from practicing their religions and ceremonies. They [Natives] couldn’t do it, so these practices are not done today. It was very much a part of our O’odham life and in the early days of our ancestors.”

The event was hosted and sponsored by Pam Thompson, Jarrod Lewis and the District Four Recreation.

Poster courtesy of Victor Native Nation First Photography
Heritage Center Reaching Out to the Community

By Christopher Lomahquahu
Communications and Public Affairs Office

In the Community there are many sights, smells, and sounds that remind the people of Gila River of the culture and how much of it thrives today. If you take a drive through the Community from Interstate 10 to Maricopa Road, your attention may be drawn by the Huhugam Heritage Center, a facility that stands as a reminder of the Huhugam, ancestors of the people of Gila River. The Huhugam Heritage Center was erected in 2003 as a place for Community members and visitors to the Community to visit and learn about the history of the people of Gila River. Community members are welcome anytime and the general public is welcome to visit the exhibits at the Heritage Center Wednesday through Friday. The Heritage Center offers museum tours, and educational outreach in the schools and events in the Community. In order to build on this base, the Heritage Center has initiated a strategic plan to get feedback from the Community, through a survey for Community members to fill out and submit.

“We really want to emphasize the importance of the survey to get the people’s input on what we do,” said Heritage Center Director, Linda Morgan (D1). “We want input on what types of activities the Community wants to see here,” said Morgan. Another important aspect of reaching out to the public allows Community members to share their input. As Morgan said, “we all have a stake in the Huhugam Heritage Center.” The community survey can be filled out online or through filling out a survey form at any of the seven district service centers and depositing them into the accompanying drop box by the July 18 deadline.

The implementation of a community survey does not end there; the Heritage Center is planning two open house events, one taking place on July 3 and another one planned for July 10. The open house includes local artists from the Community that will be selling art work. “A lot of people do not know enough of what we do as a staff,” said Heritage Center Archivist Shirley Jackson (D5). The open house will focus on educating Community members about activities, including demonstrations on how artifacts are handled and cared for. Much work goes into preserving the artifacts under the care of the Heritage Center staff. “We will focus on educating people about how we clean a basket, take care of photos, and store them,” said Jackson.

In addition to these events there will be five Strategic Planning meetings held throughout the Community in July and August that will furthermore provide Community members an opportunity to be part of the planning process. This is a collective effort that will call on the Community members to be part of the strategic planning process that will “re-affirm the mission of the Heritage center,” said Morgan. In the spirit of O’odham and Pee-Posh tradition, the Heritage center will be working with the Community to offer more services that will educate visitors about the history and culture of Gila River.

For more information about the Huhugam Heritage Center open house and strategic planning meetings call: (520)-796-3500.

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For more information about the GRIN culture, you know.”

Anton called it “heartwarming” to see all of the O’otham engage in the ultimate activity of the night and Francisco said they came together “as one tribe. Even though we’re four separate branches, we all came together.” That’s what UNITY is all about.

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Recent Cobell Payout For Members Of Historical Accounting Class

Rumors that the federal government has issued payments for the second round of Cobell Settlement payments have echoed quietly through Indian Country but a call to the settlement claims administrator revealed them to be nothing more than rumors based on misunderstandings.

When the GRIN called and asked about the alleged payment distribution, a representative from Garden City Group (the claim administrator for the Cobell Settlement) responded, “None of the [Trust Administration class] members have received [the payment] because...the whole second list hasn’t been finalized. Now, Garden City Group did distribute additional Historical Accounting class payments.”

The confusion is in the difference between the two classes of the settlement. The administrator issued payments to most members of the first class (aka the Historical Accounting class) in 2012. In January of this year, the court approved the administrator to distribute payments to Historical Accounting class to members it may have overlooked the first time around.

The list of names for the second class (aka the Trust Administration class) has not yet been finalized, which is why GCG has not yet issued payments for those members.

The GCG representative said payment distribution for the second class can be expected later this year. It will take “sixty days after the membership of the Trust Administration class is finalized and after the court approves the next stage of the distribution.”

There are approximately 500,000 Trust Administration class members. Most people who are receiving payments from the Cobell Settlement are members of both classes in the lawsuit, but that’s not true for everyone.

Obama Visits Standing Rock

President Barack Obama visited the Standing Rock Sioux reservation in North Dakota last month, making him only the fourth president to visit a tribal nation while in office. The June 13 visit was his first visit to Indian Country as president.

During his visit, Obama addressed Indian Country in a speech that outlined his desire to work closer with tribal communities than any other president previously.

In his speech, Obama pointed out his administration’s success in working with tribes and focused on future projects in the areas of education, tribal sovereignty and economic development. His office plans to invest in job training, tribal colleges, high-speed Internet and energy projects within tribal communities in coming years.

On education, Obama said Native American students “deserve a world-class education... that prepares them for college and careers. And that means returning control of Indian education to tribal nations with additional resources and support so that you can direct your children’s education and reform schools here in Indian Country. We want children... learning about their language and learning about their culture.”

The photo above was provided by librarian Ramona Tecumseh of the Ira H. Hayes Memorial Library. Pictured is her nephew’s son Trueth CrowGhost (right), who had the fortune of dancing for, had the fortune of dancing for, with the president at the Standing Rock Sioux Flag Day Powwow.

By Christopher Lomahquahu Communications and Public Affairs Office

Service by members of the Community has been a long standing tradition, in service of our country in the armed forces, or in public safety such as law enforcement. Today, Community members have the opportunity to serve the Community and sign-up for the Citizen’s Police Academy program provided by the Gila River Police Department.

The goal of the program is to allow Community members to “gain insight into what each section of the police department does,” and “to promote transparency between the police department and the Community,” said Public Information Officer Carolyn Brown.

The idea was introduced by Gila River Police Chief Kathleen Kirkham in an effort to prepare the greater community relations between the police department and Community members.

Applying to the Citizen’s Police Academy is a straightforward process that is not as stringent as applying for the actual position of a police officer. Applicants must be at least 19 years old, an enrolled member, have no misdeemeanor or felony convictions, present a valid Arizona driver’s license, and pass a criminal background check.

Most importantly, the program is looking for individuals that are able to be “honest and truthful about their background,” said Brown. Although this may seem daunting, the requirements necessary for applying to the program are part of the experience in order to make “the process less intimidating, as some individuals may not understand how the hiring process is completed,” said Brown.

The program will provide classroom instruction to the participants to get experience on how the police department operates and addresses the public safety needs of the Community. Participants will be given a glimpse of “life on the beat” as they will be observing officers in variety of disciplines and situations from defense tactics to high risk traffic stops. The program will also cover topics that are equally important to the safety of an officer such as health and nutritional topics.

Each class consists of a 3 hour block that may cover an entire subject or multiple subjects in each session. Thus far, enrollment into the program has been positive. According to Officer Brown, “20 community members already signed-up, ranging in ages of 19 to 50 years old.”

For more information contact Officer Jeff Hunter at (520) 562-7126.

Gila River Police Department Starts Citizen Police Academy

Gila River Police Department
Citizen Police Academy

Chief Kathleen Kirkham addresses the first meeting of the Citizen Police Academy Program.
Happy New Year! It is so rewarding to be out in the desert when the white hairs of Elder Brother become visible on the eastern horizon. It is also known as sial ke' or when the dawn stands up. We celebrate summer with an O’otham tradition, the gathering of the saguaro fruit or bahidad. Saguaro fruit and mesquite beans, just to name two, could be dried, stored and used throughout the year. However the gathering of the sweet saguaro fruit was so important that it began the year for Pi-ipaash and O’odham. Mid-June spurred O’otham and Piipaash treks into the desert “market.”

In her book, People of the Crimson Evening, Ruth Underhill wrote historically our Tohono O’odham cousins had specific locations in the foothills to pick the saguaro fruit. When the fruit was ready, extended family groups moved to camp to pick the saguaro fruit. The heavy grinding stone [machchud], necessary for food preparation, was not carried back and forth but buried near the camp and the ramada [va:to]. The picking of the saguaro fruit was done at dawn’s first light and late afternoon. In the evening, men gathered to listen to old men’s instruction. Young eyes help our old eyes remember. The youngsters realize how much goodness we sell came to the Gila River Indian Community in 1901, two of his informants were Ka’mal tkak Thin Leather and Antonio Azul. Thin Leather was a respected elder and lists Hashan Bahidad (Saguaro Harvest) as the name for June. Antonio Azul lists June as Pilkan Bahidad (Wheat Harvest). The popularity and importance of wheat was evident. The Gila River Indian News edition of July, 2009, Robert Johnson of District 4 was mentioned as spearheading this activity; he still does today. He works with museum and district staff to set up the activity for the young people and interested guests to learn about our harvesting tradition and celebrate the O’otham New Year. The last three years, Casa Blanca has been the host district but other gatherings have been held in Santan and in Gila Crossing.

We helped out with the District 5 Recreation harvest last month. This year was special for we got to see hawks, buzzards, weas, a coyote pup, and javelina. We also heard the drone of cicadas, another sure sign of rain. The Ak Chin Youth Council were District 5 guests, and their Coordinator, Antonio Davis, enjoyed “revitalizing a tradition back for the kids and adults.” Alyssa Garcia, Ak Chin Youth Council President added, “It was my first harvest; it was a good feeling to learn about our himadig. I hope to learn and take it back and revive it.” Erica Hernandez, of District 5 Recreation added it was, “great for the kids!” When an eager third grade participant was asked what he enjoyed the most, he said, “gathering the stuff from the cactus!”

Speaking for most of the adults, I don’t think the youngsters realize how much goodness we gather from watching them reliving an ancient tradition. Young eyes help our old eyes remember. For us of the Gila River Indian Community, the water flow of our akimel enabled us to have field crops, hence our name: Akîmel O’otham. As farmers, we weren’t as dependent on the bounty of the desert. The book, The Pima Indians, reprinted in 1980 and co-authored by Frank Russell and José B. Lewis, interviewed a Salt River calendar stick keeper who said that in 1834-35, “the desert mesas were carpeted with flowers and the bloom of cacti further transformed them into gardens.” However, water flow was not constant and in times of drought it was vital to know all that our desert can provide. The saguaro and mesquite were abundant producers. To search for different roots, berries, or agave, our people had to leave safety of the village. The value of working; i.e., gathering food, was a strong trait of those who went before us.

The Spanish introduced wheat to our land. It quickly became a food and money crop for those living along the akimel. When Frank Russell came to the Gila River Indian Community in 1901, two of his informants were Ka’mal tkak Thin Leather and Antonio Azul. Thin Leather was a respected elder and lists Hashan Bahidad (Saguaro Harvest) as the name for June. Antonio Azul lists June as Pilkan Bahidad (Wheat Harvest). The popularity and importance of wheat was evident. The Gila River Indian News edition of July, 2009, Robert Johnson of District 4 was mentioned as spearheading this activity; he still does today. He works with museum and district staff to set up the activity for the young people and interested guests to learn about our harvesting tradition and celebrate the O’otham New Year. The last three years, Casa Blanca has been the host district but other gatherings have been held in Santan and in Gila Crossing.

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**Many programs collaborate to bring fathers together**

Submitted by The Life Center
Gila River Health Care

Over 100 people participated in a special Fatherhood event on June 14 held at the Ira Hayes Park. The event was inspired by the National Native American Responsible Fatherhood Day and was initiated by the GRHC Life Center Parenting Program. The event is meant “to commemorate active fathers and the active role they play in their children’s lives,” said Haley LeSueur of the Gila River Health Care Life Center.

The event, which took place on the day before Father’s Day, was hosted by the Life Center in collaboration with the GRIC Genesis Program and Tribal Social Services as well as the Life Center Diabetes Prevention Program. It included free lunch, live music from Southern Scratch, raffle prizes from Community programs, the Phoenix Mercury, the Arizona Rattlers and a lot of water games (like water kickball featuring a slip ‘n slide) to keep the families cool and having fun!

With over 50 youth signed up and 35 on the standby list, the Summer Youth Program has big plans this summer. They plan to travel to the circus, the bowling alley, Golfland and Sunsplash. When they’re not off on an adventure, they’re at the District 3 Service Center participating in all sorts of intriguing activities, such as a cooking class every Tuesday and water day every other Friday.

The cooking class focuses on maintaining a healthy diet. “They showed us a healthier way to eat an ice cream sandwich. It was really good,” said Crawford.

For the water days, the recreation aides cool down the youth with water balloons, slip ‘n slides, water activities and even relay races. This seemed to bring the kids the most excitement, “I really like the one game when you have a bucket of water,” said 7-year-old Maxwell, who is currently attending the Summer Youth Program.

Leaving there it was pretty evident that the Summer Youth Program attendants and coordinators are looking forward to an epic and thrilling summer.
Ira H. Hayes High School Charter Renewal

Submitted by Crispin Zamudio
Superintendent

July 3, 2014

Dear Gila River Community,

In a public meeting held on June 9, 2014, the Arizona State Board for Charter Schools (ASBCS) considered Ira H. Hayes High School’s request for the renewal of its charter contract under A.R.S. 15-183(M)(1). The ASBCS denied Ira H. Hayes High School’s request for charter renewal after determining that the school had failed to meet the Board’s standard of academic performance as set forth in the ASBCS academic performance framework.

The Board’s decision allows Ira H. Hayes High School to request that the Board review the application for renewal again in order to consider whether conditions exist to grant a renewal upon release of the 2014 Academic Performance Dashboard in August of 2014. The action taken by the Arizona State Board for Charter Schools, as mentioned above, will have no affect on school operations for the upcoming school year (beginning August 4, 2014). It does mean that the upcoming school year will be the final year of the original 15 year charter contract granted to Ira H. Hayes High School. During the final year of the original contract, the school will explore all options available so we can continue to offer a unique educational experience at Ira H. Hayes High School. This will include seeking the assistance and support of the Gila River Indian Community, Tribal Education Department (TED), School Governance and Administration are currently in close communication with the Director of TED, Mr. Mario Molina, in order to ensure that information is communicated as quickly as it is received.

As the Superintendent of Ira H. Hayes High School my team and I are moving forward to continue promoting CHANGE, ADVANCEMENT, and LEADERSHIP. We are asking for your help to spread the word by passing along this positive message. Ira H. Hayes High School is open for the 2014-15 school year. Thank you for your support.

Crispin Zamudio
Superintendent
Ira H. Hayes High School

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ACTION SHEET
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CALL TO ORDER
The First Regular Monthly Meeting of the Community Council held on Wednesday, June 4, 2014, in the Community Council Chambers at the Governor Center in Sacaton, Arizona was called to order by presiding Chairman Governor Gregory Men- doza at 8:19 a.m.

INVOCATION
Provided by Brenda Robertson

ROLL CALL
Sign-in Sheet Circulated
Executive Officers Present: Governor Gregory Mendoza Lt. Governor Stephen R. Lewis Council Members Present: D1- Joey Whitman, Arnie Hogg; D2-Carl Schurz; D3- Carolyn Williams, Rodney Jackson; D4- Monica Antoine, Jennifer Alisan, Norma Wellington, Christopher Mendoza; D5- Brian Davis, Sr.; Janie F. Stewart, Robert Stone, Franklin Pablo, Sr.; D6- Anthony Villareal, Sr.; Albert Pablo, Sandra Nasewytewa; D7- Devin Redbird

APPROVAL OF AGENDA
APPROVED AS AMENDED

SWEARING-IN CEREMONY FOR NEWLY ELECTED AND RE-ELECTED COUNCIL MEMBERS
District 1 – Joey Whitman
District 3 – Rodney Jackson
District 4 – Christopher Mendoza
District 4 – Jennifer Alisan
District 5 – Brian E. Davis, Sr.
District 5 – Janice Stewart
District 6 – Sandra Nasewytewa

CHIEF JUDGE ANTHONY HILL SWARE IN ALL OF THE ELECTED AND RE-ELECTED COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES WITH THEIR FAMILIES AS WITNESSES.

GOVERNOR MENDOZA CALLED FOR A 15-MINUTE BREAK
RECONVENED AT 10:45AM

PRESENTATION/INTRODUCTIONS
1. Fihter Country Partnership
Presenters: Councilman Devin Redbird and Ron Sites

COUNCILMAN DEVIN REDBIRD INTRODUCED MR. SITE WHO GAVE A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THIS PARTNERSHIP AND PRESENTED THE COUNCIL, GOVERNOR AND LT. GOVERNOR WITH SOME GIFTS.

2. Damascus Francisco, Department of Community Housing Directors
Presenter: Division Manager Noel Hoover
DIVISION MANAGER HOOVER INTRODUCED MR. FRAN- CISCO AS THE NEW DIRECTOR OF DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY HOUSING. MR. FRANCISCO GAVE A BRIEF BACKGROUND OF HIMSELF AND HIS GOALS FOR THE DEPARTMENT

REPORTS
*1. Blackwater Community School Tribal Allocation 2nd Quar- terly Report
Presenter: Jacquey Powers
REPORT TABLED AT THE APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
2. Gila River Telecommunications, Inc. And Subsidiaries – 1st. Quarterly Progress Report
Presenter: Derek E. White, Charles Miller and GRTI - Board of Directors
REPORT HEARD
3. Gila River Telecommunications, Inc. – 2013 Independent Auditor’s Report And Financial Statement With Supplementary Information
December 31, 2013 And 2012
Presenters: Charlie Albert, Derek E. White, Charles Miller and GRTI - Board of Directors
REPORT HEARD
4. Gila River Telecommunications, Inc. – CAF- ICC Data Sub- mission
Presenters: Derek E. White and GRTI - Board of Directors

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT

[GOVERNOR MENDOZA CALLED FOR A 90-MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
RECONVENED AT 1:37PM]

5. Department Of Community Housing – Quarterly Report
Presenter: Lori Fransisco
REPORT HEARD
6. Gila River Indian Community Utility Authority – FY14 2nd Quarter Report

Presenters: John Lewis and GRICA Staff
REPORT HEARD
Presenters: Myron Schurz GRHC Representatives
REPORT HEARD
8. Office Of Prosecutors And Defense Services Office – TLOA Implementation
Presenter: Michelle Bowman
REPORT TABLED AT THE APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
[GOVERNOR MENDOZA CALLED FOR A 10-MINUTE BREAK
RECONVENED AT 3.44PM]

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER SESSION
8. Super Bowl Sponsorship Benefit Update (Executive Session)
Presenters: Zuzette Kato and Alia Mainson
REPORT HEARD IN SESSION EXECUTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT THE REPORT AND PUT IT UNDER NEW BUSINESS FOR THE NEXT MEETING AGENDA

10. Gaming Internal Audit – 2nd Quarter FY 2014 Report (Executive Session)
Presenters: Treasurer Robert G. Keller
REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION
11. Gila River Gaming Enterprises, Inc. – Monthly Report April 2014 (Executive Session)
Presenters: Janice Punziani, Kenneth Manuel and Board Of Directors
REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION
12. Gila River Gaming Commission – General Monthly Report For the Month of April 2014 (Executive Session)
Presenters: Serena Joaquin and Courtney Moyah
REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION
13. Treasurer’s Report (Executive Session)
Presenter: Treasurer Robert G. Keller
REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT SESSION

[GOVERNOR MENDOZA CALLED FOR A 10-MINUTE BREAK
RECONVENED AT 5.65PM]

RESOLUTIONS
1. A Resolution Authorizing The Wild Horse Pass Development Authority To Plan and Implement For Profit Special Events And Superseding Resolution GR-13-14 (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation of approval)

Presenters: Zuzette Kato, Alia Mainson and Ronald Rosier
APPROVED

Presenter: Alan Sinclair
APPROVED
3. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community’s State Shared Gaming Revenues To The City Of Casa Grande For The Animal Care And Adoption Center Kennel Expansion Project (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation of approval)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo
APPROVED
4. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community’s State Shared Gaming Revenues To The City Of Mesa For Arizonans For Children (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation of approval)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo
APPROVED
5. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community’s State Shared Gaming Revenues To The City Of Mesa For The Gene Lewis Boxing Club (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation of approval)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo
APPROVED
6. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community’s State Shared Gaming Revenues To The City Of Phoenix For The Arizona Zoological Society/Phoenix Zoo Multi-Species Conservation Support Building (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation of approval)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo
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5. A Resolution Approving The Removal Of Robert Perales Betancourt, Jr., From The Gila River Indian Community Membership Roll (LSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)
Presenter: Francisco Osife
APPROVED

ORDINANCES

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Development Review Fee Letter To Arizona Public Service (Executive Session) (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation of approval; NRSC & EDSC concur; ESC forwards without recommendation; CRSC concurs; with correction in Development Fee Calculation)
Presenters: Ron Rosier and Denten Robinson
APPROVED

NEW BUSINESS

1. Request For Special Council Work Session (GAMSC forwards to Council with recommendation of approval; RASC & EDSC concur; ESC forwards without recommendation; CRSC concur; with correction in Development Fee Calculation)
Presenters: Ron Rosier and Denen Robinson
APPROVED

ITEM HEARD BEFORE RESOLUTIONS

6. Education Standing Committee Resignation of Membership from the Sherman Indian High School Board (ESC accepts and forwards to Council with recommendation to declare and announce the vacancy)
Presenter: Committee
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT AND DECLARE VACANCY FOR 30-DAYS MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION
7. Legislative Update (Executive Session) (GAMSC forwards to Council)
Presenters: Public Partners and Scot Butler
- Glendale Update

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MONSOON AWARENESS
SAFETY TIPS:

Monsoon History: Every year, the Gila River Indian Community is subject to a variety of severe weather threats in association with the annual Monsoon Season. The period from June 15th through September 30th has been declared the Monsoon Season based on climatology. During this period humidity across the state increases dramatically and leads to an onset of thunderstorm activity across the Community. OEM has addressed a few varieties of severe weather topics to highlight significant weather hazards and safety precautions to take when severe weather strikes.

Downburst and Thunderstorm Winds:
• Thunderstorms can produce strong gusty winds
• In some cases, winds may cause property damage
• Wind speeds may exceed 100mph
• Concentrated strong downdraft, inducing outward burst at damaging winds at the surface
• Occurs when most or all of the rain evaporates from the downdraft

Heat Safety:
• Prolonged heat stresses the body.
• Stay inside in a cool ventilated place whenever possible.
• Restrict outdoor activities to early morning or evening.
• If you must be outside, wear loose-fitting, light clothing.
• Drink plenty of water and take frequent breaks.
• Frequently check on the young, elderly, and those with health conditions.

Power and Communications Outages Safety:
• Be extra cautious when you go outside to inspect for damage after a storm. Downed or hanging electrical wires can be hidden by trees or debris, and could be live. DO NOT TOUCH.
• Use cell phone, cordless phones do not work without electricity.
• During a thunderstorm, turn off the AC unit. Power surges from lightning can overload units.
• Keep refrigerator and freezer doors closed – food will stay fresh up to 8 hours.

Flash Flood Safety:
• Most flash flood deaths occur in vehicles.
• Moving water 2-3 feet deep will carry away most vehicles.
• Keep children away from creeks and washes when heavy rain is in the area
• Be especially careful at night when water depth and road conditions are harder to see.
• If driving, and blocked by water over a roadway, wait for the water to subside or find an alternate route to your destination. Do not drive into the water.

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