New Toka Sticks project breaks ground

By Mikhail Sundust
Gila River Indian News

The Gila River Indian Community broke ground last week in the East Valley, where it has begun construction on the forthcoming Toka Sticks Sheraton Hotel.

The new hotel complements the community’s current Toka Sticks Golf Club and rests just west of the Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport and the Arizona State University Polytechnic Campus on Power Road.

“This is the confluence of six distinct communities,” said Mayor Scott Smith of Mesa at the ceremony Feb. 25. Including ASU and the airport, he said GRIC and the cities of Mesa, Gilbert and Queen Creek are working to expand economic development in the East Valley.

“Ten years from now, you will hardly recognize this place. This hotel will blend in with other developments and other advancements [that] seem unbelievable today.”

The new hotel aims to fuse forward thinking with traditional design. As Joe Tyndall, principal of RSP Architects, said: “One of our goals on this project was to infuse some of the Gila River Indian Community’s culture into the project. We think we’ve achieved that. It’s a very contemporary design with traditional materials.”

RSP Architects’ Lead architect Jason Ploszaj said the six-story, 134-room hotel will be commissioned by the Gila River Indian Community. Representatives from the Gila River Indian Community, RSP Architects, WHPDA and local municipalities pose with the golden shovels at the Toka Sticks Hotel ground breaking ceremony in Mesa.

Elizabeth Francisco, 18, is a senior at Cesar Chavez High School in Laveen and the District 6 representative for the Akimel O’odham Pee-Posh Youth Council. Family members—including her mother Shelby, her father Colin and her younger sister Sarah—attended in support, as did fellow Youth Council members, Community members and business leaders.

Iwo Jima remembered 69 years after battle

By Joshua Jovanelly
Gila River Indian News

Elizabeth Francisco beamed from the stage at the Palms Theatre in Mesa as she accepted recognition as Youth of the Year for the Komatke Boys & Girls Club.

Elizabeth Francisco, 18, of District 6, speaks about her life experiences at the Palms Theatre in Mesa, where she was recognized as the Youth of the Year for the Komatke Boys & Girls Club.

Sacaton was once again the place to be for individuals who wanted to pay respects to World War II hero and Gila River Indian Community member Ira H. Hayes and the veterans who raised the American flag in Iwo Jima on Mount Suribachi.

The 69th anniversary of the flag raising was recognized in Sacaton on Feb. 22 with a parade, flag raising ceremony and pow-wow.

Representatives from the Gila River Indian Community, RSP Architects, WHPDA and local municipalities pose with the golden shovels at the Toka Sticks Hotel ground breaking ceremony in Mesa.

The day of festivities kicked off with an extensive parade to honor not only Hayes and his fellow soldiers, but the services of all military and Native American service men and women.

The American Legion Ira H. Hayes Post 84 played host to hundreds of guests from across the country. Veteran groups, GRIC officials, and throngs of crowds poured into District 3 for the well-known and respected parade.

Next year will be the 70th anniversary of the Iwo Jima flag raising.

Ira H. Hayes Post 84 walking before Grand Marshal and Army veteran Kenneth Hayes.

- GRIN Staff

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GRTI is once again proud to participate in the Mul-Chu-Tha Parade and Fair! We can’t wait to see you. Don’t forget to visit our booth at the fairgrounds.

GRTI will be giving away an iPad and you never know what else we have! How to enter to win:

1. TAKE A SELFIE
Yes, a selfie, with the GRTI giveaway item.

2. POST THE PHOTO WITH THE GIVEAWAY
Upload your photo to our GRTI facebook using the hashtag #WEHEARTGRTI

3. WAIT FOR YOUR CHANCE TO WIN!
GRTI will choose a winner from all submitted photos taken on that day of the fair. Entries only from 5/15 will be accepted.

Show your love for GRTI by using the hashtag #WEHEARTGRTI

FRS Youth Tour

GRTI would like to send 2 exceptional students to Washington, D.C. The Foundation for Rural Service (FRS) offers students the chance to have a inside look at the telecommunications industry and to learn about the legislative and governmental process. Students will have guided tours of the capital as well as the chance to meet students from other rural communities.

Eligibility Requirements
- Must have completed junior year of high school. (entering senior year in August/September 2014)
- Must be 16 or 17 years of age.
- Must provide two personal references. (i.e. teacher, counselor)
- Must submit grades (evaluated on academic standing)
- Must be an enrolled member of the Gila River Indian Community.
- Must submit an essay related to the telecommunications industry.
- Must submit a biography.
- Must submit a current photo.

Deadline for entries is March 25, 2014
In loving memory of Carter Lee Jones

It is with great appreciation that we offer to all who have given of their time, donations of food, water, prayers, words of encouragement, and labor upon the loss of our beloved husband, father, and father-in-law, Carter Lee Jones. On Dec. 20, 2013 our loved one went on to his heavenly home to join his parents, brothers and sister who have gone before him.

This day feels like a dream and that any day we will wake up and this never happened at all, however numerous individuals deserve great thanks for all that was done during our time of bereavement.

It is a blessing to know that when grief strikes a family that so many wonderful, kind hearted people come out to assist where it is needed. We just don't know how to thank all of you who have showed your love and respect to our family for all that you have done for us.

May God bless you all abundantly for the kind things you have done and are still doing for us. In this life we will continue to serve our God and although the pain of losing our loved one is ever so hard because we miss him and it seems our world is so empty and we are never going to make it, but we know we will and we will take this one day at a time.

With our Love & Prayers

Donna Kisto-Jones (wife)
Caralee Jones-Rodriquez (daughter)  
Christopher Rodriguez, Jr. (son-in-law)
Familiar face returns to Governance Center

By Joshua Jovanelly
Gila River Indian News

Ellie’s Café staff members from left to right: Alexis Gonsalves, 19; chef Ellie Villegas; Adam Villegas, 24; and Jackie Kyyitan, 25.

Ellie’s Café, which opened for business March 3 and will serve breakfast and lunch Monday through Friday, will serve breakfast and lunch Monday through Friday. Ellie Villegas, the executive chef and owner, is a familiar face around the Community. She’s been in the food business for 25 years, operating a popular lunch stand across from Ira H. Hayes Park. (The stand will cease operations during the week but remain open on Saturdays.)

“I love to cook and it shows it in a way that will bring so much...” — Villegas said.

Opening day it was a half chicken with potatoes and asparagus for $7—and a salad bar along with two daily soups. Breakfast options will include breakfast burritos, eggs and McDonald’s-style sausage muffins. Villegas also said customers can expect healthy, diabetic-friendly meals and desserts. No item will be more than $8.

“Whatever you can imagine, we can make it for you,” Villegas said.

This is not the first time Ellie’s cuisine has been available in the Governance Center. Ellie’s Café’s first year of operation was 2007-2008. Ellie’s daughter, Brenda Villegas, mainly ran the restaurant back then and lines were out the door, Villegas said. After a one-year stint, Villegas left to pursue other ventures, opening a restaurant in Gilbert that lasted for three years. The restaurant space next to Kowee Coffee has been notice-ably vacant for much of the past several years. Villegas said that Contracts Management approached her to see if she would consider returning. She bid against four other food providers and was awarded the contract, Villegas said.

Villegas (Pascua Yaqui) said she plans to make everything from scratch and will not use any frozen products. She doesn’t like throwing extra food away and said leftovers will be donated to the Community, likely ending up at her mother’s house in District 3 where Community members are used to stopping by as they pass.

Fred Ringlero, Villegas’s long-time significant other, is a partner in Ellie’s Café. He believes patrons of Ellie’s stand will find it more convenient in its new location. “I think it’s going to bring a lot of life back into the Governance Center,” Ringlero said. “It’s something Community members will come here for.”

Ellie’s is a family-run establishment. Villegas’s two sous chefs are her sons Adam, 24, and Adrian, 27, and family friends fill out the rest of the staff. “We’re looking forward to providing service to everybody,” Ringlero said.

Villegas said that her passion is cooking, not her bottom line. “I love what I do,” Villegas added. “I’m here for the Community.”

Ellie’s hours will be 7 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. for breakfast and 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. for lunch. Call-in orders are welcomed at 520-562-9511. For daily updates on specials, check Ellie’s Facebook page at facebook.com/Elliesfood.

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Dave S. Black and white photo- graphy. Despite adhering to the established Four Points Sheraton brand, she said, “we have made some changes...” —Ringo said.

More than a dozen other GRIC artists have submitted their work to be used in the hotel. Yi said the selection process is ongoing.

Gov. Gregory Mendoza kicked off the groundbreaking ceremony, saying, “This land means so much to our people and to our ancestors, the Huhugam. We are proud to be able to develop it in a way that will bring so much to so many.”

The Toka Sticks Hotel has been on the table for many years and promises to be a great place for travelers passing through the Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport to rest. Lt. Gov. Stephen Lewis recognized his father, Rod Lewis, a long-time former lawyer for the tribe, at the groundbreaking ceremony for being one of the proponents of the project since before the land in Mesa became a part of the GRIC reservation.

Mayor Smith said, “This in- vestment shows that there is a great future in the land we sit on. This land is special land. It’s sat-cred land but it’s also the land that our children and our grandchil-dren will be able to enjoy...” —Ringo said.

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The Gila River Community Council on March 5 suspended District 4 Councilman Barney Enos Jr. without pay pending the outcome of allegations of driving under the influence in November. After about 45 minutes of debate at the end of Wednesday’s meeting, the Council voted 16-0 to suspend Enos “as a representative of the Gila River Indian Community tribal Council and all assignments and boards, committees, (and) all authority afforded by this tribal Council,” according to the motion read by Councilwoman Jennifer Allison (District 4).

“Enos—who has not yet been charged with a crime—read a prepared statement addressing the Nov. 15, 2013 incident. “I want you all to know that I plan to defend myself against these allegations and any potential charges that may come,” Enos said. “Should they come, I plan to address these charges. I hope you can respect my personal rights not to discuss the details of this matter. Under our judicial system I have the right not to incriminate myself. I’ve hired an attorney and I’ve been advised not to discuss this matter publicly.”

All Councilmembers were in attendance for the vote. Enos did not vote.

The Office of the Prosecutor confirmed that no charges have been filed against Enos. “The Office of the Prosecutor has not filed a criminal complaint but the matter is being reviewed,” said Chuck Allen, acting chief prosecutor.

Council representative Barney Enos Jr. suspended
March 7, 2014

In searching for original names of locations and villages on our reservation, there are as many explanations as opinions. Village locations changed and sometimes the same name went along with other names. Along these lines, on GRIC one quickly learns a location can be known by a number of names. I picked up a most interesting book from the HoHoKam Heritage Center, Harry J. Winters Jr. has spent nearly a lifetime meeting with O’otham and Pipash elders gathering information. His book, O’otham Place Names: Meanings, Origins, and Histories Arizona and Sonora, is available from Night Horses Press (www.nighthorses.com). This informative book deals with names and locations within the traditional O’otham homeland, including Mexico. Space allows me only a few entries from this lengthy book.

When an O’otham first saw a monkey, he needed a new name for what he saw, thus Gogo O’otham. Goga O’otham Dakam is a hill just north of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community boundary, east of Shea Boulevard. It means “monkey’s mouth” or “monkey’s beak.”

The exact location of the village is disputed; maybe it wanted to be left alone. As the clearing was big enough for all of them, making it difficult for the enemy to harm all of them. The best name of the peak was called chin meaning “mouth” and in this case a bird’s mouth or beak. The peak rises to a point. Chih also appears in the name Ak Chih, “mouth of the wash.” Ak Chih is near the mouth or end of the wash.

Walker Butte is a small mountain on the eastern end of the Reservation. In O’otham it called chin meaning “mouth” and in this case a bird’s mouth or beak. The peak does rise to a point. Chih also appears in the name Ak Chih, “mouth of the wash.”

Miss Gila River reflects on her experience during farewell address

Gov. Gregory Mendoza and Lt. Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis presented Lisa Hendricks with a work of art by Community artist Russell Blackwater for her time as Miss Gila River.

By Mikhail Sundust

Miss Gila River Lisa Hendricks is the only native from the Community and its leaders at the regular Council meeting March 5.

She said, “I am a bittersweet goodbye, Hendricks emphasized how proud she is of where she comes from and thanked a number of her supporters: her parents, her friends and her family. She pointed out the newly elected Appeals Court Judge, Jacqueline Zilhoon, who has been a friend and mentor to her and helped her prepare for the Miss Gila River pageant last year. She also paid mention to Councilwoman Jennifer Allison, who has been a role model to her since she was a young girl: “I really do look up to her,” she said, for how she presents herself [and for] being a strong O’otham woman.”

“Councilman Robert Stone has helped me throughout my reign,” Hendricks added. Later, Stone accompanied Hendricks in her final rendition of the Mockingbird Song as Miss Gila River. He played the record.

Hendricks also credited Gov. Gregory Mendoza for granting her an internship, which helped prepare her for her role as Miss Gila River. She said the experience gave her insight and confidence to represent the Community well.

“There are two things that I have gained being the 50th Miss Gila River,” said Hendricks. The first is that this experience has really helped me get in touch with learning how to be an O’otham woman. The other is to take care of yourself and the duties that you should carry.”

The second thing, she said, was about taking pride in where she comes from. About a year ago, she was atop the HuHuGam Heritage Center with a tour guide. From that vantage point, she saw a field of dead, chopped tree stumps. Hendricks said she learned that “the reason there are so many stumps, particularly around the river, is because when we (the Community) were at our hardest, we didn’t even want to chop all of those trees down to feed the rest of the Community.”

She began to cry for her people: “It’s hard because you go to school and you read about other races who’ve gone through so much. To think that happened here, it makes me really proud to say that we’ve come so far to get where we are today. And I would say that is the greatest experience for me…to know where I come from and what we’ve gone through and in my heart, I will always take great pride in where I come from.”

“I thank God for blessing us and keeping us so abundant in every thing,” she said. “We have to really be thankful for everything that we get. You know, a lot of tribes don’t have what we have here. We really need to be thankful.”

A handful of Council members congratulated and commended Hendricks on her time as Miss Gila River, including former Miss Gila River Annette Stewart: “We are so blessed in the Gila River Indian Community to have such strong women in our community and I congratulate you for your time served.”

Councilwoman Carol Schurz said, “I can’t tell you how proud I am of you…you’re such an awesome diplomat for the Community… I don’t think there’s a time when you neglect that duty of being welcoming and being concerned for your fellow members.”

Mendoza thanked Lisa’s parents for “raising you the way you are. You’re just such a humble lady.”

In an interview later that day, Hendricks offered some words of wisdom to future Miss Gila Rivers: “My best advice…would be to make sure that you’re presenting yourself well and to try and learn new things [about your heritage], whether you’re Pez-Pos or O’otham. Learn and try and do as much as you can.”

She said, “Just remember to keep the Community first because you are an ambassador and a representation so what you do reflects upon other’s who is in the Community events or outside.”

Being on Youth Council and working in the food service industry as well as interning with the Executive Office helped Hendricks develop her public relation skills. Next, she said she will prepare for the Miss Indian Arizona pageant. “It’s really intimidating,” she said, “but I’m just going to go and represent the Community as best as I can and give it my all.”

Hendricks currently attends CAC and will begin her studies at ASU in the fall, where she will major in Public Administration. “I got that idea from former Community Manager David White,” she said. She studied Public Administration and her goal is to one day be a Community Manager as well.

“I would like to thank the Community for letting me be able to serve as your Miss Gila River,” Hendricks said. “I can honestly say that it has been a life-changing experience for me.”
Health Initiative kicks off

On the morning of March 5 the third event in the “Healthy Community Kick Off” was held at the District 6 Service Center as part of the Community’s effort to promote health and wellness. The morning consisted of a two and four mile walk/run that began at 6 a.m. and took runners and walkers through the neighborhoods of Komatke. Among the participants was Gov. Gregory Mendoza, who encourages Community members to come out and be active.

–Chris Lomaquahu

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Health & Wellness

Kid Fest

FRIDAY
March 14, 2014
1:00PM–3:00PM
Gila Crossing Community School

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5th Annual Cancer Awareness Day
Event “Honoring the Journey”
April 26, 2014
District 5 Vah–ki Multi Purpose Building

A continental breakfast and a light lunch will be served to all visitors.

Registration starts @ 6:00 am
Pre-registration will be available. For more information, contact: Tyrel Thinn @ 520-562-2025

10K run. 3-person 10k relay, & 1 Mile walk start
@ 7am

Special program filled with speakers and entertainment starts @ 9 am

For more information, contact Devin Pablo
(Community Health Education Program) @ 520-550-8000
Science rules at Sacaton Middle School

By Joshua Jovanelly
Gila River Indian News

Student science projects from around the Gila River Indian Community were on display Feb. 19 as Sacaton Middle School hosted its annual community science fair.

Sacaton Middle School, Sacaton Elementary, Blackwater Community School and St. Peter Indian Mission School had their students’ science experiments represented. JoEllen Kinnamon, a seventh and eighth grade science teacher at the middle school, has been organizing the community fair for the last 17 years. She gave credit to all the people involved in making the fair a perennial success.

“They make me look good, just like the kids do,” Kinnamon said. “It’s all about the kids.”

What makes the science fair such an achievement—aside from the creativity of the kids—is the commitment from the judges. Representatives from Intel have donated their time for 15 years, Kinnamon said. Another technology company, Honeywell, joined the Chandler and Phoenix area assessment the kids’ work as well, as do employees from the Pima-Maricopa Irrigation Project and Gila River Health Care.

In the Sacaton gymnasium, three-paneled project boards spanned every table as judges talked to the budding young scientists standing in front of their boards. The enthusiasm between the students and judges was reciprocal. “The judges get excited in talking with the older students about their projects and they see the excitement in them,” Kinnamon wrote in an email.

Kinnamon wanted to also recognize the parents, the administration, the school district and school board for their continued support.

The fair was not quite as large as it has been in years past. Kinnamon’s goal is to have all GRIC schools participate next year.

Hohokam Middle School students celebrate Honor Roll and Perfect Attendance

Submitted by Terry Willis

The JOM Program at Hohokam Middle school recognized 20 students for semester one honor roll and perfect attendance.

Sixth grade student Shayna Antone received a 4.0. She was at the top of her entire sixth grade class and achieved excellence in all academics. Fourteen other 6th grade students maintained a 3.0 or higher along with four seventh grade students. Seventh grade student Sierra Jackson received perfect attendance for semester one.


‘Big Thanks’ to Devon Miles

Gila River youth Devon Miles was recognized by the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Arizona at its quarterly volunteer recognition event known as the “Big Thanks” Feb. 27 at the Burton Barr Central Library.

Miles is a second-year Big Sister. She participates in the GRIC site-based program at the Sacaton Boys & Girls Club along with a dozen of her classmates from Vechij Himdag Mashehamak. Miles’s aunt, brother and cousin were in attendance to witness her accept the Big Thanks Award.

She was recognized by BBBS Program Specialist Bobbi Rose Nez for her commitment, consistency and leadership. She is “a great peer mentor for other Bigs in the program,” wrote Nez in an email, and shows “genuine interest in the well being and development of her Littles.”
The Gila River Indian Community Council has declared the following Board vacancies:

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Pursuant to GRIC 2011 Code of Conduct, Chapter 6, Section 1.601.C.4: All individuals who apply for a vacancy shall submit to the Community Council Secretary a letter of interest, resume, an application, Affidavit, and Financial Disclosure Statement to the Community Council Secretary’s Office by the deadline date, (include your address and phone number on your resume). A copy of the position description outlining the qualifications, duties & responsibilities of this position can be obtained from the Community Council Secretary’s Office located at the Governance Center, 525 West Gsu Ki, mailing address P.O. Box 2138, Sacaton, AZ 85147; Phone (520) 562-9720.

Pursuant to GRIC 2011 Code of Conduct, Chapter 6, Section 1.601.F. Community Employees: A Community Employee may sit on a Community enterprise board subject to the Employee’s Policy and Procedures Reference Guide. Pursuant to GRIC 2011 Code of Conduct, Chapter 6, Section 1.601.G. Duties of Community Enterprise Boards: Community enterprise boards and their members shall follow a standard of care requiring that any decision of, or action taken by, the Community Enterprise boards shall be one that would be made with the degree of care that would be exercised by a reasonably prudent and competent person seeking reasonable return on investment and preservation of financial resources. A copy of the specified board position description can be obtained from the Community Council Secretary’s Office.

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Home Office Tips
- Selecting energy-efficient office equipment and turning off machines when they are not in use can result in significant energy savings.
- Using an ENERGY STAR-labeled computer can save 30%-65% energy than computers with this designation, depending on usage.
- Spending a large portion of time in low-power mode is an effective energy but helps equipment run cooler and last longer.
- Using the power management settings on computers and monitors can cause significant savings.
- Unplug unnecessary equipment such as printers, fax machines, and other electronic equipment. To avoid “vampire” loads, you must turn OFF your computer and any equipment plugged into the computer. For example, you can save 30%-65% energy with computers with this designation, depending on usage.
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Reminders
GRCUA District Days 2014
GRCUA will be at the Public Health Resource Center (435 W Seedfarm Rd in Sacaton) on the following days to accept payments from 10am to 3pm:

- April 7
- May 5
- June 5
- July 8
- August 7
- September 8
- October 9
- November 6
- December 8

Call BEFORE YOU DIG
GRCUA is a member of Arizona Blue Star, a non-profit organization that will request an underground line locate of both GRCUA and SCP on reservation property. Contact Kandie Anton at 520-562-9720 or email at kantion@grcua.net. If you are planning to dig in a Gila River Indian Community owned area, it is recommended that you call before you dig to locate the underground utilities. Call 811 before you dig. For more information, please visit ganac.org/77/How-to-Dig-Safely/Call-811-Before-You-Dig. GRCUA welcomes your comments. You can email comments to gricua комментариев: gricua.com. You can also go to the GRCUA site to reach the GRCUA utility customers. GRCUA’s Hours of Operation Monday – Friday 7:30am to 4:00 PM Payments are accepted on-line and by phone or both during the normal operating hours as well as afterhours. If you have any questions regarding your statement or phone your service phone daily during normal business hours.
ACTION SHEET
Community Council; PO Box 2138; Sacaton, Arizona
85147; Phone (520) 562-9720; Fax (520) 562-9729
CALL TO ORDER
The Second Regular Monthly Meeting of the Community
Council was held Wednesday, February 19, 2014, in the
Community Council Chambers at the Governance Center
in Sacaton, Arizona was called to order by the presiding
Chairman Governor Gregory Mendoza at 9:09 a.m.
INVOCATION
Provided by Councilman Robert Stone
ROLL CALL
Sign-In Sheet Circulated
Executive Officers Present: Governor Gregory Mendoza
Executive Officers Absent: Lt. Governor Stephen R. Lewis
Council Members Present: D1-Cynthia Antone, Anzie Mog; D2-Carol Schurz;
D3-Carolyn Williams; D4-Monica Antone; Jennifer Allison; Norman Wathen; Barney
Enos, Jr.; D5-Annette Stewart; Janice F. Stewart, Robert Stone, Franklin Pablo, Sr.; D6-Anthony Villareal,
Sr., Albert Pablo, Terrance B. Evans (9/12); D7-Devlin Redbird
APPROVAL OF AGENDA
APPROVED AS AMENDED REPORTS
Presenters: Christopher Mendoza, Dale Gutenson
REPORT HEARD
2. Gila River Telecommunications Fourth Quarter 2013 Update
Presenters: Anthony Newkirk, Derek E. White, Charles Miller
REPORT HEARD
3. Gila River Telecommunications, Inc., Comments To House Energy & Commerce Committee
Presenters: Anthony Newkirk, Derek E. White
REPORT HEARD
[GOVERNOR MENDOZA CALLED FOR A 10-MINUTE BREAK
RECONVEMEAT AT 11:12AM]
4. Department Of Community Housing Quarterly Report
Presenter: Lori Francisco
REPORT HEARD
5. Update To Council Regarding TLOA Implementation Activities
Presenters: Office Of General Counsel
REPORT HEARD
Presenter: Treasurer Robert G. Keller
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT
THE REPORT
7. The Caring House Annual Report
Presenters: Fernanda Reams, Mark Klein
REPORT HEARD
[GOVERNOR MENDOZA CALLED FOR A 2-HOUR LUNCH BREAK
RECONVEMEAT AT 2:32PM]
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION
8. Gila River Gaming Enterprises, Inc. 2013 Audited Financial Reports (Executive Session)
Presenters: John James, CEO, Kenneth Manuel, Assistant CEO, Board Of Directors, Stephen Harris, REDW
REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION
Presenters: Treasurer Robert G. Keller
REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION
RESOLUTIONS
1. A Resolution Approving The Letter Agreement Re-confirming The Secretary Of The Interior’s Execution Of The Lease And Option Agreement Between Phelps Dodge Corporation, Gila River Indian Community And The United States As Trustee For The Gila River Indian Community (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation of approval; NRSC concurs)
Presenters: Office Of General Counsel, Akin Gump
APPROVED
2. A Resolution Authorizing And Approving A Consolidated Grant Application For The United States Department Of Justice Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation For FY 2014 To Be Submitted On Behalf Of The Gila River Indian Community (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation of approval)
Presenters: Edward Alamenda, Jan Morris, Casey Bila
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APPROVED
3. A Resolution Approving A Modification Amendment Between The Gila River Indian Community And JP Morgan Chase Bank, N.A. (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation of approval; EDSC concurs)
Presenter: Ronald Rosier
APPROVED
4. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing An Agreement Between The HuHuGam Heritage Center And Wolf Consulting, Inc. (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation of approval)
Presenter: Linda Morgan
APPROVED
5. A Resolution Endorsing The Appointment Of Councilman Terrance B. Evans To the Maricopa County Department Of Transportation, Transportation Advisory Board (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation of approval; NRSC concurs)
Presenter: Tracy Darmony
APPROVED
ORDINANCES
1. The Gila River Indian Community Council Hereby Amends The 2009 Gila River Indian Community Code By Amending Title 20, Chapter 2, Homesite (LSC forwards to Council with changes and with recommendation for approval)
Presenter: Javier G. Ramos
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO TABLE WITH CONDITIONS THE ORDINANCE GO BACK OUT FOR PUBLIC COMMENT TO THE DISTRICTS MEETINGS FOR 45 CALENDAR DAYS; AND PROVIDED THOSE
PRESENTATION BE GIVEN BY THE LAND USE PLANNING & ZONING DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES; FURTHER RETURNING TO THE LEGISLATIVE STANDING COMMITTEE AND NATURAL RESOURCES STANDING AND BACK TO THE COUNCIL FOR APPROVAL
UNFINISHED BUSINESS
1. Appointment Community Judge (1)
Presenters: Community Council
JACQUELINE J. ZILLIOLX APPOINTED
[ADDENDUM TO AGENDA]
2. Housing Owner’s Team Budget Clarification
Presenter: Franklin Pablo, Sr.
ITEM DISCUSSED
NEW BUSINESS
1.BIA Termination Of An Abandoned Right-of-Way Owned by Union Pacific Railroad; Request for Direction On Reclamation Standards (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation to authorize and request the BIA to direct UPRR to remove the rest of the remaining track and railroad ties, to repave Chin Road and to leave the ballast; CRSC concurs)
Presenter: Tara Fitzpatrick
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO AUTHORIZE AND REQUEST THE BIA TO DIRECT UNION PACIFIC RAIL ROAD TO REMOVE THE REMAINING TRACK AND RAILROAD TIES, TO REPAVE CHIN ROAD AND TO LEAVE THE REMAINING RIGHT-OF-WAY INCLUDING THE BALLAST IN THIS CURRENT CONDITION AS IT IS USED FOR FLOOD MANAGEMENT
2. Pima of Mexico Cultural Exchange Program Initiatives (CRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for Governor to sign letter of Invitation)
Presenter: Marshall Sunna
TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA
MINUTES
ANNOUNCEMENTS
>HOUSE OWNERS TEAM MEETING THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2014, 8AM
>G&M WORK SESSION THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2014
>WHIP MOTOR SPORTS HOT ROD SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2014
>IIWIA JIMA PARADE SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2014
>URBAN MEMBERS MEETING SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2014, 8AM
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ADJOURNMENT
MEETING ADJOURNED AT 4:38PM
* Denotes TABLED from previous meeting(s)
SAFETY

A leak may be present if you:

SMELL: An odor similar to rotten eggs, even if it’s faint or momentary.

HEAR: A hissing or roaring sound coming from the ground or above-ground pipeline.

SEE: Dirt or water blowing into the air, discolored vegetation surrounding a pipeline, or standing water continuously bubbling.

If you suspect a leak:

- Leave the area immediately.
- From a safe place, call 911 and Southwest Gas at 1-877-860-6020, day or night, whether you’re a customer or not. A Southwest Gas representative will be there as soon as possible.
- Don’t smoke or use matches or lighters.
- Don’t turn on or off any electric switches, thermostats, or appliance controls; or use automated doors.
- Don’t start or stop an engine.

For more information about natural gas pipeline safety, visit swgas.com/safety or call 1-877-860-6020.
ALL INDIAN RODEO * ALL INDIAN JUNIOR RODEO * POW WOW * PARADE * HALF MARATHON * ENTERTAINMENT * SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT * SENIOR CHAIR VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT * ALL INDIAN MEN AND WOMEN’S BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT * T-BALL TOURNAMENT * GILA RIVER GOT TALENT ENTERTAINMENT * GILA RIVER ROYALTY PAGEANT * CULTURAL PERFORMANCES & DEMONSTRATIONS * CARNIVAL RIDES * ARTS AND CRAFT VENDORS * TRADITIONAL FOOD VENDORS * THOKA * FRYBREAD CONTEST * HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT * TALENT SHOW * GOSPEL JAM

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