Community Comments on FEIS

Representatives from ADOT and FWHA attend a Public Forum on the South Mountain Freeway and the Final Environmental Impact Statement

By GRIN Staff
Gila River Indian News

The proposed Loop 202 extension, also known as the South Mountain Freeway, is nearing the end of its public comment period for the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS).

Last weekend, representatives from the Arizona Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration visited the Gila River Indian Community to hear input from Community members at a public forum in Komatke.

The forum was assembled by the Executive Office pursuant to Community Council motion to hold a public forum. Community members’ comments were recorded at the forum for the highway project’s official record.

Citing health concerns, negative environmental impacts and damage to culturally significant areas, the majority of comments opposed the construction of the freeway.

“I’d like to tell you that this FEIS is incomplete,” said Danielle Spring, District 6. Several individuals who spoke at the forum also participated in a roughly 5-mile prayer run earlier that morning. The march ended at the Boys & Girls Club, where the forum was held, as they entered the forum with signs and banners.

Opponents of the freeway also reminded the audience that the federal Environmental Protection Agency rated ADOT’s draft EIS as inadequate and recommended that ADOT redo or supplement their environmental studies.

Wayne Nelson, District 7, in his testimony, referenced an older agreement between Gila River and ADOT called the Borderland Study from 1998. He said in the Borderland Study the Community agreed to the on-reservation alignment of the freeway “because they knew this day would come on saving the mountain, whether to have the mountain disturbed or to have an alignment run south of it.”

Lt. Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis and District 6 Council Representative Anthony Villareal emphasized to the audience that GRIC is officially opposed to the freeway.

The Community Council recently made a motion to start a budget to fund legal services to help fight the freeway. Villareal read that motion out loud to the audience:

“October 15, 2014. Councilman Anthony Villareal Sr. stated, I make a motion that the Community Council directs the Law Office to begin identifying a budget to support litigation in delaying or stopping the proposed 202 South Mountain freeway, after the Record of Decision is finalized; the General Counsel will be authorized along with the Treasurer to take the necessary step in carrying out this motion on behalf of the Community; seconded by Councilman Devin Redfield.”

The deadline for public comments on the FEIS is Nov. 25 with a possibility of the comment period being extended into December.

GRIC General Election Results Certified

By Roberto A. Jackson
Gila River Indian News

The 2014 General Election results from the GRIC 2014 general election at the Nov. 19 regular Council Meeting, which included the election of Lt. Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis as governor, the re-election of Chief Judge Anthony Hill and each of the associate judges.

The five candidates elected as associate judges are Lucille Antone-Morago (incumbent), Donna Kistio-Jones (incumbent), Janice P. Breckenridge (incumbent), Lucinda M. Nez (incumbent) and Dallas De Lowe, a former associate judge.

The District 4 Special Council Election results, which was won by Angelia Allison, was also certified.

The items were presented under New Business and were forwarded to Council by the Legislative Standing Committee.

Boys & Girls Club Gets Grant Sponsored by NASA

By Roberto A. Jackson
Gila River Indian News

The Boys & Girls Club - Sacaton Branch is getting a boost in science and technology thanks to a new grant sponsored by NASA. The Sacaton Branch was recently selected to participate in the Boys & Girls Club of America and NASA’s Great Futures in Science program. With the grant, the Sacaton club will implement a robotics program called Robo Tech, which will run for three eight-week cycles. One of the cycles will feature an all girls robotics team to raise the profile of young women in science. The Girls Scouts and American Indian Science & Engineering Society, AISER, are going to partner with the club to help facilitate the curriculum, specifically the girls only group.

The Sacaton Branch, which is under jurisdiction from the Boys & Girls Club of the East Valley, has programs that emphasize science, technology, engineering and mathematics curriculums, which made it a perfect fit for the Great Futures in Science program.

Every Friday club members can attend the Maker Club, which is a class that teaches students how to use technology in innovative and creative ways in the STEM disciplines. The Maker Club meets in the branch’s Intel Computer Clubhouse.

Rodrigo Castellon, who runs the Maker Club and is the Intel Computer Clubhouse Coordinator, heard about the grant through the Boys & Girls Club’s grant director. Castellon, 23, said the branch applied for the grant and with the Maker Club’s emphasis on science and technology it was awarded to them.

“We got the grant as a Continued on Page 4
The signs and symptoms appear as few as 2 days and up to 21 days after exposure. The risk of an outbreak is very low. It is important to remember that in order to develop the disease; you must have traveled to certain areas in Africa or have had direct contact with an Ebola infected person with symptoms. The Center for Disease Control (CDC) has instructed all hospitals to ask patients if they have recently traveled out of the country. To learn about prevention, risk, or other up-to-date info, visit the CDC website: www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola

2014 Flu Season

Following the Center for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines, Gila River Health Care recommends a yearly flu vaccine for everyone 6 months of age and older. Receiving the flu vaccine is the first and most important step in protecting against this serious disease. Get vaccinated as soon as possible, to ensure protection before flu season begins. People are encouraged to take everyday preventive steps:

• Stay away from sick people
• Wash your hands to reduce the spread of germs
• If sick with the flu or flu like symptoms, stay home from work or school

Symptoms:
• Fever or feeling feverish
• Headache
• Muscle or body aches
• Feeling very tired
• Cough
• Sore throat or stuffy nose

Signs and symptoms usually appear within 2 days of exposure. Symptoms come on quickly and all at once. If you do get the flu, your provider may order antiviral medications that can make illness milder. It is important to take all the medication even though you maybe feeling better. This is important in order to prevent flu related complications, like pneumonia.

For more information contact Marcy Hamblin-Infection Preventionist at (602) 528-1556 or visit www.cdc.gov/flu

Submitted by: Marcy Hamblin, Infection Preventionist

Entrovirus D68

Enterovirus D68 (EV-D68) is one of many non-polio enteroviruses. The virus was first identified in California in 1962, but it has not been commonly reported in the United States. Since EV-D68 causes respiratory illness, the virus can be found in an infected person’s nose or mouth. EV-D68 likely spreads from person to person when an infected person coughs, sneezes, or touches contaminated surfaces and then you touch your mouth, nose, or eyes. Symptoms of EV-D68 infection:

• EV-D68 can cause mild to severe respiratory illness.
• Mild symptoms may include fever, runny nose, sneezing, cough, and body and muscle aches.
• Most symptoms develop in 2-14 days.

You can help protect yourself from respiratory illnesses by following these steps:

• Wash hands often with soap and water for 20 seconds, especially after changing diapers
• Cover your cough and sneeze with tissue or your shirt sleeve, not your hands
• Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands
• Avoid kissing and sharing cups or eating utensils with people who are sick
• Disinfect frequently touched surfaces, such as toys and doorknobs, especially if someone is sick
• Avoiding the person when an infected person coughs

Symptoms:

• Fever or cough
• Body aches
• Sore throat
• Headache
• Muscle pain
• Nasal congestion

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Respecting People & Culture

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Ebola is a rare and deadly disease cause by a infection with an Ebola virus. The infected person can become seriously ill and it can affect the kidneys and liver functions. Ebola is spread to others ONLY through direct contact with blood or other bodily fluids of an Ebola infected person. Ebola is not spread through the air, water or food. Symptoms:

• Fever
• Headache
• Joint and or muscle pain
• Weakness and fatigue
• Stomach pain, vomiting and or diarrhea
• Bleeding

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In observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday, HHKMH Pharmacy will be open Fri. Nov. 28 12pm-8pm, Sat. Nov. 29 12pm - 8pm, Sun Nov 30 1pm-9pm. If you need medical assistance, please visit the Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital Emergency Department.
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Robert Keller, Tribal Treasurer
Shawn White, Community Newsperson

Congratulations to Dylan Anselmo, the daughter of David and Dana Anselmo, on her new title of South Pasadena High School Homecoming Queen - Grandma and Grandpa Whittaker

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In Loving Memory of Our Shaylon P. Sunna

May 25, 2003 - November 27, 2013

You were a precious gift from God above, So much Laughter, Grace, & Love. You touched our hearts in so many ways. Your smile so bright even on your sad days. You must have heard God whisper calling you, You didn't want to go and leave us, You didn't want to go and leave us.

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“Three Precious Miracles” Helps Families with Donations

By Mikhail Sundust

When Melissa Kirkpatrick got an urgent call from Tribal Social Services one August evening asking if she could take in the four children of a relative, she said yes without hesitation – after all, they’re family. But with six children of their own at home, Kirkpatrick and her husband suddenly felt the weight of parental responsibility bear down on them as they added an 8-year-old, a 6-year-old, a 5-year-old and, most surprising of all, a 5-month-old baby to their household.

Kirkpatrick said when she got the kids later that night, “They handed me a little Nike drawstring bag. There was one outfit in there, a bottle, a can of milk, a couple of diapers.” The older children, meanwhile, came with no extra clothes than their school uniforms and what they had on their backs.

Taking a moment to absorb the shock, she thought, “I don’t have any supplies for a baby. (Her youngest had been out of diapers for years.) I sat back, took it in and have no supplies for a baby. (Her said Kirkpatrick, “not even a bottle brush, no car seat, nowhere)

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From left: Timothy Antone, Elisia Manuel, Prosper Waukon, board members of the “Three Precious Miracles” organization.

Services Supervisor Jacqueline Cardinet.

More often than not, people have to rely on friends, other family members and their own

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in the process for the February 2, 2015 pay-out. 

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possible in the quarter. Early submittal will give Providence a

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forms for the 2014 per capita will be mailed out to the current

mailing address before January 31, 2015.

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“TSS supports Three Precious

miracles and looks forward to

referring more families to TPM’s

services as the organization grows.

Manuel’s vision is that Three

Precious Miracles will become

the Helen’s Hope Chest of Gila River.

in fact, the recently adoptive

mother of five is personally

familiar with that organization’s

services, having gotten help there

before.

“When [my son] came to me, he

was seven days old and I had

a borrowed car seat for three days

and his first outfit. And to me, I,

thought, how can you start

a child’s life off with that? … No

child should be removed from an

environment [and] placed in a new

home with nothing,” she said.

A after taking in five children in a

spur-of-the-moment decision, her

husband Tecumseh have become

an instant family. In the process

they have collected a garage-full

of baby clothes and baby supplies,

so they started giving it out to

those who needed it.

TPM is still in the startup

stages but it’s off to a healthy start.

The group is looking for a larger

storage area but for now Manuel’s

garage is the TPM in the warehouse.

Since starting the organization,

she’s had “a truckload of stuff”
delivered to her house and they are

still accepting donations.

Instead of giving it to Savers

or to Goodwill or throwing it away,
give it to us,” said Manuel.

“We’ll gladly pick it up and get

it to somebody that truly needs

one of our kids here in the

Community.”

For TPM, now is focusing on

helping children ages 0-5 years.

The goal is to provide diapers,

car seats, blankets, clothes, toys,

baby formula, bottles, cleaning

supplies, pretty much anything

they can to get the babies started

off right.

“I would like to help our older

kids,” Manuel said, but “Right

now we’ll be focusing on the little

guys because that’s the highest

number of kids in the system and

that’s what I can handle right now

with what we have available.”

Looking to the future, she would

also like to expand to other tribal

communities.

The organization is working

on becoming a federally-

recognized 501(c)(3) non-profit and has established a board, which

consists of Elisia, Tecumseh and

their friends Tim Antoine and

Prosper Waukon.

“We can’t help everybody but

we’re going to do whatever we can
to get started,” Manuel said.

Fortunately, TPM was able to help

out Kirkpatrick the day after she

got temporary custody.

Kirkpatrick said the financial

burden would have been too much

online at www.facebook.com/

Threepreciousmiracles.

The Sacaton Branch will start implementing Robo Tech after

staff attends a training session

developed by the Boys & Girls

Club of America.

The Sacaton Branch is one of

two Boys & Girls Clubs in the

Community, the other is the

Komatke Branch located in

District 6. The majority of the

funding comes from the

Community, and the Sacaton

Branch sees over 100 club

members a day, ages five to 18.

“Payment Method Change Form” to the PCO showing your

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PER CAPITA MINOR TRUST ACCOUNTS:

Submit your request to Providence First Trust as early as

as possible in the quarter. Early submittal will give Providence a

chance to review your request and notify you if further

information on a correction is needed. Call Providence at

(800)505-0008 or (480)282-8812 if you have questions.

PER CAPITA OFFICE INFO:

The PCO is open Mon. - Fri., 8 A.M. - 5 P.M. You may call our

direct line (520) 562-5222 or (866)436-2618. Information and

forms are also available on the Community website

www.mygilariver.com and we can mail the information to you.

Payment Method Change.

To change your payment type, submit a “Payment Method Change Form” by the deadline date. No need to submit a new application; approved applications for Per Capita are permanent.

Power of Attorney (POA) for Per Capita Distribution. This form is the ONLY POA form acceptable for POC use. The fully completed form is valid for one year from the date it is notarized. The POA form must be on file by the deadline date (45 days before a payout) to be in effect for this same pay-out date.

IRS 1099 Forms: A Per capita pay-out is taxable income. The 1099 forms for the 2014 per capita will be mailed out to the current mailing address before January 31, 2015.

PER CAPITA CORNER

Quarterly Deadline

Payment Date*

Trust Early Disbursement Request

December 31

January 15, 2016

(Checks mailed)

Happy Thanksgiving wishes from the Per Capita Staff!

The 2014 Per Capita pay-out year has ended. Updates or new applications are now in process for the February 2, 2015 pay-out.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

About Returned Statements and Checks. Keep your address current at the Enrollment Office with an Address Update Form. Then, always submit a “IRS W-9 Form” to the PCO showing your current address before the deadline date above.

Pay Card Expiration. If your Chase Pay Card account is in good standing, Chase will send a new pay card to you after the old one expires. Otherwise, you need to call Chase Pay Card Customer Service. Also, your address must be current with the Enrollment Office and you must inform the PCO that the change has been made, so the Chase Pay Card database can be updated with your new address, by the PCO. If you have questions, please call the Chase Pay Card Customer Service at (866) 795-3890.

New Adult Applications. Members turning 18 years by January 31, 2015 and applying for adult Per Capitas must apply by December

15, 2014 to be eligible for the January 31st, 2015 pay-out.
Police Sergeant Demoted for Targeting Native Americans

According to an internal investigations report by the Chandler Police Department, between March and August of this year, Sgt. Sue Freeman repeatedly ordered her patrol officers to target Native Americans stopped for shoplifting and book them, rather than issue simple citations.

Freeman was charged with conduct unbecoming of an officer and demoted Oct. 16. She was not, however, discharged, granting her time to qualify for her pension. She will leave the department by the end of 2014.

Freeman’s patrol district borders the Gila River Indian Community and has reportedly seen a high incidence of shoplifting.

“She was telling her officers not to give them a ticket. It was an unlawful order,” said Chandler Police Sgt. Joe Favazzo in a report by The Arizona Republic.

“Your directive was interpreted by members of your team as removing any discretion for handling a shoplifting investigation and more specifically for singling out a race of people for disparate treatment,” the Republic quoted from an investigation report.

Favazzo clarified that if Freeman had ordered all shoplifting suspects booked as a strong statement that the crime would not be tolerated, it would not have been a problem.

Hygiene Drive

The Gila River Indian News is proud to announce its first ever Helpful Hygiene Drive and we’d like to ask for your help.

This is a donation drive to collect hygiene products to help those in recovery at the GRIC Residential Treatment Center “stay clean.”

We are asking for any kind of hygiene products, but they must be new (unused) and preferably small or travel size.

This includes but is not limited to shampoo, body wash, deodorant, shaving cream, disposable razors, feminine care products, toothbrushes and toothpaste.

We have placed collection boxes at the Governance Center, District 3, 5 and 6 Service Centers, the Native American Connections office in Phoenix and will soon have boxes in the Hohokam Memorial Hospital and Hamilton High School in Chandler.

Thank you for your participation!

Call (520) 562-9715

GIS Day

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member in here to who has knowledge of the tribe,” said Stovall. The chance to work in the GIS department is a good opportunity as one of the GIS technicians Suzanne Allison a Community member will be retiring.

The vision is to have a Community member involved in the GIS outreach, a position the GIS department wants to fill.

In her position, Suzanne is responsible for the physical addressing, a position that requires her to reach out to the Community contacting its members, because they feel comfortable and are able to explain why they need to obtain physical addresses and other relevant information.

At the moment one Community member is interested and “you have to be a special person to do that,” said Stovall, because it takes a lot of commitment to enter large amounts of data into the database “it’s something you have to love to do.”

So what is GIS and how can this be used to help the Community? The uses for GIS are boundless according to Stovall “Anything that sits on the face of the earth we can catalog it.”

This allows the department to catalogue within a geo-database numerous addresses and other features associated with a specific section of land that is part of a broader picture.

Currently they are working with DPW, OEM, EHS, Emergency Services to assist them in the establishment of a database that fits the scope of work they do. The GIS day is “a way to let people know we are here that we have something they can utilize to help their departments,” said Stovall.

Information given at the event was to educate Community members on geographical vocabulary “To get them familiarized with the terms we use on a daily basis, if they have to come in and request something it gives them more knowledge on what they are asking,” said Tisha Gonzales, GIS technician.

“When someone requests a physical address, they can be able to write it on a magnet we are handing out to keep it close by their phone,” said Stovall. This helps in case of an emergency when information like a physical address is important to emergency responders.

Matthew Devaney another GIS technician said, “We are going to be doing a hands demo to show people the program that we use and how they can be able to use it.”

The GIS department is also involved in helping other tribes with their geographical needs as one of the leaders in utilizing GIS in greater applications.

“We work closely with Salt River and Ak-Chin, but we know other tribes like the Tohono O’odham Nation who doesn’t have an addressing system have reached out to us, so we can reach out to them to get started on something,” said Stovall.

Being a member of the Arizona Geographic Information Council, AGIC, allows them to be part of a broader network of GIS users. A benefit to this association means they can contribute to the inclusion of other tribes, serving as a bridge for tribal communities interested in joining.

As for working with the tribal departments Stovall said, “It doesn’t take much to get them up and running…we show them how to use the software, and they tell us what they want to use the software for, and we show them how to get the data.”
Soa:m Mashath

Soa:m Mashath means the yellow/brown month in the Akimel O’otham language. The name refers to the plant-life that goes dormant during the winter months. This month is also Native American Heritage Month honoring the heritage of all Tribes in our nation.

Today, our community is surrounded by modern cities and towns, and despite modern improvements we have managed to keep our Himthag intact for present and future generations; this is only made possible through the teachings of our Elders. Historically, we have always been communal people who worked together to keep our farms in operation.

During planting seasons whole families would gather to plant seeds. Sometimes horses and a wooden plow were used to plant but other times a mesquite branch was used as a harrow and drug over the rows to bury the seeds. Long before machinery was in use, families irrigated and weeded the fields by hand. When the crops reached maturity and ripened, families would also harvest the crops by hand.

It was during this time of year that storage rooms became full of produce, seeds, and basket making materials. This was also the time of year when hunters would slip out of the village very early in the morning to hunt in the surrounding mountain ranges. Sometimes a village chief would announce a meeting and a man with a loud voice would get on top of a vatho and call on the men to gather together and discuss the business at hand. Sometimes a social dance would be planned, or a foot race between villages. Plans would be made and on the day of the festivities several villages would get together to celebrate. If it was a short dance the singing and dancing would last until sunrise the next day. If it was a large dance singing and dancing would last for four days and four nights.

We have always had our own version of Thanksgiving in the form of social dancing, feasts, and races. When we celebrate we give thanks to our Creator by singing praises to him for the abundance he has given us throughout the planting cycle. Our spirit of giving and helping each other is what our heritage is about.

In the coming days ahead our families will get together to celebrate Thova Thash (Thanksgiving). This month’s crossword puzzle will focus on items that can found during harvest time. We encourage you to learn these words and use them in your everyday lives.

**Thova Thash – Match the O’otham word with the picture of items found on our Thanksgiving Table!**

- Ha:l
- Thova
- Hu:ñ
- Kocji Chu:kug/Hamo:n
- Pa:n
- Udvis
- Thova Kayio

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**Giving Thanks**

by Governor Gregory Mendoza

On Thursday, November 27, 2014, the Gila River Indian Community will join the rest of the nation, in celebration of the Thanksgiving Day tradition. This holiday provides an opportunity for all of us to take note of the many graces and blessings that have been bestowed on our families and our community. I encourage everyone to join me in putting aside our normal day-to-day routines and come together in a spirit of gratitude and fellowship.

Let us remember and be grateful for the freedoms and security we enjoy and let us be sure to remember those who provided us with such. As tribal members, we are protected by the brave men and women of the United States Armed Forces. Many of these soldiers are our own family members and our friends who currently serve. And, many times they also place themselves in harm’s way, in our defense. They deserve our gratitude, and our thanks, for their sacrifice.

On this Thanksgiving Day, we are also reminded of those who suffer from the continuing challenges and hardships: those who are struggling to make ends meet. Let us join with and support the many members of our community who reach out to offer kindness and generosity by helping our fellow citizens. I look forward to joining the many volunteers at the Salvation Army and doing my small part to feed the homeless among us. And later in the day, I will join my family and friends in a Thanksgiving celebration that has been a highlight and an important part of this holiday for me for the past three years.

As we gather for our Thanksgiving Day meal, let us rejoice in the abundance of what we have together which graces our tables, in the simple gifts that mark our days, in the loved ones who enrich our lives, and in the gifts of Heavenly Father.

Join me and Lt. Governor Stephen Roe Lewis in encouraging everyone to come together this Thanksgiving Day whether at home, at church, or at service centers and give thanks for all we have received this past year and to express our appreciation to those whose lives enrich us and most importantly, to share a little of what we have with others.

Again, I want to wish you all a happy, wonderful, and safe Thanksgiving Day holiday. May Heavenly Father bless you, your families and our Gila River Indian Community.

Gregory Mendoza
Governor
Nike N7 Partners with Gila River

By Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

Gila River’s young and talented tested their skills in the Nike N7 basketball clinic. The basketball clinic was held at the Sacaton Wellness Center Nov. 13. This was the second time an event of its kind was held in the Community.

The N7 series called “Move Your Generation” is an initiative that reaches out to American Indian communities across the country. Gila River is among several tribal communities selected to partner with Nike N7.

With a partnership with a major brand like Nike, the opportunity could not be passed up, especially one that brings benefits to the youth of the Community looking to hoop it up.

With the recent example of Shoni Schimmel, a member of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, venturing into the WNBA, today’s younger generations of American Indians are eager to join the ranks.

Kids went through a series of ball handling and passing drills led by Stan Pratt, the basketball instructor.

In a series of sprints, dribble exercises and layups, the kids were ready for whatever Pratt had in store for them. This wasn’t your afterschool shoot around, it was a lesson in how to stay ahead of the game.

Hitting the court to show off their skills and what they can do with the ball, the youth wasted no time following through each of the drills. Impressive as it was to see the youth out there putting their heart into a sport they enjoy it is no surprise why basketball is the sport of choice for many of the Community’s youth.

Alvin Cassoose, the Tribal Recreation Coordinator, and his staff have been planning various events taking advantage of the opportunity. “So far, N7 has sent us toolkits to use during these events, which included kits for soccer and basketball,” said Cassoose.

In May the recreation department hosted a soccer clinic that was held on the same day as the other six communities that are part of the N7 initiative.

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Questions?
Contact the Dept. of Environmental Quality at 562-2234.
For pick-up issues, contact the Dept. of Public Works at 562-3343.

Thank you for recycling!
Community Council Action Sheets

Wednesday November 5, 2014

ACTION SHEET
Community Council, PO Box 2138, Sacaton, Arizona 85147; Phone (520) 562-9720; Fax (520) 562-9729

CALL TO ORDER
The First and Second Regular Monthly Meeting of the Community Council held Wednesday November 5, 2014, in the Community Council Chambers at the Governance Center in Sacaton, Arizona was called to order by presiding Chair- man Lieutenant Governor Stephen R. Lewis at 9:17am.

INVOCATION
Provided by Councilman Robert Stone

ROLL CALL
Sign-in Sheet Circulated
Executive Officers Present: Lt. Governor Stephen R. Lewis
Executive Officers Absent:
Governor Gregory Mendoza
Council Members Present:
D1- Joey Whitman, Arze Hogg; D2-Carol Schurz; D3- Carolyn Williams, Rodney Jackson; D4- Monica Antone, Jennifer Allison, Christopher Mendoza (10:15am); D5-Brian Davis, Sr., Janice F. Stewart, Robert Stone, Frank- lin Sabo, Sr.; D6- Anthony Villareal, Sr., Albert Pablo, Sandra Nasewyewe
Council Members Absent:
D4- VACANT; D7- Devin Redbird

APPROVAL OF AGENDA
APPROVED AS AMENDED

NEW BUSINESS
PRIORITY TOPICS/INTRODUCTIONS
1. Mayor Gal Bailey, Town of Queen Creek

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA
REPORTS
[ADDENDUM TO THE AGENDA]
1. Pee Poah Veterans Association – 4th Quarter Report
   For FY 2014
   Presenter: Dan Jenkins
   REPORT HEARD
2. S. Haskell Osfe-Antone American Legion Post 51
   3rd Quarter Report April – June FY 2014 And 4th Quarters
   Report July - September FY 2014
   Presenter: David Anderson
   REPORT HEARD
*1. Sacaton Middle School 3rd Quarter Report 2014 (April – June)
   Presenter: Phil Bonds
   DISPENSED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA
*2. Head Start Program Staffing Analysis
   Presenter: Mato Molina
   DISPENSED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION
3. Gila River Health Care Implementation of Priority Levels for Tohono O’odam Patients
   Presenter: Lt. Governor Stephen R. Lewis
   REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION
   MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION
6. Flood Control Management Task Force Report and Update
   Presenter: Seaver Fields
   REPORT HEARD
LT. GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS CALLED FOR A 10-MINUTE BREAK, THE MEETING RESUMED AT 11:00AM
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION
7. Gila River Gaming Enterprises, Inc. – Monthly Report September 2014 (Executive Session)
   Presenter: Janice Porciello
   REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION
8. Gila River Gaming Commission – General Report September 2014 (Executive Session)
   Presenters: Serena Joaquín, Courtney Moyah
   REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION
9. Gaming Internal Audit Department-4th Quarter Report Fiscal Year 2014 (Executive Session)
   Presenter: Treasurer Robert G. Keller
   REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION
LT. GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS CALLED FOR AN HOUR AND HALF LUNCH BREAK.

THE MEETING RECONVEMED AT 2:09PM

RESOLUTIONS
1. A Resolution Approving A Fifty (50) Year Homestead Assignment Agreement For April Crawford Located In District Three Of The Gila River Indian Reservation And Designated As Drawing No. 3034-0709 (NRSC motioned to forward to Community Council with recommendation of approval)
   Presenter: Pamela Pasquale
   APPROVED

2. A Resolution Approving A Fifty (50) Year Homestead Assignment Agreement For Antonelli Anton Located In District Four Of The Gila River Indian Reservation And Designated As Drawing No. 3044-0916 (NRSC motioned to forward to Community Council with recommendation of approval)
   Presenter: Pamela Pasquale
   APPROVED

3. A Resolution Authorizing The Purchase Of Alotted Trust Land Within The Exterior Boundaries Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (Allotment 3608) (G&MSC motioned to forward to Community Council with recommendation of approval, NRSC concurs)
   Presenters: Rod Tuttle, Javier Ramos
   APPROVED

4. A Resolution Authorizing The Purchase Of Alotted Trust Land Within The Exterior Boundaries Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (Allotment 462) (G&MSC motioned to forward to Community Council with recommendation of approval, NRSC concurs)
   Presenters: Rod Tuttle, Javier Ramos
   APPROVED

5. A Resolution Authorizing The Purchase Of Alotted Trust Land Within The Exterior Boundaries Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (Allotment 1619) (G&MSC motioned to forward to Community Council with recommendation of approval, NRSC concurs)
   Presenters: Rod Tuttle, Javier Ramos
   APPROVED

6. A Resolution Authorizing The Purchase Of Alotted Trust Land Within The Exterior Boundaries Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (Allotment 4208, 4209, 4210, 4211, 4212, 4213, 4214, and 6039) (G&MSC motioned to forward to Community Council with recommendation of approval, NRSC concurs)
   Presenters: Rod Tuttle, Javier Ramos
   APPROVED

7. A Resolution Authorizing The Purchase Of Alotted Trust Land Within The Exterior Boundaries Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (Allotment 4813) (G&MSC motioned to forward to Community Council with recommendation of approval, NRSC concurs)
   Presenters: Rod Tuttle, Javier Ramos
   APPROVED

8. A Resolution Authorizing The Purchase Of Alotted Trust Land Within The Exterior Boundaries Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (Allotment 4208, 4209, 4210, 4211, 4212, 4213, 4214, and 6039) (G&MSC motioned to forward to Community Council with recommendation of approval, NRSC concurs)
   Presenters: Rod Tuttle, Javier Ramos
   APPROVED

9. A Resolution Authorizing The Purchase Of Alotted Trust Land Within The Exterior Boundaries Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (Allotment 210A) (G&MSC motioned to forward to Community Council with recommendation of approval, NRSC concurs)
   Presenters: Rod Tuttle, Javier Ramos
   APPROVED

10. A Resolution Authorizing The Purchase Of Certain Allotted Trust Lands Pursuant To The American Indian Probate Reform Act (G&MSC motioned to forward to Community Council with recommendation of approval to proceed with the offer, NRSC concurs)
   Presenters: Javier Ramos
   APPROVED

11. A Resolution Approving The Adoption Of Bylaws Of The Gila River Farms Board of Directors (G&MSC motioned to forward to Community Council with recommendation of approval)
   Presenter: June Shortie
   TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

12. A Resolution Rescinding GR-133-14 And Authorizing The Early Head Start To Submit A Grant To The US Department Of Health And Human Services, Administration For Children And Families, Office Of Head Start American Indian/Alaska Native Early Head Start Expansion And EHS- CC Partnership Grant (G&MSC motioned to forward to Community Council with recommendation of approval)
   Presenter: Patricia Valenzuela
   TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

13. A Resolution Approving The Agreement And Restated Joint Powers Airport Authority Agreement For The Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport Authority And Approving The Loan Cancellation Agreement Between The Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport Authority And The Gila River Indian Community (G&MSC motioned to forward to Community Council with recommendation of approval, NRSC concurs, EDSC concurs with recommended changes)
   Presenter: Tan Fitzgerald
   APPROVED

14. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing An Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And Tribal Project Advisors For Fiscal Year 2015 (G&MSC motioned to forward to Community Council with recommendation of approval)
   Presenter: Tina Notah-Enas
   APPROVED

15. A Resolution Approving The Appointment Of Two Persons To Represent The Gila River Indian Community On The Joint Control Board Per The Amended And Restated Gila River Indian Community Water Rights Settlement Agreement Exhibit 20:1 (NRSC forwards to Community Council with recommendation of approval)
   Presenter: Linda Sauer
   APPROVED

ORDINANCES
UNFINISHED BUSINESS
1. Elections Update (Executive Session) (G&MSC motioned to forward to Community Council)
   Presenter: Scott Butler
   MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO REAFFIRM GOVERNMENT & MANAGEMENT’S DECISION TO MODIFY THE POLITICAL ACTION FUND ON BEHALF OF THE COMMUNITY
   MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION
2. Off Reservation Gaming Update (Executive Session) (G&MSC motioned to forward to Community Council)
   Presenters: Scott Butler, Eric Dahlstrom
   ITEM DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION
   MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION
3. Gila River Gaming Enterprises, Inc. Board of Directors Appointments (2)
   Presenters: Community Council
   MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO CERTIFY PAMELA F. JOHNSON AND LAWRENCE H. MANUEL
   NEW BUSINESS
   MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER

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Ira H. Hayes High School Going To Six Flags-Magic Mountain In December

Submitted by Crispin J. Zamudio
Ira H. Hayes High School

Even though Ira H. Hayes High School is operating on its final school year, students are up for the challenge. The eligibility for this fieldtrip: 91% attendance (October 15th to December 19th) and passing grades this fall semester. At the moment we have 61 students eligible and they have to maintain excellent attendance for the next two months.

The objective of this fieldtrip is for students to start believing that nothing is impossible. We also want to congratulate Anisa Brown for completing all her High School Requirements last week. Her accomplishments really inspire other students not give up.

Furthermore, what is Ira H. Hayes doing different this school year? Why do we have more than 100 students enrolled since August 2014? Don’t wait for the school year to be over, stop by and visit our campus during school hours (9:00am to 3:00pm). We encourage parents and community members to meet the faculty and staff that are making a difference: Mrs. Apkaw (Pima Language), Mr. Van Druff (Agriculture/Music), Mr. Hobson (Art), Mrs. Liddell (Science), Mr. Smith (English), Mr. Vazquez (Social Studies), Mr. Buman (Mathematics), Mrs. Hanscom (Special Education), Ms. Lenny (Curriculum Coach), Mr. Thomas (Administrative Assistant), Mrs. Eagleball (Front Desk), Mr. Peters (Custodian), Mrs. Fisher (Kitchen Manager), Miss Kisto (Assistant Cook), Mr. Blackwater (Student Advisor/Johnson O’Malley), Mr. Blain (Driver), Dr. Liddell (Driver), and Officer Rodriguez (SRO). In addition, every Friday we have a 30 minute assembly. We do our best to bring guest speakers that will continue to motivate and inspire our students. If you know of someone that would like to be a guest speaker, call the main number: 520-315-5100.

Finally, we are looking forward to finish the school year strong. Take advantage of the Referral Program and win two (2) Movie Tickets every time you refer a friend or family member to enroll at Ira H. Hayes High School. Thank you for making a difference and choosing Ira H. Hayes High School.

Casa Blanca Community School

November 21, 2014

Education

COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT - NUTRITION ASSISTANCE

Additional Information Needed:
- All income for household such as Social Security, SSD, employment check stubs, etc for the last 30 days
- Tribal identification from a member in the household
- Proof of Residency

Here are the Monthly Income Guidelines for the Commodity Food Distribution Program:
**Amounts listed are after 20% is deducted.

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United States Department of the Interior
BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
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P.O. Box 97, Sacaton, AZ 85147

NOTICE OF BIDDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR LEASING OF AGRICULTURAL LANDS

The Bureau of Indian Affairs, Pima Agency (BIA-PA) has released a solicitation to lease (license) a parcel of land located at 104 North Main Street, Sacaton, Arizona, for the purpose of utilizing agricultural activities on the parcel of land. The lease shall begin on December 1, 2014. All bids must be delivered to the Pima Agency’s Superintendent at a designated location between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, until 4:00 p.m. on December 12, 2014. All bids must be postmarked by 4:00 p.m. on December 12, 2014. All bids will be opened publicly at the Superintendent’s Office at 104 North Main Street, Sacaton, Arizona, at 10:00 a.m. on February 14, 2015. Thereafter, the leasing office shall consider all bids received and make a decision on the lease of the property.

The BIA-MPA seeks competitive bids from interested parties to lease 104 North Main Street, Sacaton, Arizona, located at 104 North Main Street, Sacaton, Arizona, for the purpose of agricultural activities on the parcel of land. The lease shall begin on December 1, 2014. All bids must be delivered to the Pima Agency’s Superintendent at a designated location between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, until 4:00 p.m. on December 12, 2014. All bids must be postmarked by 4:00 p.m. on December 12, 2014. All bids will be opened publicly at the Superintendent’s Office at 104 North Main Street, Sacaton, Arizona, at 10:00 a.m. on February 14, 2015. Thereafter, the leasing office shall consider all bids received and make a decision on the lease of the property.

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Any questions regarding the lease should be directed to Debra Holley or Marilyn Halefi at the above number.
The Gila River Indian Community has been broadcasting Community Council meetings since 2007, but only recently has a crew of all Community members replaced the previous production team.

“The goal always was to have this run by tribal members only,” said Abdul Zuhri, broadcast manager. “We needed a professional production crew in here that could actually run the system in a professional manner and also train,” said Zuhri.

RMG, a video production company out of Mesa, managed the broadcast since April of 2007, when the broadcast was initially launched, but they were replaced this September when the former GRIC trainees could successfully run the operation.

Yvonne Garcia, District 4, who was a trainee under the previous team, is the new Director and the Switch Operator. Garcia, who works for Native Technology Solutions, is also enrolled at Scottsdale Community College in the broadcasting program. “It’s helping us have a lot of patience and actually being interested in this type of industry,” said Garcia.

Tucked away in a room in the Executive wing of the Governance Center is the Audio/Visual room, which serves as the control room for the broadcast.

With Garcia at the helm, directing the broadcast and switching out the cameras on the screen, the crew works closely together to extend the Council meetings across the Community. Kimberly Martinez, District 3, has been in the technology field for 10 years and started in early 2014 operating the character generator for the meetings. She is responsible for the titles and slides you see on the screen. “I like the fact broadcasting can be brought to the Community at the district level, not everyone can make it to Council Chambers,” said Martinez.

Martinez works meticulously with Cherie Mack, District 3, and Paul White, District 5—the camera operators. The Council Chambers has four pan and tilt zoom cameras to capture video during the meetings.

In addition to acquiring broadcast knowledge, Mack said that the meetings keep her informed as a Community member. “You get to learn what’s going on in our Community,” said Mack.

Zuhri said it took about two to three years to train an entire crew to run the entire broadcast. It was a challenge to find individuals available to train throughout the scheduled meetings, because a Council meeting can last a few hours or late into the night. Garcia said the longest meeting she’s ever broadcasted ended at 12:29 a.m.

If you consider that the production team for the Community Council meetings run the broadcast from the Audio/Visual Room in the Governance Center on Nov. 19. From left Mabel Tsosie, Kimberly Martinez and Yvonne Garcia.

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