

**Santo Domingo Tribal Housing Authority
Virtual Community Meeting
November 29, 2021**

SDTHA staff present: Executive Director Brook Kristovich, Accountant Jonah Garcia, Capital Improvement Manager Stacy Nieto, Tenant Services Manager Lorrie Chavez and Tenant Services Representative Margie Aguilar

SDTHA staff absent: Financial Officer Diana White (on leave)

SDTHA BOC members present: None

SDTHA BOCC members absent: Chairman Leandro Garcia, Vice-Chair Paul Coriz, Secretary Camilio Calabaza, Member Diego Calabaza and Member Minerva Chavez

Consultants present: Celia Hildebrand and Amelia Werner

Consultants absent: NA

Participant: See attach list of participants

For additional information: See attached PowerPoint presentation

Brook Kristovich opened the meeting and mentioned minutes are taken and posted to the website with the PowerPoint presentations. Meetings are recorded for note confirmation and then deleted. The recordings are not shared or kept. Mission and vision statements have not changed. Typically, only changes occur on a yearly basis during Strategic Planning Session with the Board of Commissioners.

Emergency Rental & Utility Assistance Program- Reported by Lorrie Chavez

- Emergency Rental Assistance Program started in April 2021. SDTHA has received authorization to continue the program until April 2022?
- Applicants do not have to be Native Americans as long as they are NM residents.
- The application and required documents are posted on the website sdtha.org

Healthy Homes Production Grant from HUD Reported by Brook Kristovich

- Project start is behind due to the required EA for HUD
- Up to 80 homes will be assessed
- With up to 50 homes receiving repairs and remediations
- There are 6 applications
- Everyone is encouraged to apply
- If your home is not within the Project Boundaries please go ahead and apply.
- If there is still funding homes outside of the boundary area may be considered at a later time

2020-2021 Funding Activities- Reported by Brook Kristovich

- The Art Place grant has been closed out
- The number of art installations will have to be reduced due to the increase in cost of materials
- Also, the size of the art projects will be reduced

Estimated SDPGRT – Reported by Brook Kristovich

- Recently shared with Tribal Council
- Shows the Gross Receipts Tax amounts brought in by SDTHA projects
- These funds contribute towards match or cost sharing funds

Question from Community Member regarding infrastructure as SDP and future connections for residents at Wadi Housing Development- Answered by Stacy Nieto

- Stacy Nieto is involved with the committee that chose the contractor for the wastewater treatment plant
- Every building including all residences will be serviced by this wastewater treatment plant. Tribal Council has set aside \$19M of CARES Act monies for this project
- The project timeline estimate has not been confirmed yet
- Natural gas connections are not currently unavailable. Residents rely on propane
- Lagoons are old and are beyond capacity
- Deteriorating clay pipes, Pueblo is reviewing the pipes to see which ones need to be replaced along Eagle Street. There is a trunk line from Post Office going south near the community center that will also be replaced

Cottonwood Project – Reported by Brook Kristovich

- Construction/site development was slated to be completed by the end of November. Due to weather (too cold) and paving delays from asphalt company
- Works out well because fiber still has to be placed for Broadband first
- After infrastructure is completed RFP will be issued in February/March for home construction contractors. Homes will begin a month or two later
- Tribal members who are going to build their homes through 184 loans can start building around this same time
- Eight or nine families have been pre-qualified
- The middle lots 15 lots will be rentals. The peripheral lots are for Tribal members to build their own homes and take out a mortgage.
- There will be land leases not land assignments. If a family opts to or cannot start construction within a certain time period, the lot will be reassigned.
- Cost estimates have remained the same. Cost of materials is decreasing so the home cost will be recalculated. Info will be when SDTHA received the new info
- HUD has a requirement that a certain number of units meet ADA requirements. This could include lower kitchen counters and wheelchair accessible showers.

Question from Community member, if there is a family member currently serving in the military should they be included in the application and/or on the mortgage? Answered by Lorrie Chavez

- Military included on applications and their income as well for rentals
- For 184 loans the bank asks who will be taking the mortgage on to determine income eligibility.

Wadi Mobile Home Park- Reported by Brook Kristovich

- EA has been drafted. Has not been finalized yet. Wastewater Treatment facility will be close by
- Lots will be permanent with foundations.
- There will a planning committee to assist SDTHA development the covenants
 - Will there be income guidelines? Only if the unit is managed by SDTHA
 - How does someone apply for the mobile home?
 - How does someone qualify for a lot? This will a decision for the planning committee
 - Shannon Tenorio is interested in participated in the Wadi Planning Committee.

Chamiza Foundation Grant- Reported by Stacy Nieto

- Everything is all set.
- The dates for the workshops/training need to be determined based on weather/seasons
- The weather has to be warm and sunny for adobe brick making
- Due to grant restriction the funding was to be used this calendar year

Homeowner Assistance Fund from the Treasury Department- Reported by Brook Kristovich

- Specific to mortgages, utilities and broadband assistance
- There are caps per household
- There is up to \$15,000 for rehabs per unit
- Another resource for families within the Pueblo not just the Traditional Village
- If you live off-site you are eligible for only the first two programs
- There are income guidelines

NM Gas Company Native American Energy Efficiency Programs- Reported by Brook Kristovich

- Only for homes with natural gas not propane gas
- Project could serve up to 20-30 families