

# COPPERMINE CHAPTER

## Community Land Use Planning Committee/Housing Committee Joint Meeting

January 31, 2018

### MEETING MINUTES

- I. **Welcome and meeting called to order by:** Linda Long, CLUPC President @ 9:35 am
- II. **Invocation by:** Mary Francis
- III. **Recognizing Guests and Visiting Officials:** Floyd Stevens, Coppermine Consultant  
Purpose of the Meeting: Before the meeting starts I want to let everyone know that I suggested the CLUPC and Housing Committee have a joint meeting due to the fact that CLUPC was drafting the Housing Committee Policy and Procedures for the Chapter before the Housing Committee was formed. The Committee is new to this and they only have had 3 meetings so far so we can collaborate and discussions will be able to take place because I know the Housing Committee has many questions. The Housing committee is pretty new to the information that has been gathered so we can all get on same page and proceed from here. The Housing Policy we can have all our inputs and share all the information in this meeting and know our responsibilities when it comes to being involved in these committees. For the Agenda if both committees have the need to add to the agenda it can happen today and we can have those discussions. Thank You.
- IV. **Review and Adopting the Agenda:**  
Motion: Natalie Tsinnijinnie                      Seconded: Roylentia Begay                      Vote: 9-0-1
- V. **Reading and approval of meeting minutes to be posted at Chapter Administration Building.** Post Minutes  
Motion: Allen Fowler                                  Seconded: Susie Shorthair                      Vote: 9-0-2
- VI. **Old Business:**
  - A. Housing Assessment- Floyd Stevens, Consultant – Good Day again, CLUPC and the Housing Committee if there are any questions please ask them and I have covered at the last meeting the funding sources for the FBFA community, CLUPC is well aware of this and they have a lot of knowledge in this with all the meetings we have been to for the FBFA. In 2014 was when we really started on this project and the Escrow Fund was our only focus in the beginning 216,400 was given to Coppermine and Gap and tuba City got 800,000 for their FBFA. In January of 2015 was the kick off OPVP said their building modular homes for the FBFA and they started the FBFA Action Team with an Action Plan. The Organization was Escrow first in the beginning but the new home project would only allow for 2 homes 4 bedroom in the Coppermine FBFA so the NHLCO decided they would take care of the Funds and the NRTF was also in for Coppermine FBFA for 100,000 for 5 homes but that wasn't enough, so the CSC then Bessie ran into the to many roadblocks she just left it sitting there. Its been forgotten since 2013 so Duane told the Chapter There's Fund in the amount of 100,000 that need to be designated and used before its rescinded. Budget and Finance couldn't touch it so it went from new homes to renovation of the homes and 5 were chosen in the Coppermine FBFA chosen by Bessie CSC and 2 had passed so the Budget had to be input for this 100,000 and the Chapter had to provide man power for the renovations by the rules and regulations, appropriation and use was confusing but FBFA Chapters had to make it work. Some FBFA Chapters used all the Funds but for Coppermine's still sitting there waiting. The OPVP went to NHA and told them to work with FBFA because no homes were being built by them, and the IHS was put into this FBFA Involvement for Waterlines (COCO waterline) and right of ways Plumbing and Electrical etc., the Memorandum of Agreements were signed and still in affect today. NHA agreed but wanted housing Assessments with Demographics how many in household age of adults children elderly and the NHLCO put together the forms in 2010 for NHA but its lengthy and quit detailed, the housing and family assessment but the form just sat there because NHA said they had a Assessment Form ready as well so as a Chapter here in Coppermine we used the NHA Assessment Form. The information we gathered Natalie Tsinnijinnie and Roylentia put all the information together and Natalie put together the Spreadsheet for the FBFA members and then we moved forward to GPS Google Mapping we were unsure of which mapping to use and we decided not to use Google and use ARC/GIS the same program that the Navajo Nation uses, but our chapter administration WIFI internet wasn't working so we started meeting with Jordan Russell and his sister who put together the maps for our Chapter using the GPS



coordinates we had gathered through out the community. ARC/GIS was also used by AML where the Chapter Secretary Treasurer so we had meetings with them but it need to be input manually so we didn't have the time for someone to do that, but we did get an offer from Navajo Land Department and they helped us with our mapping for the CLUPC manual and Maps for the Chapter Community. Deadlines were alos given added to all the work we were already working on so the Manual was needed, IRMP, Housing Committee and Policy and Procedures all got deadlines so we decided to just get a Resolution to amend the Housing Policy/ Discretionary Funds in September of 2017, the Policy and Procedure manual we worked on was lost when the CLUPC Secretary left the meeting.

Mary- I redid some by memory and I fixed as much as I could remember so we do have a draft.

Floyd- the one we worked on had down to the detail paragraph by paragraph and it was almost perfect but we lost that information. After all the Assessment forms/Data was done for FBFA we were told to do the Whole Chapter again and to add it to the CLUPC Manual along with the FBFA for Coppermine. As 2 committees we need to do the Assessments for the NON FBFA so we need to go to neighbors and get this assessment and Data, we can get it done among us committees that live in the NON FBFA for Coppermine. We were working with Ernest Franklin, NHA but since the BOD for NHA were replaced its been changing a lot. We were told by NHA we need to have all the information ready and to the choice of the names it changed so NHA will be doing the requirements and eligibility, not the chapter officials staff or representative, they are going by Federal Regulations so they are strict and at first there was no restrictions but now they are saying there is. CONFIDENTIALITY is a requirement so please be careful with all this information and NHA said to keep the names confidential and some members wont fill in some of the information but a incomplete assessment form they will reject the file for that FBFA members. To this day the FBFA members is still growing once the FBFA Funding went public, but we have our priority listing as a chapter with the most in need so we are trying to keep it up to speed according to the rules and regulation the government funding requires. Trainings are available if needed. Next thing we have dealt with is the IRMP, Grazing Official put all the data together that has to do with the land.

Roylenticia- Do we still make a separate FBFA section in the manual?

Floyd- no need but the action team will help us with that and Navajo Land Department Ryan James is working on the FBFA map separate, we'll put it in as a whole for the whole Coppermine Chapter.

Susie Y.- I am hearing the same discussions at 3 meetings now, we need a timeline for all this and actually do something. Is there an avenue for the outside Bennett freeze area because they do have housing needs for them as well, for the veterans there's funding that was allocated for them and I think we should get that information together?

Floyd- we need the background information due to eligibility, we don't have this information for the non-Bennett freeze in Coppermine, the Housing Policy is needed and if you know the policy and looking into the file it helps to determine the eligibility. This is needed to be developed and we are going by NHA guidelines for now, and for Funding how are we going to get this funding. Veterans has funding allocated from Navajo Nation and FBFA has funding Allocated, but not much for the Chapter Assistance, we need the funding source there are a lot of sources out there. And the Chapter Release of Information is need from the people per file. Yes, you can set timelines for yourself and get this done yes it's a good idea but for now get acquainted to the committee the people and the Chapter.

Natalie- we have already started on the drafting a Policy and Procedure for the Housing Discretionary and as a committee as well, so we have started and wanted to finish that and present to the people. We are using a policy that we found and it has a lot if information and going through the five management system and the title 26, and looing into the budget the chapter has.

Floyd- its best to go by what's available, you cannot make your own policy you will be held accountable.

Lola- Previously you mentioned that a committee needs to do home assessments and be knowledgable in assessing a home. So, tomorrow division of community development is doing home assessments on the 20 FBFA Home renovation, so your welcome to attend that and see how its done so you can see how its done. Ask questions and be there to listen and learn.

Natalie- so we will have a section for Former Bennett Freeze in the Manual.

Floyd- yes, Lena Fowler and Ron Lee can contact him if he's willing to he can help and get the statistics for the FBFA he can show you how its done at NAU science studies building, we just need to take in the



spreadsheet and he can get the statistics for us. But its solely on Bennett Freeze only. The action team will also have information but it will be mixed in as a whole.

Natalie- has any of the non bennett freeze area been assessed?

Susie Y- we need map from calvin or just even a listing of names.

Roylenticia- the list of names is on a spreadsheet in alphabetical order there are over 200+ but only about 56 have turned in their Assessment forms.

Susie Y.- which one do we use the heading, NHA or NHLCO?

Floyd- NHA because its what were going to go by when it comes to housing.

Debra- We are not working by the rules and guidelines, a lot were passed at chapter meetings but we didn't follow any policy, we don't even have a policy in place and the one that was passed in august of 2017 doesn't even match up and we want to work on this policy but we are told we are limited to one meeting a month because of the stipend payment and now were just at a pause and have to wait till next meeting to work on it but were being rushed into passing resolutions for the FBFA it doesn't seem right.

Floyd- with the FBFA NHA is using there guidelines so that is in place and that protects us for now as the FBFA is a priority, if you want to volunteer you can but some require the stipends and if you set up a meeting with no stipends some of the committee members wont show up.

Debra- it is a lot, stacks of paperwork that needs to be tackled but we have no time and were told its to many meetings by the chapter president and secretary.

Lola- yeah it takes time but with the FBFA Natalie and Roylenticia got it all done on there own time and finished it.

Mary- traveling and doing all the work using your time it does require some kind of compensation.

Calvin- who said we had to many meetings?

Linda- I'm not going to say, its confidential.

Calvin- well the conversation is we need to hire someone to work on this, for us CLUPC the chapter hired Mary to do this and she worked in typing it in. its not volunteering if you hire someone to do all this so we all want stipend so hire someone.

Floyd- with the assessment we need to get this done and we can put it into sections and split it among us that live in the northern Coppermine area. Southern FBFA is pretty much complete. And some voters don't live in Coppermine so we need to get that data collected, and GPS coordinates need to be done.

Allen- Google Earth is what I used but I went onto the google earth mapping and went through it and marked the homes that I could identify. And when it comes to the policy you have to be careful with the wording it HAS TO BE LAGAL so know what it means when your wording it, we can be sued and the policy can be brought up and used against you, so be careful of the wording. And the assessment yes, we need the community input but to me a housing committee there needs to be a knowledgeable person on the committee that knows about Housing how its built and everything that comes along with building a home, building codes and there is a lot to it, and knowing if a building is structurally sound. So if you do the Housing Policy you have to really have it correct down to the word, we did work on the policy and I think it was a good one to me but it got lost, to me we look at each other but we live in a white mans world and they turn the words around and can say this word has crack in it and use it to make money and when it comes to this land we have its not our land and its borrowed. We need to know exactly what home it is we are looking at and determine if its in real need of repair. We are here to help the community but to volunteer is not what its cracked up to be, so getting together for the chapter requires meeting minutes legal documents with the planning and that's where compensation comes in.

Calvin- who had a question about the GPS? for the Bennett freeze area Valerie and Ernest did that area and combined it but for me I worked on it with Vandine Doctor and we went to all the non FBFA homes, windmill, burial sites, and water wells, corral areas and we went on google earth and placed them on the correct areas. Then at a summit I talked with Jordan Russell and his sister Casandra took the coordinates and made amps for us. I didn't say I did it I had had help with Summer Youth and volunteering yes, I did a lot of volunteering my time and some I did get compensated but it does get to you volunteering I went to burial sites and it does get to you, and wear and tear on your vehicle. And Confidentiality is true all information is to be kept confidential we can get sued and here at the Chapter level all this information is out in the open the way I see it. Information was deleted on my passport and I don't know who did it. I am



going to go back out there and redo all this information with the GPS and the Burial Sites need to be redone. The roads are also ongoing projects and consents were never done so it has been done in one day recently.

- A. Former Bennett Freeze Area- discussed above
- B. Overall Chapter- discussed above
- C. Mapping- discussed above and the Navajo Land Department is sending us maps that we worked on, we ordered 4X7, 2X3 and 8X11's.

Discussion on Gap Clinic/Water pipeline Proposals

- B. Housing Policy & Procedures- Edited by CLUPC Update

## VII. **New Business:**

- A. Housing Committee Housing Policy and Procedures Discussion with CLUPC Members- discussed above
- B. Energy Initiative- Floyd- renewable energy/tourism. Want Solar Renewable Energy but not like Kayenta, the design needs to be made differently. Workshop on Resilience and Sustainability Summit sponsored by Edward Dee, he said the chapters were interested so he started going through out the Navajo Nation educating the people.

Allen- I am an advocate for recyclables and we have no rules and regulations for recyclables. We as Navajos are not educated on the Solar energy, the total cost is 70,000 but I purchased one at 20,000 if we educate the people the better we can save money on Solar and renewable energy, we need to think ahead for our children and we need to think about the responsibility we have and in our Housing Policy we need to implement this into it and make sure we get all this done right, once NGS closes where are we going to get revenue and the way I see it we wont have powerlines when the shutdown happens. So we need to come up with a Policy about going Solar with our community.

Susie Y.- we need help with the Housing Assessment and were told we do have documents coming by the community but where is that information?

Floyd- roylentia has that information here at the chapter.

Royletia- yes I have about 50 files so far but a lot still have missing documents.

Calvin- I was told all the assessments were done and the SYE helped.

Linda- we did go out but these people I realized were not so helpful they throw the applications back at you and some of the ones that were given an application have not returned them.

Calvin- its all favoritism and I don't think that's right! Assessments should have been done already!

Debra- I agree with Calvin.

## VIII. **Reports:**

CLUPC President- updates on the CLUPC we have had meetings with many departments and they want us to educate our people on the responsibility and rights when it comes to the land

CLUPC Vice-President-

CLUPC Secretary-

CLUPC Member-

CLUPC Member-

Housing Committee President-

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Consultant- refusal of any documents or forms filled out are lacking can have that option not to fill it out but once the funding for assistance is there they will be missing out on the opportunity for assistance.

## IX. **RESOLUTIONS:**

None

## X. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

CLUPC Meeting February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018 @ 9:00 am @ Coppermine Chapter

Planning Meeting February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018 @ 3:00 pm @ Coppermine Chapter



Veterans Meeting February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018 @ 6:00 pm @ Coppermine Chapter  
Chapter Meeting February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018 @ 5:00 pm @ Coppermine Chapter  
Presidents Day Holiday February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018 – OFFICE CLOSED

**XI. Adjournment :**

Meeting Adjourned @: 12:50 pm

Motion: Susie Yellowman

Second: Allen Fowler

Vote: 6-0-1

**THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING**

Prepared by: Roylenticia Begay