

Santa Fe City and County, Advisory Council on Food Policy

Thursday October 10, 2024

8:45AM-12PM

In-Person Tesuque Pueblo : Pueblo of Tesuque

Tribal Administration Building

Tribal Council Chambers

20TP 828, Santa Fe, NM 87506

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. ROLL CALL

Francisca Kika Ortiz - Excused

Nate Crail - Present

Maria Sanchez-Tucker - Excused

Eric Renz-Whitmore - Excused

David Sundberg - Present

Susan Perry - Excused

Emigdio Ballon - Present

Tejinder Ciano - Present

Said Assali - Excused

Jasmine Meyer - Excused

Peter Ives – Present

We do not have a quorum

Staff

Pam Roy

Helen Henry

Guests

Tesuque Pueblo (former) Governor Mitchell JoDee Powers

Hvtce Miller (Santa Fe County)

Sergio Mata- (The Food Depot)

Guests from Nepal's Amplifying Indigenous Voices in Climate and Conservation Policy Tour

Nepal Mr. Mansingh AIDEE, Program Officer, Medecins du Monde – France

Mr. Umesh BALAL MAGAR, Youth Project Manager, Nepal Water Conservation Foundation

Mr. Arnab CHAUDHARY, Program Director, Harin Nepal

Ms. Prakriti GURUNG, Science Officer, UNESCO Nepal

Ms. Pema Wangmo LAMA, Vice-Chair, WE-Women from Indigenous Nationalities (WE-WIN)

Mr. Sandeep SADA, Administrative and Human Resources Coordinator, Deerhold Nepal Pvt. Ltd.

Ms. Indira Kumari SHREESH, Chairperson, Indigenous Women Legal Awareness Group

(INWOLAG)

Accompanied by: Surinder PURI, International Visitor Liaison and Molly with Global Santa Fe

Everyone gave an introduction. David explained how the SFFPC was formed.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA –October 10, 2024  
Prioritization and Agenda Order      no quorum

D. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES – Sept. 12, 2024      no quorum

E. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR

Welcome and Comments from Governor Herrera of Tesuque Pueblo

Governor Herrera could not be with us, however former Governor Mitchell joined us and talked about the indigenous cultures and the system of government with the pueblos in NM. He explained about how the individual Tribal Council is structured and talked about his work with the Council over the years. He also talked about the history of the area and the Christianization that was introduced by the Spanish. Currently, there is a layered system in place that has incorporated both the Spanish and the traditional ways of doing things and which teaches having respect for everything. He talked about the need to keep the language and about the languages that are spoken among the different pueblos in NM. he spoke about the policy effort that they initiated at the national level for seed sovereignty, protecting their seeds against corporatization. The initiative has been reintroduced by Rep Torres.

There was a question about how the tribe maintains its sovereignty, which Gov Mitchell explained. He pointed out the picture of representatives with Barak Obama which was when Obama signed a water rights authorization. He talked about the difficulty of establishing sovereignty when there are no written records.

There was a question about how the policy council engages in policy. David talked about the resolution (Pam passed this out) that we have with the City and County that helps us have the conversation around policy approaches. There was a follow up question about how we monitor policy progress. David and Pam talked about the NM Food & Agriculture Policy Council's Food Charter/Report Card and how organizations also need to monitor the government to ensure that the standards are met. Our goal is to raise consciousness and to bring healthy, nutritious food into our institutions and also make sure that farmers get a fair price for what they produce.

There was a question about storing food and preserving micro-nutrients. Pam talked about a national effort to put food on the plates of school children that is more healthy and nutritious. This set the stage for states to work towards standards that support nutrition and caring for the land so that the food has the best nutrition.

Nov 12 is Tesuques's feast day and is open to the public.

Note: We did not get to many of the agenda items because there was not enough time and because we felt it was more important to have a dialogue with our guests and with Governor Mitchell.

#### F. INITIATIVES AND ACTIONS

1. Report out from SFFPC Legislative committee
2. Follow up from COSF QOL presentation
3. EDAC meeting Presentation
4. BCC Presentation
5. Portable Ag. Structures – County Code
6. Fermented Foods and Food safety-Environmental dept.

#### G. PRESENTATIONS:

[Farm Tour at Tesuque Pueblo Farm and the seed storage building](#)

#### H. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

#### I. ITEMS FROM THE COUNCIL

Member check-in

#### K. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Membership update

#### J. ITEMS FROM THE CHAIR

1. Next Meeting: Vote to confirm Hybrid meeting  
November 14, 2024:
2. Topics for future presentations

#### ADJOURNMENT

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*These notes were taken contemporaneously and may contain errors and omissions.*

Signed by *Helen Henry* Helen Henry.

*I verify that these notes have been approved by a quorum of members of the Santa Fe Food Policy Council.*

*Signed by David Sundberg, Co-chair or Susan Perry, Co-chair*

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