

**SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN
COMMUNITY TRIBAL COUNCIL
AND
FOUNTAIN HILLS TOWN COUNCIL
JOINT MEETING OF APRIL 9, 2019, AT 8:00 A.M.
TALKING STICK GOLF CLUB
9998 EAST TALKING STICK WAY
SCOTTSDALE, ARIZONA**

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER – President Harvier and Mayor Ginny Dickey

President Harvier called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. and as attendees had breakfast each introduced themselves.

President Harvier explained that they had nine members on the Tribal Council that serve three-year terms. When the water stopped flowing on the Gila River, they came to the Salt River and eventually the two tribes became recognized as one community. There are nine miles on the corridor and Pima Road is the western boundary. He talked a little of the allotment process used for distributing land to members.

He said that they have four enterprises—the golf club, casino, baseball stadium, and the auto mall; the rest of the land is owned by landowners and developers.

Mayor Dickey asked if there had been any push back to the development on their land. President Harvier said that they did get some push back with the baseball field. He said that there was a lot of negotiation that had to take place between the teams and property owners and while they like to be transparent, it was difficult to assure everyone without discussing the negotiations that were taking place in executive session.

He said that they had to work with the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) in the rights-of-way issue. He said that they are a self-governed tribe, but they get funding from the federal government for courts, law enforcement, social services, roads, etc.

2. INTRODUCTION of attending members by President Harvier and Mayor Dickey

Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Tribal Council

PRESENT: President Martin Harvier; Councilmembers Archie Kashoya and Thomas Largo.

ABSENT: Vice President Ricardo Leonard; Councilmembers Cheryl Doka, Michael Dallas, Sr., Diane Enos, Wi-Bwa Grey, and Deanna Scabby.

STAFF PRESENT: Community Manager Bryan Meyers; Legal Counsel Michael Shiel, Legislative Affairs Officer Gary Bohnee.

Fountain Hills Town Council

PRESENT: Mayor Ginny Dickey; Vice Mayor Art Tolis; Councilmembers Mike Scharnow, Alan Magazine, and David Spelich.

ABSENT: Councilmembers Dennis Brown and Sherry Leckrone.

STAFF: Town Manager Grady E. Miller; Town Attorney Aaron D. Arnson; Administrative Services Director David Trimble Town Clerk Elizabeth A. Burke; Fire Chief David Ott; MCSO Captain Larry Kratzer; Executive Assistant to the Town Manager, Mayor and Council Angela Padgett-Espiritu, Community Services Director Rachael Goodwin, Finance Director Craig Rudolphy, Public Works Director Justin Weldy, Interim Economic Development Director Michael Martella, Street Superintendent Jeff Pierce, Communications and Marketing Coordinator Grace Rodman-Guetter.

3. DISCUSSION of items of mutual interest:

A. Fire Services Intergovernmental Agreement

Chief Ott said that he had previously worked for the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community and his Deputy Chief did as well. He said that they have a good working relationship with the Salt River Pima-Maricopa as well as the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation.

Discussion was held on the intergovernmental agreements (IGA's) between Scottsdale, Mesa, Maricopa County, Fountain Hills and the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community.

Mr. Bohnie said that none of their sales tax generated at their enterprises comes back to them in the way of shared revenues. It was noted that they adopt the Unified Building Code and other national codes related to building.

President Harvier said that their Community was blessed; many others do not have the infrastructure they have available.

Councilmember Magazine said that he was very impressed with the leadership of the Community. Councilmember Largo said that they are very fortunate; there are people that have been there for 45 years. They treat them well and they excel.

President Harvier said that they are blessed; they have been able to do a salary survey and their employees are paid competitive salaries and receive great benefits.

B. Proposition 202

Ms. Rodman-Guetter thanked the Tribe for their Prop. 202 funding of tourism-related projects. She distributed a handout she had prepared to highlight what the funds have been used for, Exhibit A attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Community Manager Bryan Meyers said that he has been with the Community as their Manager for 20 years. He said that 85% of their revenue is generated through their enterprises.

President Harvier said that most of their youth go to public schools in Mesa. They have elementary, early education and a high school, but after sixth grade a lot of them are still sent to Mesa Public Schools.

He then reported on the flooding which took place last October where the casino was down for two months. He said that the damage totaled \$60 million.

C. Tourism

President Harvier said that they support development and they have several large projects moving forward such as the Great Wolf Adventure, Medieval Times, White Castle, etc.

D. Off-Track Pari-Mutuel Wagering

Mr. Miller reported that Fountain Hills had received an application from someone interested in bringing in off-track pari-mutuel wagering at a local restaurant. The Town has only had one other such application and there is nothing written in the Code to address such applications. The Town notified both Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community and Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation asking if either of them had any concerns with the application. Members of the Community said that they had no position on the application, but they very much appreciated being notified and asked for their input.

E. Other

Chief Ott said that around 2005 when Scottsdale developed their own fire services, the Town entered into a Mutual Aid Agreement for fire and medical, similar to the statewide mutual aid agreements. They put in writing what they had been practicing—the *Good Neighbor Policy*. He said that they do work closer with Fort McDowell because of their proximity to the Town, but they do have good working relationships with all entities.

President Harvier said that they just widened the freeway, but even more cars seem to come through their Community and their members complain about speeding and stop sign violations.

Discussion was held on the landfill located on the Beeline Highway. President Harvier said that as the President, he is now a sitting member of the Board of the Landfill. He said that some time ago the landfill came and asked to raise the height. He said that he could not remember what they agreed to go to, but that is another concern of their members.

President Harvier said that SRP no longer wants the methane gas they previously received, so now it is being burned. He said that at some point they are going to have to get new technology to address the waste. At this time, there are no plans to open up new cells at the landfill.

Mr. Bohnee reported that in preparation of the meeting they asked how many of their members lived in Fountain Hills, and it was reported that there are about 60.

Councilmember Scharnow said that he is a member of the Fountain Hills Coalition, which addresses issues with high school students and drugs, etc. He said that they are in year 9 of a 10-year grant from the Federal government, which is distributed through the Arizona Department of Justice. He said that they are seeing a rise in suicides, and while the drugs have been around for a long time, the problem is with

what is being added to them. Discussion was also held on the whip-its, which are nitrous oxide canisters popular because they provide a high, but do not show up on a drug test. Mayor Dickey offered to have members of the Coalition attend a school assembly in the Community, if they would like.

President Harvier said that relationships are important. He noted that their Tribal Council met yesterday with the Tribal Council from the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation.

Councilmember Largo said that one of the things they are working on now is negotiations on a new gaming compact. He said that the original reservation was 685,000 acres, but in 1879 President Hayes, because of the pressure of the settlers, reduced it to the current 52,000 acres. He said that with the current negotiations taking place, if changes were made to the gaming compact, it could impact the 12% that they are currently able to distribute to all of the communities and they would be sure to notify the Town.

President Harvier said that he is looking forward to the future and they appreciate everyone coming.

Councilmember Kashoya said that his main concern is the southern boundary. He said that they look at the mountains as sacred and the relics there are gone from people digging them up, and construction waste is being dumped on the land. He said that some of their members do not go there anymore because they feel that the land is tainted. He asked for assistance from residents to not disturb their areas.

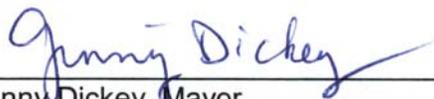
Vice Mayor Tolis said that perhaps they could show them the locations so they could educate the public on where not to go. He said that they have a real challenge with economic development with development going in around Fountain Hills. He suggested that they work together to help each other in moving the region forward. Mayor Dickey suggested that they include each other's activities communitywide through their respective calendars.

President Harvier said that Councilmember Kashoya has protected some of those areas through support of the purchase of Saddleback Mountain where there had been illegal dumping and relics being removed.

4. ADJOURNMENT

The President, Mayor and Councilmembers exchanged thanks and the joint meeting of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Tribal Council and Fountain Hills Town Council held April 9, 2019, adjourned at 9:52 a.m.

TOWN OF FOUNTAIN HILLS



Ginny Dickey, Mayor

ATTEST AND PREPARED BY:



Elizabeth A. Burke, Town Clerk



Tourism Partnership 2019

Town of Fountain Hills – Tourism Division

Prop 202-Funded Project Report

04/09/2019



Overview:

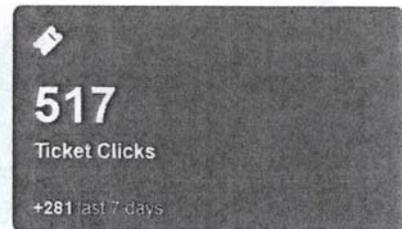
On Saturday, April 6, 2019 Fountain Park hosted the fourth annual Music Fest which is funded and sponsored by the Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community through their generous proposition 202 grand fund award. More than 3,500 people attended this event from Fountain Hills, Salt River and the greater Phoenix-metropolitan valley area. The event featured four different live bands, two food trucks and a beer Garden. The food trucks included White Mountain Food Company and East Coast Cheese Steaks and the beer was provided by our local brewing company, Bone Haus Brewing.

Marketing:

The Following is a snapshot of our social and web outreach regarding marketing for the event:

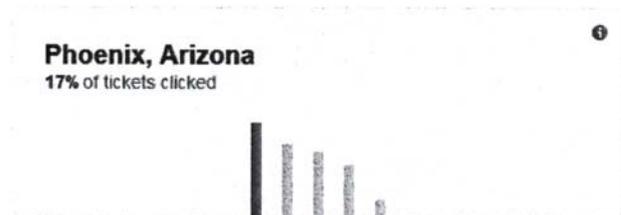
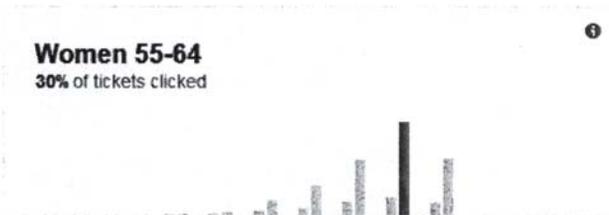
Event Performance

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Audience

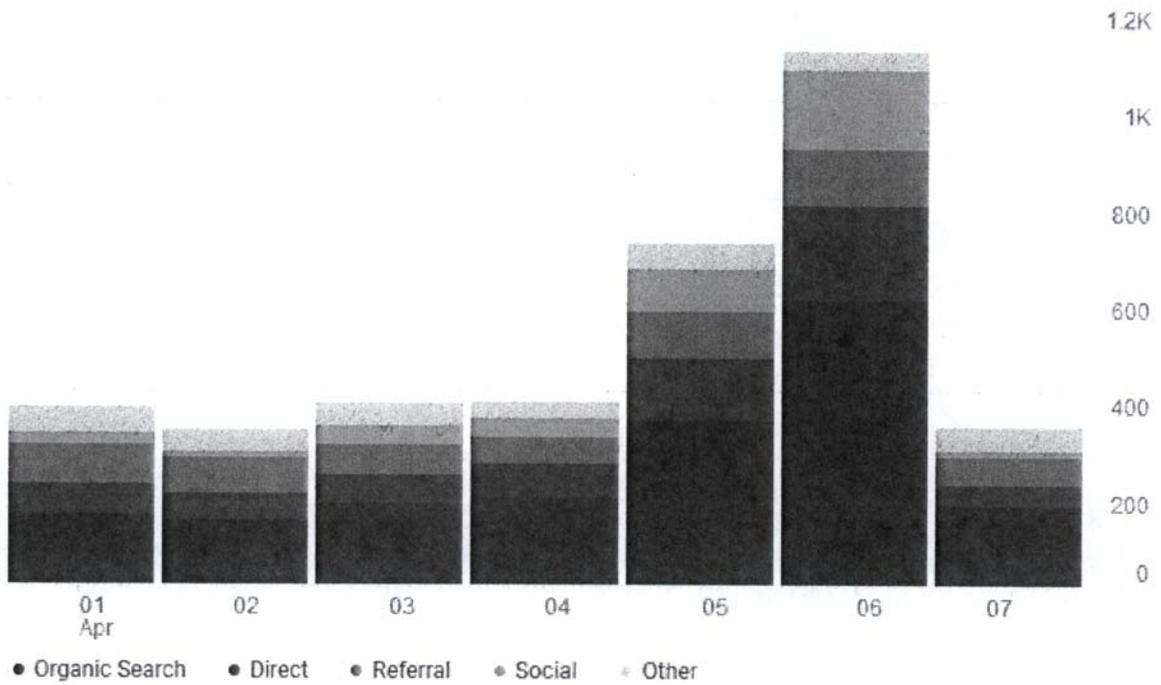
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Traffic Channel

Source / Medium

Referrals



Last 7 days ▾

ACQUISITION REPORT >

What pages do your users visit?

Page	Pageviews	Page Value
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/events/events	95	\$0.00
/directions.aspx	82	\$0.00
/businesses	71	\$0.00
/p/see-do	71	\$0.00

Last 7 days ▾

PAGES REPORT >

This year the event gained the largest attendance in its' history. We attribute this directly to the attention and following it has cultivated over the years. This could not have been achieved without the funding we have received from the Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community. If we were to loose funding from your proposition 202 grant funding this event would not be able to continue.

Grant Funded Projects:

In addition to our Music Fest, we use the remainder of the grant funding to purchase media advertising buys in specifically targeted Spring Training publications to bolster visitation to the Salt River Fields Talking Stick spring training field. The most notable publication is the Cactus League Insert produced by Hennen Publishing. Hennen places a newspaper insert with the entire spring training game schedules of all Arizona teams in the newspapers of the home cities of our spring training teams reaching thousands of perspective tourists.

Partnership Deliverables:

As a partner we showcase information about your activities and attractions in our Official Visitors Guide, of which 25,000 copies are printed and distributed in the two main airports as well as in CVB's, Visitor's Centers, Hotels and special events around the state.

We also feature a dedicated webpage about your attractions on our tourism website www.ExperienceFountainHills.org all year long.

The screenshot shows the website for Fountain Hills, Arizona. The navigation bar includes links for 'Hotels & More', 'Official Visitors Guide', 'Press', and 'Tourism Strategic Plan'. The main menu features 'THE FOUNTAIN', 'EVENTS', 'ARTS & CULTURE', 'SEE & DO', 'CONNECT WITH US!', 'GRAB A BITE', and 'DIRECTIONS'. A search icon and a 'Sign In' button are also present. The page content is titled 'SALT RIVER PIMA INDIAN COMMUNITY' and includes a section for 'HISTORY AND CULTURE'. The text describes the Maricopa and Pima tribes, their migration, and their relationship with the Hohokam. It also mentions their skills in basket weaving and pottery, and their role as scouts for the U.S. Cavalry. A large circular logo for the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community is displayed on the right side of the page. The logo features a central figure, a maze-like pattern, and the text 'GREAT SEAL', 'SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY'.

Conclusion:

We are grateful for the funding and support we receive from this grant and we look to continue this prospering partnership in this future. Together our two entities are able to bring awareness and tourism to our shared corner of the East Valley.