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SIXTEENTH SAIPAN & NORTHERN ISLANDS MUNICIPAL

2021 CITIZEN CENTRIC REPORT

A Report to the Citizens of the CNMI
 FISCAL YEAR 2021
 October 1, 2020—September 30, 2021
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About the Council

The leadership of the 16th Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Council were sworn into office on January 11, 2020, with one member seat vacant, who was later appointed by the Mayor of Saipan to fill the third seat, and was sworn into office on April 20, 2021.

The Council shall have powers conferred to it by the Commonwealth Constitution Article IV and VI, and extended to all matters of a pre-dominantly local nature not pre-empted by the Commonwealth Legislature. Since there are no legislative powers conferred to the Council during the creation of the law through Legislative Initiative. The legislature and the governor have not enacted a law to confer legislative power to the Council to enact local laws to generate revenue to support its operation, programs, and services to the public. The budget to the Council is currently appropriated through the Commonwealth legislature and the CNMI Governor.

The Council through partnership and collaboration with the Office of the Mayor, and the Legislative Delegation, it continue to provide programs and services to serve the community in the Saipan and Northern Islands municipality.

Accomplishment

We were able to hire three additional administrative staff to support our programs, services and community engagements. We also procured office vehicles and office equipment to support our Council's office operation. We began the re-launch of the "Village Neighborhood Watch" program that has been idle for sometime due to budgetary constraints. The Council adopted *Council Resolution 16SMC-02* calling for a Three (3) Years Comprehensive Study on the status of the indigenous people to be conducted, and in collaboration with the Northern Marianas College and the Indigenous Affairs Office.

Strategic Mission & Vision

- ◆ Completion of final process of the Municipal Building Complex
- ◆ Installation of CCTV Cameras at School Bus Shelters
- ◆ Facilitate mandate of Council Resolution 16SMC-01
- ◆ Complete Village Neighborhood Watch Teams
- ◆ Kiosku Facility Utilization Plan & Schedule

LEADERSHIP CIRCLE

Chairperson

Hon. Ana Demapan-Castro
 January 2018—Present

Vice Chairperson

Hon. Antonia Manibusan-Tudela
 January 1998 —Present*

Secretary

Hon. Danny Iwashita Aquino
 April 2021—Present

*intermittent term



Our Activities

Village public meetings, village outreach, staff training
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Chairwoman Castro and Vice Chairwoman Tudela flagging the banner on the ground of the new Municipal Council Building Complex—RIGHT PHOTO: Council Chair, Vice Chair & Staff Frances C. Muna at temporary office—Mayor of Saipan, San Jose Village



Signing of Council Resolution 16SMC-02—Three Years Comprehensive Study Council Chairwoman Castro, Vice-Chairwoman Tudela, Council Staff Frances C. Muna & Arnold M. Mendiola looks on. RIGHT PHOTO: Indigenous Affairs Resident Executive Roman M. Tudela meeting with SNIMC members & staff.



Council Chair, Vice Chair & staff meets with PSS Commissioner Dr. Alfred B. Ada on CCTV Camera at School Bus Stop Shelter project. PHOTOS BELOW: Community meetings on Council projects. Mayor Apatang joins meeting.



Community Engagements

The Council members and staff embarked on village meetings throughout the island to provide the community an opportunity to have a one-on-one conversation on Council's projects, programs and services.

Also, an opportunity to receive feedback on the proposed installation of a CCTV camera at school bus stop shelters, and conversation on the reboosting of the Village Neighborhood Watch program that was idle for a while due to budgetary constraints.

The village meetings began at the Council's Kiosku grounds with Mayor David Apatang joining to kick-off the meetings. Meetings were held in San Vicente-Dandan villages, Tanapag village, San Roque-Matansa village, and Kagman village.

Meetings with PSS Commissioner Dr. Alfred B. Ada to discuss safety and security issues at the school bus shelters relevant to the disappearance of the Luke sisters a decade ago, and homeless residents using the shelters.

Meetings also began with the Resident Executive for the Indigenous Affairs Office to discuss the mandate of Council Resolution 16SMC-02. beginning in Chalan Kanoa at the Council's Kiosku grounds.

Be part of your Village Neighborhood Watch
Serving to better our Village, Our Community, Our Island
A Saipan Municipal Council Neighborhood Watch Task Force (NWTTF) Project
Funded by the USDO Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Council and CIPA JHG Grant
Contact us at 644-2700 or email: snimc@yahoo.com

Council Financials

Budget and Expenditures
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GENERAL FUND		ARPA	SNILD	
PERSONNEL (5 FTE)	39,752	64,670		104,422
ALL OTHERS	9,801	75,000	9,452	94,253
	49,553	139,670	9452	198,675

Funding Allocations

The Council received three different funding source for Fiscal Year 2021:

CNMI GENERAL FUND

SAIPAN & NORTHERN ISLANDS LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT

BUDGET ALLOCATIONS & EXPENDITURE

Budget for the Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Council is expended for primarily for personnel and office operations.

Details of the SNIMC budget and expense will be formulated soon, as amended.

OUTLOOK

The Council continues on its forward path focusing on the final phase of the process on the Municipal Building Complex.

The CCTV Camera at School Bus Shelters in partnership with the Public School System and other community partners.

Reinvigorating the Village Neighborhood Watch program.

The three years comprehensive study mandated in Council Resolution 16SMC-02.



MUNICIPAL COMPLEX BUILDING—NEW COUNCIL OFFICE



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Initiatives

Municipal Council Building Complex
CCTV Cameras at School Bus Shelters
Council Resolution 16SMC-02

The Council would continue to request for funds from the CNMI Legislature, Office of the Governor, U.S. Department of Interior, and the Office of U.S. Delegate Gregorio “Kilili” Sablan in order to accomplish the objective and mandate of the Council Resolution 16SMC-02.

Challenges

The onset of the Covid-19 pandemic disrupted the normal operation of the CNMI government and the programs and services of the Council.

This also moved back the progress and process of the construction of the Municipal Building Complex.