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AZSITE Ad Hoc Advisory Committee Meeting

Agenda: Introduction of new members, data sensitivity training update, grants, public mapper, canals data

Attendees: Dan Garcia, Tina Thompson, Rachel Fernandez, Keith Pajkos, Brent Kober, Jodie Brown, Zach Lechner, Gabe McGowan, Carrie Schmidt

Meeting Minutes

- New members Brent Kober (small business – Desert), Zach Lechner (local government CLG – City of Tempe), Jodie Brown (local government CLG – City of Tucson) were introduced.
- Ian Milliken completed one of the AZSITE case studies slides that he had previously started. That leaves the tribal perspectives. McGowan sent consultation letters and is waiting for responses.
- There was some discussion of grants/grant projects for AZSITE to target:
 - Rachel Fernandez mentioned the NEH Digital Humanities grants and suggested that McGowan/Schmidt schedule a meeting with a Program Officer to help identify the right grant program.
 - Tina Thompson mentioned some smaller heritage grant programs, including the Southwest Intervention Fund and the National Trust for Historic Preservation.
 - Some discussion with Keith around possible funding for data sharing or tools/integrations to assist with wildfire response. He stated that Sarah Cullen at DFFM would be the best person to speak to about possible integration projects.
- Schmidt provided a brief demo of an updated public mapping application, which is available online but is not yet integrated with the old public mapping application's authentication system and so hasn't been advertised.
- McGowan described internal discussion with ASM personnel about the 'researched canals' layer in AZSITE – ASM personnel suggested identifying an additional projected canals layer for the Tucson area to be included in AZSITE. They thought Desert Archaeology had such a dataset.
 - Kober said he would inquire about it.
 - Garcia pointed out that the BOR canals layer in AZSITE has a lot of issues.
 - Garcia mentioned that AZSITE Board chair Chris Caseldine has produced prehistoric canals maps for the Phoenix area that would be a good addition to AZSITE.