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Government Services Committee conducting public meetings to listen to NHA residents' concerns

Committee encouraging public testimony to help restore quality of life

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. — The Government Services Committee of the 21st Navajo Nation Council is holding agency hearings to hear Navajo Housing Authority (NHA) homeowner's issues.

The original intent for the Government Services Committee (GSC) to host these public hearings is to listen and gather information from the public about concerns with public rental and homeownership by the NHA.

On Wednesday, a public meeting will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Chinle Chapter House in Chinle, Ariz. On Thursday, a public meeting is scheduled to be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Ganado Chapter House in Ganado, Ariz. And, on Friday, a public meeting is scheduled to be held at the Tse Daa Kaan Chapter House in Hogback, N.M.

According to Title II, Section 341, the GSC is mandated to provide oversight authority over entities of the Navajo Nation, and specifically Section 343, "To oversee the conduct and operations of entities; Navajo Housing Authority is such an entity."

The eight member committee is encouraging participation from NHA lessees and homeowners to provide public testimony about such problems such as vandalism and intimidation by possible gangs throughout the Navajo Nation.

The intent of the GSC by holding the meetings is to restore the quality of life that NHA residents deserve. At the conclusion of the public hearings, the GSC will be providing a final report and possible recommendations to the authority.

The GSC is strongly recommending the public to attend and testify at these meetings. Residents who aren't able to attend the public meetings are urged to give written testimony and comments by sending it the Office of Legislative Services, put to the attention of the Government Services Committee. The mailing address is P.O. Box 3390, Window Rock, AZ 86515.

Public hearings have already been held at the Huerfano and Kayenta Chapters.

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