

Juntos en Colaboración

Tacíta de Café

On Thursday evening, I joined Beatriz Botello, Maria Eliosa, and about 20 folks of all ages from the Lincoln City Conexión Fénix network for the heavily requested continuation of Tacíta de Café weekly gathering. While the group planned meals and logistics for future gatherings, I helped Beatriz make a variety of [Food Hero Recipe](#) smoothies for the group's taste test. After trying 4 varieties, the hands-down favorite was the [Popeye Power Smoothie](#). The group started with the first phase of piñata making after Maria's all-natural cornstarch paste was ready to go. The kids who joined played lotería, made jewelry, and played with the balloons (before the balloons were needed for the piñata). Each family left with printed Food Hero Smoothie Recipes in Spanish and a family-sized bag full of smoothie ingredients to try at home.

Community Connector Meetings and Events

Affordable Housing Partners (AHP) Monthly Meeting

A small-but-mighty group joined the AHP meeting this week. The housing leaders shared their rave reviews on the capacity-building abilities of Rebecka Weinstein, whose Pilot Position with [CSC](#) is already helping regional entities, wherever they are in their affordable housing-building process, forward their efforts. For anyone wanting to learn more or get a capacity boost on their affordable housing needs, I highly recommend joining Rebecka's upcoming event:

Affordable Housing Capacity Building Gathering,

December 9, Noon to 2:00 pm, Avery Building, Newport. [register here](#)

Agenda:

- * 12:00 PM - 12:15 PM: Catered lunch by RISE
- * 12:15 PM - 12:45 PM: Introductions and GHAP updates (over lunch)
- * 12:45 PM - 1:45 PM: Housing Development 101, with Rachel Mokry from CSH
- * 1:45 PM - 2:00 PM: Closing Remarks and Networking

Please register today and share this registration announcement with your housing networks.

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Cape Perpetua Collaborative Board Meeting

We discussed some exciting topics at this month's meeting, including the [Cape Perpetua Collaborative](#) (CPC) Annual Meeting and Land & Sea Symposium, coming up on January 30th and 31st, respectively. We'll soon be collecting Donations for the fundraiser raffle (reach out if you'd like to donate!)

Also, stay tuned for an exciting CPC Position announcement! I look forward to sharing a new full-time job opportunity, hopefully in the next week or two.

Meeting with Kristin of Kelley Consulting

Meeting with Kristin is always a pleasure, as our Rural Community Building mindsets are well-matched for collaborative brainstorming. We narrowed down some action items for her team, which will be extremely helpful for the reporting and funding phases for my Community Connector role. Since early 2023, The Ford Family Foundation's Rural Community Building Collective receives free capacity-building hours from Kelley Consulting. This is another system-shifting effort they've made after realizing that Rural Community Builders often need more than just funding to succeed on temporary projects or when catching up on the ever-present "important but not urgent" tasks that often fall to the wayside.

Rural Community Builders Collective Meeting Follow-Up and Planning

I sent out the October RCBC meeting notes and plans for December's meeting with the cohort and Max Gimbel at The Ford Family Foundation. Now it's onto fine-tuning the meeting agenda after hearing back from the group. We'll also be planning and scheduling onboarding meetings of up to 4 new Community Builders representatives to join RCBC 2025.

Central Coast Food Trail Social at the Maritime Heritage Center

I'll rekindle my pre-Covid-times Food Trail Action Team role and enthusiasm for the renewed effort tonight. I look forward to joining the OCVA team and the local food growers, fishers, ranchers, producers, and local businesses involved in this effort that highlights locally sourced food for visitors and locals alike.

Community Connector Projects

Drinking Water Protection Workshops

I'm continuing to plug away on the Presentation Video editing and uploading. The first of the four presentations has been approved by ODF's team. It will be the first of October's presentations available on [EDALC's YouTube Playlist here](#).

Community Events

CTSI Restoration Pow-Wow at Chinook Winds this Saturday!

Celebrate the [47th Annual Siletz Restoration Pow-Wow at Chinook Winds](#) this weekend! Grand Entry begins at 6:00 PM, followed by dancing and drumming into the night. Not only is this a wonderful, open-to-the-public opportunity to learn about the Tribe's History and Cultural Traditions, but the vendors also offer great Holiday gift shopping. The power of the singing, dancing, and rhythm of the drums indoors is incomparable!