

**ITEM 5A**

**Homelessness Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
February 15, 2023**



The audio file for this meeting can be found at: <http://www.cvag.org/audio.htm>

- 1. CALL TO ORDER** - The February 15, 2023 meeting was called to order by Homelessness Committee Chair John Peña, City of La Quinta, at 10:00 a.m. on Zoom videoconference, pursuant to AB 361 and the guidelines for virtual public meetings.
- 2. ROLL CALL** - Roll call was taken and it was determined that a quorum was present.

**Members Present**

Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians	Councilmember John Preckwinkle III
City of Cathedral City	Councilmember Ernesto Gutierrez
City of Coachella	Councilmember Denise Delgado
Desert Healthcare District	Director Carole Rogers, RN
City of Desert Hot Springs	Councilmember Jan Pye
City of Indian Wells	Mayor Donna Griffin
City of La Quinta	Councilmember John Peña, Chair
City of Palm Springs	Councilmember Christy Holstege ( <i>arrived at Item 3</i> )
City of Rancho Mirage	Councilmember Lynn Mallott
Riverside County – District 4	Greg Rodriguez, Housing & Workforce Solutions
Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians	Vice Chair Joseph Mirelez ( <i>arrived at Item 3</i> )

**Members and Ex-Officios Not Present**

City of Blythe	Vice Mayor Johnny Rodriguez
City of Palm Desert	Mayor Pro Tem Karina Quintanilla
City of Indio	Councilmember Waymond Fermon, Vice Chair
Coachella Valley Housing Coalition	Pedro S.G. Rodriguez
Coachella Valley Rescue Mission	Darla Burkett
Martha's Village and Kitchen	Samuel Hollenbeck
Shelter from the Storm	Angelina Coe

Chair Pena wished everyone a happy New Year and welcomed all new members to the committee.

- 3. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS**  
None.
- 4. CHAIR / COMMITTEE MEMBER/CVAG STAFF COMMENTS**

Councilmember Christy Holstege announced that the City of Palm Springs and County of Riverside had allocated additional funding for the navigation center and requested an update on the project be brought to the Committee at the next agenda.

**5. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER PYE AND SECONDED BY DIRECTOR ROGERS TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR.**

**A. Approve the November 16, 2022 Homelessness Committee Meeting Minutes**

**THE MOTION TO CARRIED WITH 10 AYES, 3 MEMBERS ABSENT AND 1 ABSTENTION**

COUNCILMEMBER PRECKWINKLE	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER RODRIGUEZ	ABSENT
COUNCILMEMBER GUTIERREZ	ABSTAIN
COUNCILMEMBER DELGADO	AYE
DIRECTOR ROGERS	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER PYE	AYE
MAYOR GRIFFITH	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER FERMON	ABSENT
COUNCILMEMBER PEÑA	AYE
MAYOR PRO TEM QUINTANILLA	ABSENT
COUNCILMEMBER HOLSTEGE	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER MALLOTTO	AYE
GREG RODRIGUEZ	AYE
VICE CHAIR MIRELEZ	AYE

**6. DISCUSSION / ACTION**

**A. Partnership with Inland Counties Legal Services – Marsha Johnson, ICLS Practice Group Director**

Practice Group Director Johnson presented a slideshow presentation on ICLS’s partnership with CVAG and the impact they are making to assist the individuals they are working with that are experiencing homelessness

Member discussion ensued, with Director Johnson and staff addressing questions and taking feedback from members about interest in providing additional funding and resources.

No action was taken as this was an informational item.

**B. CV Housing First: 2022 Year in Review – Erica Felci and Ivan Tenorio**

Assistant Executive Director Erica Felci and Management Analyst Ivan Tenorio provided the staff report. Member discussion ensued and staff provided insight on the challenges to find housing and secure vouchers.

**IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER HOLSTEGE AND SECONDED BY MAYOR GRIFFITH TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE CV HOUSING FIRST QUARTERLY REPORT.**

**THE MOTION TO CARRIED WITH 11 AYES AND 3 MEMBERS ABSENT.**

<b>COUNCILMEMBER PRECKWINKLE</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>COUNCILMEMBER RODRIGUEZ</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
<b>COUNCILMEMBER GUTIERREZ</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>COUNCILMEMBER DELGADO</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>DIRECTOR ROGERS</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>COUNCILMEMBER PYE</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>MAYOR GRIFFITH</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>COUNCILMEMBER FERMON</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
<b>COUNCILMEMBER PEÑA</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>MAYOR PRO TEM QUINTANILLA</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
<b>COUNCILMEMBER HOLSTEGE</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>COUNCILMEMBER MALLOTTO</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>GREG RODRIGUEZ</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>VICE CHAIR MIRELEZ</b>	<b>AYE</b>

**C. CV Housing First Program in 2023– Erica Felci**

Ms. Felci provided the staff report and outlined some concepts that staff would recommend exploring as a way to increase the number of clients who are permanent housed.

Member discussion ensued. Chair Peña suggested establishing an ad hoc committee of the Homeless Committee to help expedite things and advised if anyone is interested in being a part of the committee, to please submit their name to Ms. Felci.

No formal action was taken but a consensus was reached on the formation of an ad hoc.

**7. INFORMATION**

**A. Attendance Record**

**B. Ex Officio Updates**

**C. Unaudited Financial Statement for CV Housing First Program through December 2022**

**D. Alan Seman Bus Pass Program - 2022 Annual Report**

**E. Update on the State’s Community Assistance, Recovery and Empowerment (CARE) Court**

Greg Rodriguez, Deputy Director for Government Affairs and Community Engagement for Riverside County Housing and Workforce Solutions, provided an update on the roll out of the CARE court.

8. **PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

None

9. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Upcoming Meetings:

The next meeting of the **Homelessness Committee** will be held on Wednesday, April 19, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. with additional meeting logistics to be announced.

The next meeting of the **Executive Committee** will be held on Monday, April 24, 2023, at 4:30 p.m. via Zoom webinar.

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chair Peña adjourned the meeting at 11:02 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Ely Regalado*  
CVAG Management Analyst