

**ITEM 5A**

**Homelessness Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
May 17, 2023**



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

- 1. CALL TO ORDER** - The May 17, 2023 meeting was called to order by Homelessness Committee Chair John Peña, City of La Quinta, at 10:01 a.m. at the CVAG Conference Room, 73-710 Fred Waring Drive, Suite 119, in Palm Desert. Zoom videoconferencing was available from the City of Blythe.
- 2. ROLL CALL** - Roll call was taken and it was determined that a quorum was present.

**Members Present**

City of Blythe	Councilmember Johnny Rodriguez
City of Cathedral City	Mayor Pro Tem Mark Carnevale
City of Coachella	Councilmember Denise Delgado ( <i>arrived at item 6</i> )
City of Desert Hot Springs	Councilmember Jan Pye
City of Indian Wells	Mayor Donna Griffith
City of Indio	Councilmember Waymond Fermon
City of La Quinta	Councilmember John Peña, Chair
City of Palm Desert	Mayor Pro Tem Karina Quintanilla
City of Palm Springs	Councilmember Christy Holstege
City of Rancho Mirage	Councilmember Lynn Mallotto
Riverside County – District 4	Deputy Director Greg Rodriguez
Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians	Vice Chair Joseph Mirelez ( <i>arrived at item 6A</i> )

**Ex Officios Present**

Shelter from the Storm	Angelina Coe
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**Members and Ex-Officios Not Present**

Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians	Councilmember John Preckwinkle III
Desert Healthcare District	Director Carole Rogers, RN
Coachella Valley Housing Coalition	Pedro S.G. Rodriguez
Martha's Village and Kitchen	Samuel Hollenbeck
Coachella Valley Rescue Mission	Darla Burkett

**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS**

None.

**4. CHAIR / COMMITTEE MEMBER/CVAG STAFF COMMENTS**

Assistant Executive Director Erica Felci referenced item 7C in the agenda, member jurisdiction contributions, and announced that the Cities of Coachella, Palm Springs and La Quinta have all approved agreements in the last week to provide contributions to the CV Housing First program.

**5. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**IT WAS MOVED BY DEPUTY DIRECTOR RODRIGUEZ AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER FERMON TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR.**

**A. Approve the April 19, 2023 Homelessness Committee Meeting Minutes**

**THE MOTION TO CARRIED WITH 10 AYES AND 4 MEMBERS ABSENT**

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

**6. DISCUSSION / ACTION**

**A. Annual Point-in-Time Count of Homeless Individuals**

Deputy Director Tanya Torno from Riverside County Housing and Workforce Solutions’ presented an overview of the Annual Point-in-Time (PIT) Count of Homelessness Individuals study conducted for 2023. Director Torno detailed the trends and factors c contributing to homelessness, according to the study.

Extensive member discussion ensued. Councilmember Holstege requested a breakdown by city of the Continuum of Care numbers from the PIT report for CVAG’s jurisdiction. Staff noted a breakdown will be provided in the next Homelessness Committee meeting agenda.

No action was taken as this was an information item.

**B. Presentation on Riverside County’s Homeless Action Plan**

Due to time constraints, this item was moved to be presented at the June Homelessness Committee meeting.

**C. Landlord Incentive Program for Increasing Available Units**

Ms. Erica Felci presented the proposed Landlord Incentive Program to the committee.

Member discussion ensued, with Management Analyst Ivan Tenorio and Ms. Felci both addressing the committee questions. Staff committed to providing an update on how the program is working at a future meeting.

**IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER HOLSTEGE AND SECONDED BY TRIBAL VICE CHAIR MIRELEZ TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO IMPLEMENT A LANDLORD INCENTIVE PROGRAM, WITH ONE-TIME PAYMENTS OF \$600 PER UNIT FOR EXISTING LANDLORDS AND \$1,000 FOR NEW LANDLORDS’ FIRST UNIT, AS PART OF THE CV HOUSING FIRST PROGRAM AND EFFORT TO PERMANENTLY HOUSE CV 200 CLIENTS**

**THE MOTION TO CARRIED WITH 12 AYES AND 2 MEMBERS ABSENT**

<b>COUNCILMEMBER PRECKWINKLE</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
<b>COUNCILMEMBER RODRIGUEZ</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>MAYOR PRO TEM CARNEVALE</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>COUNCILMEMBER DELGADO</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
<b>DIRECTOR ROGERS</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
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<b>DEPUTY DIRECTOR RODRIGUEZ</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>VICE CHAIR MIRELEZ</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>

**7. INFORMATION**

**A. Attendance Record**

**B. Updates from Ex Officio Members**

**C. Members jurisdictions’ contributions to CV Housing First**

**D. Community feedback for the Regional Strategic Plan for sustainable revenue streams to promote affordable housing**

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

Lamont Jackson, Executive Director of Creative Build, introduced the non-profit as new to the Coachella Valley and expressed interest in providing substance abuse support and violence prevention programs.

Vice Chair Mirelez provided an update on the Torres Martinez (TM) Clinic, a new facility that recently opened to provide free healthcare for Native Americans in the area.

9. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Upcoming Meetings:

The next meeting of the **Homelessness Committee** will be held on Wednesday, June 21, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. at the CVAG conference room, 73-710 Fred Waring Drive, Suite 119, Palm Desert, 92260.

The next meeting of the **Executive Committee** will be held on Monday, June 5, 2023 at 4:30 p.m. at the CVAG conference room, 73-710 Fred Waring Drive, Suite 119, Palm Desert, 92260

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chair Peña adjourned the meeting at 11:22 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Ely Regalado*  
CVAG Management Analyst