

ITEM 5A

**Homelessness Committee
Meeting Minutes
April 20, 2022**



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

1. **CALL TO ORDER** - The April 20, 2022 meeting was called to order by Homelessness Committee Vice Chair John Peña City of La Quinta , at 10:01 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 not present.

Members Present

City of Palm Springs
City of Cathedral City
Desert Healthcare District
City of Desert Hot Springs
City of Indian Wells
City of La Quinta
City of Rancho Mirage
Riverside County – District 4

Councilmember Christy Holstege *(Arrived at Item 6B)*
Councilmember Mark Carnevale
Board Director Carole Rogers, RN
Councilmember Jan Pye
Councilmember Kimberly Muzik
Councilmember John Peña, Vice Chair
Mayor Pro Tem Charles Townsend *(Arrived at Item 4)*
Assistant Director Carrie Harmon

Ex-Officio Members Present

Shelter from the Storm

Angelina Coe

Members and Ex-Officios Not Present

City of Blythe
Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians
City of Indio
City of Palm Desert
City of Coachella
Coachella Valley Housing Coalition
Coachella Valley Rescue Mission
Martha’s Village and Kitchen

Councilmember Johnny Rodriguez
Councilmember John Preckwinkle III
Mayor Waymond Fermon
Mayor Pro Tem Sabby Jonathan
Mayor Pro Tem Josie Gonzalez
Pedro S.G. Rodriguez
Darla Burkett
Linda Barrack

Others Present

CVAG

Tom Kirk
Erica Felci
Jennifer Nelson
Joanna Stueckle
Anyse Smith
Peter Satin
Emmanuel Martinez
Kevin Broadie
Greg Rodriguez
Amy Cuen

CVAG/ Riverside County

Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians
Desert Healthcare District/ Foundation
City of Palm Desert
City of La Quinta
Kosmont Company

Arellano Associates

KESQ
Beacon Associates
Individuals

Margaret Park
Donna Craig
Heather Horning
Doug Kinley
Fernando Sanchez
Joe Dieguez
Jessica Harleaux
Stevie Espinoza
Jeff Stahl
Diane Vines
Two by phone
Elizabeth Lezama
Reyna Camerena
Ian Gabriel
Elvia Garcia

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

None.

4. CHAIR / COMMITTEE MEMBER/CVAG STAFF COMMENTS

Erica Felci announced the firehouse location for CV Housing was not moving forward but staff would continue to look at other locations. Ms. Felci also alerted the Committee of the upcoming KESQ news story highlighting the CV Housing First program, and client Mr. Leonard.

Mayor Pro Tem Townsend arrived during this item and it was determined a quorum was present.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR PRO TEM TOWNSEND AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER CARNEVALE TO:

A. Approve the February 16, 2022 Homelessness Committee Meeting Minutes

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 7 AYES AND 6 MEMBERS ABSENT.

Councilmember John Preckwinkle III	ABSENT
Councilmember Johnny Rodriguez	ABSENT
Councilmember Mark Carnevale	AYE
Mayor Pro Tem Josie Gonzalez	ABSENT
Director Carole Rogers	AYE
Councilmember Jan Pye	AYE
Councilmember Kimberly Muzik	AYE
Mayor Waymond Fermon	ABSENT
Councilmember John Peña	AYE
Mayor Pro Tem Sabby Jonathan	ABSENT
Councilmember Christy Holstege	ABSENT

Mayor Pro Tem Charles Townsend **AYE**
Assistant Director Carrie Harmon **AYE**

6. DISCUSSION / ACTION

A. Update on the Revenue Stream Feasibility Study for Affordable Housing and Associated Transportation Needs – Peter Satin

Peter Satin provided the staff report and introduced Joe Dieguez from Kosmont Company who gave a presentation on the study being conducted to identify resources available for affordable housing and associated transportation needs, and discussed the tools utilized to evaluate funding needs.

Stevie Espinoza with Arellano Associates provided information on the stakeholders' engagement plan.

A brief discussion ensued.

No action was taken as this was an informational item.

B. CV Housing First: First Quarter Report for 2022 – Anyse Smith

Ms. Felci introduced the item and gave a brief update before turning it over to Anyse Smith, who highlighted individual CV 200 client stories.

In response to Councilmember Carnevale's question, Greg Rodriguez and Assistant Director, Carrie Harman provided details on valley options for homeless senior citizens and indicated additional information would be placed on a future agenda.

No action was taken as this was an informational item.

C. Additional Funding Support for CV Housing First – Anyse Smith

Anyse Smith provided the staff report and a brief discussion ensued.

IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR PRO TEM TOWNSEND AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER PYE TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO NEGOTIATE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH INLAND COUNTIES LEGAL FUND TO ACCEPT A \$300,000, THREE-YEAR GRANT FROM THE STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA FOR HOMELESSNESS SERVICES

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 8 AYES AND 5 MEMBERS ABSENT.

Councilmember John Preckwinkle III	ABSENT
Councilmember Johnny Rodriguez	ABSENT
Councilmember Mark Carnevale	AYE
Mayor Pro Tem Josie Gonzalez	ABSENT
Director Carole Rogers	AYE
Councilmember Jan Pye	AYE
Councilmember Kimberly Muzik	AYE
Mayor Waymond Fermon	ABSENT

Councilmember John Peña	AYE
Mayor Pro Tem Sabby Jonathan	ABSENT
Councilmember Christy Holstege	AYE
Mayor Pro Tem Charles Townsend	AYE
Assistant Director Carrie Harmon	AYE

D. Riverside County’s Homeless and Housing Strategic Action Plan – Greg Rodriguez

Mr. Rodriguez presented the staff report on Riverside County’s Strategic Action Plan and responded to Committee members questions.

No action was taken as this was an informational item.

E. Update on Ad Hoc Efforts to Explore Additional Homelessness Resources and Policies – Erica Felci and Greg Rodriguez

Mr. Rodriguez provided an update on the recent discussion by the ad hoc committee and the State’s plans for a CARE Court program. A brief discussion ensued.

No action was taken as this was an informational item.

7. INFORMATION – The following items were provided for the Committee’s information, and the Chair asked ex officio members for input on 7B:

A. Attendance Record

B. Ex-Officio Update

C. Monitoring Report for CVAG’s CV Housing First Program

D. CV Housing First’s Behavioral Health Partnerships

E. Update on Legislative advocacy efforts

There were no ex-officio updates. Mr. Rodriguez highlighted the efforts to address clients’ behavioral health issues and the contract with Diane Vines from Beacon and Associates.

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Meetings:

The next meeting of the **Homelessness Committee** will be held on Wednesday, May 18, 2022, at 10 a.m. via Zoom webinar.

The next meeting of the **Executive Committee** will be held on Monday, April 25, 2022 at 4:30 p.m. via Zoom webinar.

10. ADJOURN

IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR PRO TEM TOWNSEND AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER MUZIK TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 10:54 A.M.

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 8 AYES AND 5 MEMBERS ABSENT.

Councilmember John Preckwinkle III	ABSENT
Councilmember Johnny Rodriguez	ABSENT
Councilmember Mark Carnevale	AYE
Mayor Pro Tem Josie Gonzalez	ABSENT
Director Carole Rogers	AYE
Councilmember Jan Pye	AYE
Councilmember Kimberly Muzik	AYE
Mayor Waymond Fermon	ABSENT
Councilmember John Peña	AYE
Mayor Pro Tem Sabby Jonathan	ABSENT
Councilmember Christy Holstege	AYE
Mayor Pro Tem Charles Townsend	AYE
Assistant Director Carrie Harmon	AYE

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Nelson

CVAG Executive Assistant/Clerk