

ITEM 5A

**Homelessness Committee
Meeting Minutes
September 21, 2022**



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

- 1. CALL TO ORDER** - The September 21, 2022 meeting was called to order by Homelessness Committee Vice 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 (<i>arrived during Item 4</i>)
City of Cathedral City	Councilmember Mark Carnevale
Desert Healthcare District	Director Carole Rogers, RN (<i>arrived during Item 4</i>)
City of Desert Hot Springs	Councilmember Jan Pye
City of Indian Wells	Councilmember Rob Bernheimer
City of Indio	Councilmember Elaine Holmes
City of La Quinta	Councilmember John Peña, Vice Chair
City of Palm Desert	Mayor Pro Tem Sabby Jonathan
City of Palm Springs	Mayor Pro Tem Grace Garner
City of Rancho Mirage	Mayor Charles Townsend
Riverside County – District 4	Greg Rodriguez, Housing & Workforce Solutions

Ex-Officio Members Present

Shelter from the Storm	Angelina Coe
Martha's Village and Kitchen	Linda Barrack

Members and Ex-Officios Not Present

City of Blythe	Councilmember Johnny Rodriguez
City of Coachella	Mayor Pro Tem Josie Gonzalez
Coachella Valley Housing Coalition	Pedro S.G. Rodriguez
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 highlighted the recent grant announcement for the Palm Springs Navigation Center, which was detailed as an informational agenda item.

Councilmember Mark Carnevale thanked Greg Rodriguez, Riverside County Housing and Workforce Solutions, for working with Cathedral City police to house a homeless individual in Veterans Village.

Mayor Pro Tem Sabby Jonathan announced recent actions by the Continuum of Care's Board of Governance. Mr. Rodriguez noted the Board's recent election resulted in additional Coachella Valley representation.

Councilmember Carnevale also noted he may have to leave early.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR TOWNSEND AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER PYE TO:

- A. Approve the June 15, 2022 Homelessness Committee Meeting Minutes**
- B. Receive and file the quarterly report for the CV Housing First program, representing clients served in the second quarter of 2022**

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 9 AYES, 2 ABSTENTIONS AND 2 MEMBERS ABSENT.

Councilmember John Preckwinkle III	AYE
Councilmember Johnny Rodriguez	ABSENT
Councilmember Mark Carnevale	AYE
Mayor Pro Tem Josie Gonzalez	ABSENT
Director Carole Rogers	AYE
Councilmember Jan Pye	AYE
Councilmember Rob Bernheimer	AYE
Councilmember Elaine Holmes	ABSTAIN
Councilmember John Peña	AYE
Mayor Pro Tem Sabby Jonathan	AYE
Mayor Pro Tem Grace Garner	ABSTAIN
Mayor Charles Townsend	AYE
County staff Greg Rodriguez	AYE

6. DISCUSSION / ACTION

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

Regional Planner Peter Satin provided the staff report and introduced Joe Dieguez of Kosmont Co. and Stevie Espinoza of Arellano Associates, who provided an update on the ongoing REAP study. Brief member discussion ensued.

No action was taken as this was an informational item.

B. Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) 2.0 Program Overview and Next Steps – Peter Satin

Mr. Satin previewed the second round of REAP funding and upcoming steps for CVAG’s consideration. Member discussion ensued, with members expressing frustration on additional planning funding instead of funding that could be used to build or purchase additional housing units.

No action was taken as this was an informational item.

C. Update on the State’s Community Assistance, Recovery and Empowerment (CARE) Court – Greg Rodriguez, Riverside County Housing and Workforce Solutions

Mr. Rodriguez provided the staff report and next steps to implement the CARE Court in Riverside County. Member discussion ensued.

No action was taken as this was an informational item.

D. Election of Homelessness Committee Officers – Tom Kirk

Assistant Executive Director Erica Felci provided a brief staff report and opened the floor for nominations. Mayor Pro Tem Jonathan, seconded by Councilmember Rob Bernheimer, motioned to elect Vice Chair Peña for Chair. Councilmember Elaine Holmes, seconded by Mr. Rodriguez, nominated Indio Mayor Waymond Fermon as Vice Chair. No other nominations were made, and the original motion amended to reflect both offices.

IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR PRO TEM JONATHAN AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BERNHEIMER TO ELECT VICE CHAIR JOHN PEÑA AS HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE CHAIR AND INDIO MAYOR WAYMOND FERMON AS HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE VICE CHAIR FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022/23

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 11 AYES AND 2 MEMBERS ABSENT.

Councilmember John Preckwinkle III	AYE
Councilmember Johnny Rodriguez	ABSENT
Councilmember Mark Carnevale	AYE
Mayor Pro Tem Josie Gonzalez	ABSENT
Director Carole Rogers	AYE
Councilmember Jan Pye	AYE
Councilmember Rob Bernheimer	AYE
Councilmember Elaine Holmes	AYE
Councilmember John Peña	AYE
Mayor Pro Tem Sabby Jonathan	AYE
Mayor Pro Tem Grace Garner	AYE
Mayor Charles Townsend	AYE
County staff Greg Rodriguez	AYE

7. INFORMATION – The following items were provided for the Committee’s information.

A. Attendance Record

B. Ex-Officio Update

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

D. Feedback from Members on the Continued Use of Virtual Meetings

E. Member jurisdictions' contributions to CV Housing First

F. Update on the Navigation Center in the City of Palm Springs

There were no ex-officio updates.

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Meetings:

The next meeting of the **Homelessness Committee** will be held on Wednesday, November 16, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom webinar.

The next meeting of the **Executive Committee** will be held on Monday, September 26, 2022, at 4:30 p.m. via Zoom webinar.

10. ADJOURN

There being no further business, Chair Peña adjourned the meeting at 11:06 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Erica Felcí

CVAG Assistant Executive Director