

ITEM 5A

**Homelessness Committee
Meeting Minutes
May 19, 2021**



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

1. **CALL TO ORDER** - The May 19, 2021 meeting was called to order by Homelessness Committee Chair Christy Holstege, City of Palm Springs, at 10 a.m. on Zoom videoconference, pursuant to Gov. Newsom's executive order governing how public meetings are held during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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	Councilmember Mark Carnevale
City of Coachella	Councilmember Denise Delgado
City of Desert Hot Springs	Councilmember Jan Pye
City of Indian Wells	Councilmember Kimberly Muzik
City of Indio	Mayor Pro Tem Waymond Fermon <i>(during Item 5)</i>
City of La Quinta	Councilmember John Peña, Vice Chair
City of Palm Desert	Councilmember Sabby Jonathan
City of Palm Springs	Mayor Christy Holstege, Chair
City of Rancho Mirage	Mayor Pro Tem Charles Townsend
Riverside County- District 4	Assistant Director Carrie Harmon
Desert Healthcare District	Board Director Carole Rogers, RN
Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians	Councilmember John Preckwinkle III <i>(during Item 5)</i>

Ex-Officio Members Present

Shelter from the Storm	Angelina Coe
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Ex-Officios Not Present

Coachella Valley Housing Coalition	Alice Salinas
Coachella Valley Rescue Mission	Darla Burkett
Home Aid Inland Empire	Julie Reay
Martha's Village and Kitchen	Linda Barrack

Others Present

CVAG	Tom Kirk
	Erica Felci
	Joanna Stueckle
	Tom Cox
	Peter Satin
CVAG/ Riverside County	Greg Rodriguez
City of La Quinta	Mayor Linda Evans

Desert Healthcare District/ Foundation

Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians
Individuals

Gil Villapando

Conrado Barzaga

Donna Craig

Vice Chair Joseph Mirelez

Myrel Cabezon

Jessica Cortez

Reyna Camarena

Chris Gerry

Two others joined video conference
without full names listed

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

None.

4. CHAIR / COMMITTEE MEMBER/CVAG STAFF COMMENTS

None

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

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

A. Approve the April 21, 2021 Homelessness Committee Meeting Minutes

B. Authorize the Executive Director to negotiate and execute Amendment #2 to the agreement between CVAG and Riverside County for strategic planning and implementation of regional homelessness services, extending the term of the contract for Government Affairs and Public Policy Advisor Greg Rodriguez through June 30, 2022, with an optional second year, for an additional \$30,000 annually

As part of the consent calendar vote, several members acknowledged the work by Mr. Rodriguez and expressed appreciation for the continued collaboration between CVAG's Housing First program and the County.

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 13 AYES.

Councilmember Johnny Rodriguez	AYE
Councilmember Mark Carnevale	AYE
Councilmember Denise Delgado	AYE
Councilmember Jan Pye	AYE
Councilmember Kimberly Muzik	AYE
Mayor Pro Tem Waymond Fermon	AYE
Councilmember John Peña	AYE
Councilmember Sabby Jonathan	AYE
Mayor Christy Holstege	AYE
Mayor Pro Tem Charles Townsend	AYE

Assistant Director Carrie Harmon	AYE
Director Carole Rogers	AYE
Councilmember John Preckwinkle III	AYE

Before continuing to the next agenda item, Chair Holstege acknowledged the Homelessness Committee’s newest member, Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians Councilmember John Preckwinkle III. Councilmember Preckwinkle introduced himself. Chair Holstege then had the entire committee and CVAG staff introduce themselves as for as part of the welcome.

6. DISCUSSION / ACTION

A. Appointment of Regional Representative to SCAG Policy Committee – Peter Satin

Peter Satin provided an overview to CVAG’s appointment process to SCAG policy committees. Councilmember Jan Pye, current representative to SCAG’s Community, Economic, and Human Development Committee, explained she wanted to provide another member an opportunity to serve. Member discussion ensued about the SCAG meeting schedule. Mayor Pro Tem Waymond Fermon expressed interest in serving, and Cathedral City Councilmember Mark Carnevale said he would serve as an alternate.

IT WAS MOVED BY CHAIR HOLSTEGE AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMEBR JONATHAN TO NOMINATE INDIO MAYOR PRO TEM WAYMOND FERMON TO SERVE AS THE CVAG REPRESENTATIVE, AND FOR CATEHDRAL CITY COUNCILMEMBER MARK CARNEVALE TO SERVE AS ALTERNATE, TO SCAG’S COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE.

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 13 AYES.

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

B. Expanded Partnerships for the CV Housing First Program – Tom Cox

Tom Cox provided an update on proposed memorandums of understanding with organizations that can provide additional services to CV Housing First clients at no cost to CVAG. Member discussion ensued. Mr. Cox also answered related

questions about the progress made on the CV Housing First program, including an update on the CV 200 clients being helped to permanent housing and the coming launch of the mobile access center. Members suggested CVAG staff look into additional memorandums, including agreements with cities, in the future.

IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR PRO TEM FERMON AND SECONDED BY DIRECTOR ROGERS TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE NO-COST MEMORANDUMS OF UNDERSTANDING WITH CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, SAN BERNARDINO; INLAND COUNTIES LEGAL SERVICES INC; INLAND EMPIRE HEALTH PLAN; JEWISH FAMILY SERVICES OF THE DESERT; AS WELL AS OTHER PROVIDERS WHO CAN EXPAND THE SERVICES TO ASSIST THE CV HOUSING FIRST PROGRAM.

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 13 AYES.

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

C. CV Housing First’s Use of the Palm Springs Boxing Club – Greg Rodriguez

Greg Rodriguez provided an update on the Palm Springs Boxing Club, a city-owned facility that CVAG uses to headquarter the CV Housing First program. Chair Holstege also updated the committee on the City’s conversation about the facility’s future use, which may be used to house Well in the Desert and its services to the homeless.

There was no action as this was an informational item.

D. Summer Cooling Centers – Greg Rodriguez

Mr. Rodriguez provided an update on Riverside County’s consideration of operating cooling centers in the western part of the Coachella Valley this summer, and explained the program was dependent on securing the necessary funding and finalizing the operations. Member discussion ensued.

There was no action as this was an informational item.

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

A. Attendance Record

B. Ex-Officio Updates

None were presented during the meeting.

C. Financial Support for CV Housing First

D. Update on Alan Seman Bus Pass Program

E. Meeting Reimbursements for Elected Committee Members

F. CVAG’s participation in the Institute for Local Government’s BOOST Program

Erica Felci addressed members’ questions about resuming the Alan Seman Bus Pass program, including the logistics of coordinating with SunLine Transit Agency and getting passes to homeless individuals.

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Zoom Meetings:

Homelessness Committee – Wednesday, June 16, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

Executive Committee – Monday, June 7, 2021 at 4:30 p.m.

Ms. Felci also noted the CVAG General Assembly would be held at the end of June.

10. ADJOURN - The meeting was adjourned at 10:49 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Erica Felci

CVAG Assistant to the Executive Director