

ITEM 6A

Homelessness Committee Meeting Minutes November 20, 2024



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1. **CALL TO ORDER** - The meeting was called to order by Councilmember Raymond Gregory, City of Cathedral City, at 10 a.m. at the CVAG conference room, 73-710 Fred Waring Drive, Suite 104, in Palm Desert.
2. **ROLL CALL** - Roll call was taken and it was determined that a quorum was present.

Members Present

City of Blythe
City of Cathedral City
City of Coachella
Desert Healthcare District
City of Desert Hot Springs
City of Palm Desert
City of Palm Springs
City of Rancho Mirage
Riverside County – District 4
Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians

Vice Mayor Johnny Rodriguez
Councilmember Raymond Gregory
Councilmember Denise Delgado
Director Carole Rogers, RN
Mayor Pro Tem Jan Pye
Councilmember Kathleen Kelly
Mayor Pro Tem Ron deHarte
Councilmember Lynn Mallotto
Deputy Director Greg Rodriguez
Vice Chair Joseph Mirelez

Members and Ex-Officios Not Present

Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians
City of Indian Wells
City of Indio
City of La Quinta
Coachella Valley Housing Coalition
Martha's Village and Kitchen
Coachella Valley Rescue Mission
Shelter from the Storm

Councilmember John Preckwinkle III
Councilmember Donna Griffith
Councilmember Waymond Fermon, *Vice Chair*
Mayor Pro Tem John Peña, *Chair*
Pedro S.G. Rodriguez
Samuel Hollenbeck
Darla Burkett
Angelina Coe

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Mayor Johnny Rodriguez led the committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

Christian Jelmsberg from Street Life Project addressed the committee regarding Street Life Project's efforts to address the homeless issues by providing services to get people back on their feet.

5. CHAIR / COMMITTEE MEMBER/CVAG STAFF COMMENTS

Chief Operating Officer Erica Felci announced the Chair and Vice Chair sent their regards for not being able to attend today's meeting due to conflicts, including the City of Indio's ribbon cutting ceremony for their new Public Safety Campus.

Ms. Felci highlighted Item 6F in the agenda and thanked the County for supporting the staff's efforts in applying for and being awarded the grant.

Ms. Felci noted there are some corrections that will be made to the minutes listed in the consent calendar that include clarification between members' titles and asked the committee to motion with noted corrections when approving the consent calendar.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

IT WAS MOVED BY DEPUTY DIRECTOR RODRIGUEZ AND SECONDED BY TRIBAL VICE CHAIR MIRELEZ TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR, INCLUDING CORRECTIONS TO MEMBER TITLES IN THE MEETING MINUTES.

- A. Approve the minutes of the June 12, 2024 meeting of the Homelessness Committee**
- B. Approve the minutes of the September 18, 2024 joint meeting of the Homelessness and Public Safety Committees**
- C. Reaffirm the Executive Director's authorities for the CV Housing First program, including resetting the CV 200 list and executing short-term leases for crisis stabilization units, such as hotels and apartments used for case management of clients**
- D. Receive and file the quarterly report for the CV Housing First program, representing clients served in the third quarter of 2024**
- E. Adopt CVAG's Legislative Platform for the next two-year legislative cycle**
- F. Authorize the Executive Director to execute the necessary agreements to accept \$116,094.32 in Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) funding for the CV Housing First outreach efforts**

THE MOTION TO CARRIED WITH 10 AYES AND 4 MEMBERS ABSENT

COUNCILMEMBER PRECKWINKLE	ABSENT
VICE MAYOR RODRIGUEZ	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER GREGORY	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER DELGADO	AYE
DIRECTOR ROGERS	AYE
MAYOR PRO TEM PYE	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER GRIFFITH	ABSENT
COUNCILMEMBER FERMON	ABSENT
MAYOR PRO TEM PEÑA	ABSENT

COUNCILMEMBER KELLY	AYE
MAYOR PRO TEM DEHARTE	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER MALLOTTO	AYE
DEPUTY DIRECTOR RODRIGUEZ	AYE
VICE CHAIR MIRELEZ	AYE

6.1 ITEMS HELD OVER FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

None

7. DISCUSSION / ACTION

A. **Good Neighbor Policy for Homelessness Coordination**

Ms. Felci presented the staff report and summarized the feedback from the Public Safety Committee's discussion of this item.

Lengthy member discussion ensued. Members expressed interest in modifying the language to make it an encouragement for participants instead of a requirement of participants.

IT WAS MOVED BY DEPUTY MAYOR PRO TEM DEHARTE AND SECONDED BY DIRECTOR ROGERS TO APPROVE WITH MODIFICATIONS IN LANGUAGE THE MODEL RESOLUTION THAT REINFORCES THE COMMITMENT TO REGIONAL HOMELESSNESS SOLUTIONS AND ESTABLISHES A GOOD NEIGHBOR POLICY AMONG CVAG MEMBER JURISDICTIONS

THE MOTION TO CARRIED WITH 10 AYES AND 4 MEMBERS ABSENT

COUNCILMEMBER PRECKWINKLE	ABSENT
VICE MAYOR RODRIGUEZ	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER GREGORY	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER DELGADO	AYE
DIRECTOR ROGERS	AYE
MAYOR PRO TEM PYE	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER GRIFFITH	ABSENT
COUNCILMEMBER FERMON	ABSENT
MAYOR PRO TEM PEÑA	ABSENT
COUNCILMEMBER KELLY	AYE
MAYOR PRO TEM DEHARTE	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER MALLOTTO	AYE
DEPUTY DIRECTOR RODRIGUEZ	AYE
VICE CHAIR MIRELEZ	AYE

B. **Annual Contributions to the CV Housing First Program**

Ms. Felci presented the staff report and discussed the program's budget.

Robust member discussion ensued about the increased contribution, impact of the program and budget needs. Members requested that staff provide additional budget details, including showing increase and anticipated allocations, to the City/ County/ Tribal Managers for input.

**IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER KELLY AND SECONDED BY VICE CHAIR MIRELEZ
AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE MEMORANDUM OF
UNDERSTANDING WITH MEMBER JURISDICTIONS TO INCREASE THE CV HOUSING FIRST
CONTRIBUTION TO \$125,000 IN FISCAL YEAR 2025/26 AND PROVIDE FOR ANNUAL
INFLATIONARY ADJUSTMENTS**

THE MOTION TO CARRIED WITH 10 AYES AND 4 MEMBERS ABSENT

COUNCILMEMBER PRECKWINKLE	ABSENT
VICE MAYOR RODRIGUEZ	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER GREGORY	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER DELGADO	AYE
DIRECTOR ROGERS	AYE
MAYOR PRO TEM PYE	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER GRIFFITH	ABSENT
COUNCILMEMBER FERMON	ABSENT
MAYOR PRO TEM PEÑA	ABSENT
COUNCILMEMBER KELLY	AYE
MAYOR PRO TEM DEHARTE	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER MALLOTTO	AYE
DEPUTY DIRECTOR RODRIGUEZ	AYE
VICE CHAIR MIRELEZ	AYE

C. Election of Homelessness Committee Officers

Executive Director Tom Kirk opened the floor for nominations.

Councilmember Kelly nominated Mayor Pro Tem Peña to remain Chair and Councilmember Fermon to remain Vice Chair. No other nominations were received.

**IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER KELLY AND SECONDED BY DEPUTY DIRECTOR
RODRIGUEZ TO ELECT MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN PEÑA AS CHAIR AND COUNCILMEMBER
WAYMOND FERMON AS VICE CHAIR FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024/2025**

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COUNCILMEMBER PRECKWINKLE	ABSENT
VICE MAYOR RODRIGUEZ	AYE
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VICE CHAIR MIRELEZ

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D. Countywide efforts to clean up homeless encampments

Greg Rodriguez, Riverside County Housing and Workforce Solutions' Deputy Director for Government Affairs and Community Engagement presented the staff report and update.

No action was taken as this was an informational item.

8. INFORMATION

A. Attendance Record

B. Updates from Ex Officio Members

None.

C. Unaudited Financial Statements for CV Housing First Program through September 30, 2024

9. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting of the **Homelessness Committee** will be held on Wednesday, January 15, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. at the CVAG conference room, 73-710 Fred Waring Drive, Suite 104, Palm Desert, 92260.

The next meeting of the **Executive Committee** will be held on Monday, December 2, 2024, at 4:30 p.m. at the CVAG conference room, 73-710 Fred Waring Drive, Suite 104, Palm Desert, 92260.

11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Councilmember Gregory adjourned the meeting at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elysia Regalado
CVAG Management Analyst