

## **ITEM 6A**

### **Homelessness Committee Meeting Minutes February 19, 2025**



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

1. **CALL TO ORDER** - The meeting was called to order by Chair John Peña, City of La Quinta, at 10:01 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 Cathedral City  
Desert Healthcare District  
City of Desert Hot Springs  
City of Indian Wells  
City of Indio  
City of La Quinta  
City of Palm Desert  
City of Palm Springs  
City of Rancho Mirage  
Riverside County – District 4  
Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians

Mayor Pro Tem Raymond Gregory  
Director Carole Rogers, RN  
Councilmember Jan Pye  
Councilmember Toper Taylor (*arrived at item 7*)  
Councilmember Waymond Fermon, *Vice Chair*  
Mayor Pro Tem John Peña, *Chair*  
Councilmember Joe Pradetto  
Mayor Ron deHarte  
Mayor Pro Tem Lynn Mallotto  
Policy Advisor Amy Cuen-McDuffie  
Tribal Chair Joseph Mirelez

#### **Ex-Officios Present**

Shelter from the Storm

Angelina Coe

#### **Members and Ex-Officios Not Present**

Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians  
City of Blythe  
City of Coachella  
Coachella Valley Housing Coalition  
Martha's Village and Kitchen  
Coachella Valley Rescue Mission

Councilmember John Preckwinkle III  
Vice Mayor Johnny Rodriguez  
Mayor Pro Tem Denise Delgado  
Pedro S.G. Rodriguez  
Samuel Hollenbeck  
Darla Burkett

### **3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chair Peña led the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **4. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS**

Staff circulated an email comment from Linda Joy Salas, who suggested the Committee consider using the empty shopping mall in Indio to create affordable rental units as well as using hemp materials to build housing.

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

Chief Operating Officer Erica Felci provided a Point-In-Time (PIT) Count recap with photos from CVAG's participation in the event.

**6. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER FERMON AND SECONDED BY CHAIR MIRELEZ TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR**

- A. Approve the minutes of the November 20, 2024, meeting of the Homelessness Committee**

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

TRIBAL COUNCILMEMBER PRECKWINKLE	ABSENT
VICE MAYOR RODRIGUEZ	ABSENT
MAYOR PRO TEM GREGORY	AYE
MAYOR PRO TEM DELGADO	ABSENT
DIRECTOR ROGERS	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER PYE	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER TAYLOR	ABSENT
COUNCILMEMBER FERMON	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER TEM PEÑA	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER PRADETTO	AYE
MAYOR DEHARTE	AYE
MAYOR PRO TEM MALLOTTO	AYE
ADVISOR CUEN-MCDUFFIE	AYE
TRIBAL CHAIR MIRELEZ	AYE

**6.1 ITEMS HELD OVER FROM CONSENT CALENDAR**

None

**7. DISCUSSION / ACTION**

- A. Community Assistance, Recovery and Empowerment (CARE) Court and other Prop 1 investments**

Maurice Lyles, the Governor's Office External Affairs' Regional Director for Southern California, joined the committee via Zoom and provided a presentation regarding CARE Court and related items.

Lengthy member discussion ensued, with members interested in the nexus to addressing homelessness in the region. Mr. Lyles and Riverside University Health Deputy Director of Forensics Marcus Cannon answered questions regarding CARE Court process from the committee.

No action was taken as this was an informational item.

**B. CV Housing First’s 2024 Annual Report**

Management Analyst Candice Graff presented the staff report.

Member discussion ensued with Ms. Graff and Ms. Felci answering questions from the committee regarding vouchers and the lack of affordable housing options.

No vote was taken on this item.

**C. Appointment of Regional Representatives to SCAG Policy Committee**

Ms. Felci presented the staff report and reported the current representative on the SCAG Community, Economic, and Human Development Committee, Indio Councilmember Waymond Fermon, has expressed interest to continue serving.

Chair Peña opened the floor for any other volunteers. No other volunteers or nominations were received.

**IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR DEHARTE AND SECONDED BY TRIBAL CHAIR MIRELEZ  
APPOINT COUNCILMEMBER FERMON TO SCAG’S COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC, AND HUMAN  
DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

**THE MOTION TO CARRIED WITH 11 AYES AND 3 MEMBERS ABSENT**

TRIBAL COUNCILMEMBER PRECKWINKLE	ABSENT
VICE MAYOR RODRIGUEZ	ABSENT
MAYOR PRO TEM GREGORY	AYE
MAYOR PRO TEM DELGADO	ABSENT
DIRECTOR ROGERS	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER PYE	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER TAYLOR	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER FERMON	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER TEM PEÑA	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER PRADETTO	AYE
MAYOR DEHARTE	AYE
MAYOR PRO TEM MALLOTTO	AYE
ADVISOR CUEN-MCDUFFIE	AYE
TRIBAL CHAIR MIRELEZ	AYE

**8. INFORMATION**

**A. Attendance Record**

**B. Updates from Ex Officio Members**

Shelter from the Storm Executive Director Angelina Coe presented an update regarding budget cuts, funding and some renovations taking place at the shelter. Ms. Coe also announced CV Giving Day is on March 1 for anyone interested in donating to Shelter From the Storm.

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

**D. Unaudited Financial Statements for CV Housing First Program through December 31, 2024**

**E. Alan Seman Bus Pass Program 2024 Annual Report**

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

None

**10. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councilmember Fermon announced Coachella Valley Rescue Mission is holding their annual “No Show Gala” from February 1 -28 and can be accessed at [www.cvrn.org/gala](http://www.cvrn.org/gala). Mr. Fermon also requested that the Committee discuss pan handling laws at a future meeting.

The next meeting of the **Homelessness Committee** will be held on Wednesday, April 16, 2025 at 10:00 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, February 24, 2025 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, Chair Peña adjourned the meeting at 11 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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