

ITEM 6A

Homelessness Committee Meeting Minutes May 15, 2024



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 Homelessness Committee Vice Chair Waymond Fermon, City of Indio, at 10:02 a.m. at the CVAG Conference Room, 73-710 Fred Waring Drive, Suite 104, in Palm Desert, with video conferencing available from the cities of Blythe and Bakersfield.
- 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
City of Indio
City of Indian Wells
City of La Quinta
City of Palm Desert
City of Palm Springs
City of Rancho Mirage
Riverside County – District 4

Councilmember Johnny Rodriguez
Councilmember Raymond Gregory
Councilmember Denise Delgado (*arrived at item 5*)
Councilmember Waymond Fermon, *Vice Chair*
Councilmember Donna Griffith (*arrived at item 7A*)
Councilmember Kathleen Fitzpatrick
Councilmember Kathleen Kelly
Mayor Pro Tem Ron deHarte
Councilmember Lynn Mallotto
Deputy Director Greg Rodriguez

Ex Officios Present

Coachella Valley Rescue Mission
Shelter from the Storm

Darla Burkett
Angelina Coe

Members and Ex-Officios Not Present

Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians
Desert Healthcare District
City of Desert Hot Springs
Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians
Coachella Valley Housing Coalition
Martha's Village and Kitchen

Councilmember John Preckwinkle III
Director Carole Rogers, RN
Mayor Pro Tem Jan Pye
Vice Chair Joseph Mirelez
Pedro S.G. Rodriguez
Samuel Hollenbeck

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Chair Fermon led the committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

Christian Jelmborg, founder of Street Life Project, shared his excitement with the committee regarding item 7A and Coachella Valley Rescue Mission’s plans to add a facility for families and commends them on their efforts on taking that much needed step for the community.

Mr. Jelmborg also commented on Item 7C on the agenda and urged the committee to reconsider pulling the CV Housing First team out of Desert Hot Springs.

5. CHAIR / COMMITTEE MEMBER/CVAG STAFF COMMENTS

Chief Operating Officer Erica Felci welcomed Councilmember Rodriguez to the committee as Blythe’s new member and welcomed La Quinta’s alternate member Councilmember Fitzpatrick to the meeting today.

Mrs. Felci announced that the State’s revised budget is out and CVAG will continue to watch and track Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) funding and how the region will be affected.

Ms. Felci the next Homelessness Committee meeting will on Wednesday, June 12th at the Palm Springs Navigation Center and will start at 9am to accommodate a site tour. A quorum check will be sent out prior to make sure it will not conflict with other agencies’ meetings.

Deputy Director Greg Rodriguez addressed the committee regarding May’s revised State budget and the housing aspects affected with the cuts intended to the budget.

Councilmember Griffith provided an updated on affordable housing units in the City of Indian Wells.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER KELLY AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER GREGORY TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR.

- A. Approve the February 21, 2024 Homelessness Committee Meeting Minutes**
- B. Receive and file the quarterly report for the CV Housing First program, representing clients served in the first quarter of 2024**

THE MOTION TO CARRIED WITH 10 AYES AND 4 MEMBERS ABSENT

COUNCILMEMBER PRECKWINKLE	ABSENT
COUNCILMEMBER RODRIGUEZ	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER GREGORY	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER DELGADO	AYE
DIRECTOR ROGERS	ABSENT
MAYOR PRO TEM PYE	ABSENT
COUNCILMEMBER GRIFFITH	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER FERMON	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER FITZPATRICK	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER KELLY	AYE
MAYOR PRO TEM DEHARTE	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER MALLOTTO	AYE
DEPUTY DIRECTOR RODRIGUEZ	AYE

VICE CHAIR MIRELEZ

ABSENT

7. DISCUSSION / ACTION

A. Presentation: Coachella Valley Rescue Mission's Future Plans

Darla Burkett, CVRM's Executive Director, presented the report and highlighted upcoming projects.

Member discussion ensued, including questions regarding CVRM's need for additional bus passes for their clients.

No action was taken as this was an informational item.

B. Lift to Rise Action Plan Update

Heather Vaikona, President/CEO of Lift to Rise, provided a PowerPoint presentation to the committee regarding their Action Plan.

Member discussion ensued with Ms. Vaikona answering questions from the committee regarding items from the update.

No action was taken as this was an information item.

C. Ending CV Housing First in the City of Desert Hot Springs

Ms. Felci provided the staff report.

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER GREGORY AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER KELLY TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO WIND DOWN CV HOUSING FIRST SERVICES IN THE CITY OF DESERT HOT SPRINGS, INCLUDING REMOVING THE CITY'S ALLOCATED SLOTS FROM THE CV 200 LIST

THE MOTION TO CARRIED WITH 10 AYES AND 4 MEMBERS ABSENT

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

8. **INFORMATION**

A. **Attendance Record**

B. **Updates from Ex Officio Members**

Angelina Coe, Executive Director from Shelter of the Storm, provided an update of how the May revised State budget would affect services the shelter is available to provide.

Ms. Coe also provided update on ARPA funding the shelter has received and expressed their continued committed efforts to continue to find ways to provide services.

C. **Unaudited Financial Statement for CV Housing First Program through March 31, 2024**

D. **Alan Seman Bus Pass Program- 2023 Annual Report**

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

None

10. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next meeting of the **Homelessness Committee** will be held on Wednesday, June 12, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. at the Palm Springs Navigation Center, 3589 McCarthy Road, Palm Springs, 92262. The earlier meeting time will allow time for a campus tour.

The next meeting of the **Executive Committee** will be held on Monday, June 3, 2024, at 4:30 p.m. at the CVAG conference room, 73-710 Fred Waring Drive, Suite 104, Palm Desert, 92260

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Vice Chair Fermon adjourned the meeting at 11:02 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ely Regalado

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