

ITEM 6A

**Homelessness Committee
Meeting Minutes
February 21, 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 Chair John Peña, City of La Quinta, at 10:00 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 Cathedral City	Councilmember Raymond Gregory
City of Coachella	Councilmember Denise Delgado (<i>arrived at item 7A</i>)
Desert Healthcare District	Director Carole Rogers, RN (<i>arrived at item 4</i>)
City of Desert Hot Springs	Councilmember Jan Pye
City of Indian Wells	Mayor Donna Griffith
City of La Quinta	Mayor Pro Tem John Peña, Chair (<i>left at item 7D</i>)
City of Palm Desert	Councilmember Kathleen Kelly
City of Palm Springs	Mayor Pro Tem Ron deHarte
City of Rancho Mirage	Councilmember Lynn Mallotto
Riverside County – District 4	Deputy Director Greg Rodriguez

Ex Officios Present

Shelter from the Storm	Angelina Coe
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Members and Ex-Officios Not Present

Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians	Councilmember John Preckwinkle III
City of Blythe	Councilmember Johnny Rodriguez
City of Indio	Councilmember Waymond Fermon, Vice Chair
Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians	Vice Chair Joseph Mirelez
Coachella Valley Housing Coalition	Pedro S.G. Rodriguez
Coachella Valley Rescue Mission	Darla Burkett
Martha's Village and Kitchen	Samuel Hollenbeck

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Peña led the committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

5. CHAIR / COMMITTEE MEMBER/CVAG STAFF COMMENTS

Chief Operating Officer Erica Felci announced that this year's Point-In-Time count will be a shelter count and that the CV Housing First team has provided their numbers to that count.

Chair Peña announced he will need to leave the meeting early to attend a previous commitment.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

IT WAS MOVED BY DEPUTY DIRECTOR RODRIGUEZ AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER MALLOTTO TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR.

- A. Approve the September 18, 2023 Homelessness Committee Special Meeting Minutes**
- B. Approve the November 15, 2023 Homelessness Committee Meeting Minutes**
- C. Authorize the Executive Director to execute Amendment No. 2 to the Memorandum of Understanding with Beacon Associates for behavioral health referrals, authorizing a not to exceed amount of \$40,000 through March 5, 2026**

THE MOTION TO CARRIED WITH 9 AYES AND 5 MEMBERS ABSENT

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

7. DISCUSSION / ACTION

A. CV Housing First: 2023 Year in Review

Management Analyst Ivan Tenorio presented the staff report.

Member discussion ensued, with staff addressing members' questions.

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER RODRIGUEZ AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER MALLOTTO TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE QUARTERLY REPORT FOR THE CV HOUSING FIRST PROGRAM, REPRESENTING CLIENTS SERVED IN THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 2023.

THE MOTION TO CARRIED WITH 10 AYES AND 4 MEMBERS ABSENT

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

B. Potential Loss of Regional Early Action Planning (REAP 2.0) Grant Funding

Ian Gabriel, Lift to Rise’s Director of Data, Policy & Planning, detailed the proposed cuts to the REAP 2.0 funding under the Governor’s Proposed Budget. The \$300 million cut from REAP’s grant funding would threaten \$19.4 million in awards to the Coachella Valley.

Member discussion ensued.

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER KELLY AND SECONDED BY DEPUTY DIRECTOR RODRIGUEZ TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR AND/OR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TAKE THE NECESSARY STEPS TO ADVOCATE THAT THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA MAINTAIN THE FUNDING COMMITMENTS MADE TO THE REGIONAL EARLY ACTION PLANNING PROGRAM, INCLUDING \$19.4 MILLION IN AWARDS TO THE COACHELLA VALLEY

THE MOTION TO CARRIED WITH 10 AYES AND 4 MEMBERS ABSENT

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

**COUNCILMEMBER MALLOTTO
DEPUTY DIRECTOR RODRIGUEZ
VICE CHAIR MIRELEZ**

**AYE
AYE
ABSENT**

C. Presentation: Construction of the Palm Springs Navigation Center

Palm Springs Deputy City Manager Flinn Fagg presented on the construction of Palm Springs Navigation Center and its progress.

No action was taken as this was an informational item.

D. Recap of Riverside County's Fourth District Homeless Symposium

Greg Rodriguez, Riverside County Housing and Workforce Solutions' Deputy Director for Government Affairs and Community Engagement provided a recap of the event.

No action was taken as this was an informational item.

Chair Pena left the meeting, and Deputy Director Rodriguez to lead the remaining agenda items.

8. INFORMATION

A. Attendance Record

B. Updates from Ex Officio Members

Angelina Coe, Executive Director from Shelter of the Storm, announced they are hiring for some positions in their agency and that can be found on their website. Ms. Coe gave an update on the potential funding cuts looming that would affect the services that they provide, as well as the funding they received in December from various cities.

Ms. Coe noted that December is CV Giving Day is March 5, 2024, and is asking for support for Shelter of the Storm.

C. Unaudited Financial Statement for CV Housing First Program through December 31, 2023

9. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting of the **Homelessness Committee** will be held on Wednesday, April 17, 2024, 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 26, 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, Deputy Director Rodriguez adjourned the meeting at 10:56 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ely Regalado
CVAG Management Analyst