

ITEM 6A

**Homelessness Committee
Meeting Minutes
April 16, 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	Councilmember Mark Carnevale
City of Coachella	Councilmember Yadira Perez
City of Desert Hot Springs	Councilmember Jan Pye
City of Indian Wells	Councilmember Toper Taylor
City of Indio	Councilmember Waymond Fermon, <i>Vice Chair</i>
City of La Quinta	Councilmember John Peña, <i>Chair</i>
City of Palm Desert	Councilmember Joe Pradetto
City of Palm Springs	Mayor Ron deHarte
City of Rancho Mirage	Councilmember Eve Fromberg Edelstein
Riverside County – District 4	Policy Advisor Amy Cuen-McDuffie
Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians	Tribal Chair Joseph Mirelez*

*arrived at item 4

Ex-Officios Present

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

City of Blythe	Vice Mayor Johnny Rodriguez
Desert Healthcare District	Director Carole Rogers, RN
Coachella Valley Housing Coalition	Pedro S.G. Rodriguez
Martha's Village and Kitchen	Samuel Hollenbeck
Coachella Valley Rescue Mission	Darla Burkett

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

Chair Peña welcomed Coachella Councilmember Yadira Perez to the committee.

Cathedral City Councilmember Mark Carnevale praised the City’s homeless liaison team of Officer Brooks and Officer Novy for their outstanding work in the field in making 700+ contacts throughout March with their homeless population, rendering services, providing campsite clean ups and creating more partnership connections.

Indio Councilmember Waymond Fermon recognized Coachella Valley Rescue Mission’s Darla Burkett for her years of service and contribution and congratulated her on her retirement.

Chief Operating Officer Erica Felci announced that the City of Desert Hot Springs has informed CVAG that they are looking for ways in their budget to rejoin the CV Housing First program in the next fiscal year.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR DEHARTE AND SECONDED BY CHAIR MIRELEZ TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Approve the minutes of the February 19, 2025, meeting of the Homelessness Committee**
- B. Receive and file the quarterly report for the CV Housing First program, representing clients served in the first quarter of 2025**

THE MOTION TO CARRIED WITH 10 AYES, 4 MEMBERS ABSENT AND 1 ABSTENSION

VICE MAYOR RODRIGUEZ	ABSENT
COUNCILMEMBER CARNEVALE	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER PEREZ	AYE
DIRECTOR ROGERS	ABSENT
COUNCILMEMBER PYE	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER TAYLOR	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER FERMON	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER PEÑA	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER PRADETTO	AYE
MAYOR DEHARTE	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER FROMBERG EDELSTEIN	ABSTAINED
ADVISOR CUEN-MCDUFFIE	AYE
TRIBAL CHAIR MIRELEZ	AYE

6.1 ITEMS HELD OVER FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

None

7. DISCUSSION / ACTION

A. One Year Update from the Palm Springs Navigation Center

Palm Springs Director of Housing & Community Development Jay Virata provided the Committee with a PowerPoint presentation update presenting data from the Navigation Center's first year of operations. This included accomplishments and areas to refine for the future.

Member discussion ensued with Mr. Virata answering questions from the Committee regarding information and data presented.

No action was taken as this was an informational item.

B. Annual Contributions to the CV Housing First Program

Ms. Felci presented the staff report and summarized the Finance Committee's decision to keep the contributions the same across jurisdictions.

Brief member discussion ensued, Ms. Felci answering questions from the Committee regarding the CV Housing First budget and offering a more detailed breakdown for cities as they take the items to their respective Councils.

C. Landlord incentive Program for Increasing Available Units

Ms. Felci presented the staff report and provided an update on the Landlord Incentive Program, which included a successful placement using the program.

Brief member discussion ensued with Ms. Felci and Management Analyst Candice Graff answering questions from the Committee regarding vouchers.

No action was taken as this was an informational item.

8. INFORMATION

A. Attendance Record

B. Updates from Ex Officio Members

Shelter from the Storm Executive Director Angelina Coe presented an update from the program. Ms. Coe reports April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month and Denim Day will be held on April 30th in support of that.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting of the **Homelessness Committee** will be held on Wednesday, May 21, 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, April 28, 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, Councilmember Gregory adjourned the meeting at 10:48 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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