

ITEM 5A

**Homelessness Committee
Meeting Minutes
February 16, 2022**



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

- 1. CALL TO ORDER** - The February 16, 2022 meeting was called to order by Homelessness Committee Chair Christy Holstege, City of Palm Springs, at 10:01 a.m. on Zoom videoconference, pursuant to AB 361 and the guidelines for virtual public meetings.
- 2. ROLL CALL** - Roll call was taken and it was determined that a quorum was present.

Members Present

Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians	Councilmember John Preckwinkle III <small>(Left during Item 6C)</small>
City of Cathedral City	Councilmember Mark Carnevale
City of Coachella	Councilmember Denise Delgado <small>(Arrived at Item 6A)</small>
Desert Healthcare District	Board member Carole Rogers, RN
City of Desert Hot Springs	Councilmember Roger Nunez
City of Indian Wells	Councilmember Kimberly Muzik
City of Indio	Mayor Waymond Fermon
City of La Quinta	Councilmember John Peña, Vice Chair <small>(Via phone)</small>
City of Palm Desert	Mayor Pro Tem Sabby Jonathan
City of Palm Springs	Councilmember Christy Holstege
City of Rancho Mirage	Mayor Pro Tem Charles Townsend

Ex-Officio Members Present

Shelter from the Storm	Angelina Coe
Martha's Village and Kitchen	Linda Barrack

Members and Ex-Officios Not Present

City of Blythe	Councilmember Johnny Rodriguez
Coachella Valley Housing Coalition	Pedro S.G. Rodriguez
Coachella Valley Rescue Mission	Darla Burkett
Riverside County – District 4	Supervisor V. Manuel Perez

Others Present

CVAG	Tom Kirk
	Erica Felci
	Jennifer Nelson
	Anyse Smith
	Peter Satin
	Ivan Tenorio
CVAG/ Riverside County	Greg Rodriguez
Lift to Rise	Heather Vaikona
Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians	Margaret Park
Desert Healthcare District/ Foundation	Donna Craig
City of Palm Desert	Heather Horning

City of La Quinta	Jeremy Griffin
City of La Quinta	Doug Kinley
City of La Quinta	Gil Villalpando
Riverside County	Mark Lancaster
Bridges of Hope	Shawn Hough
Individuals	One by phone
	Bruce Yeager
	Reyna Camerena
	Vanessa Bravo
	Marlan McClanahan
	Veronica Boswell
	Deanna Chavez
	Jackie Molina

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

4. CHAIR / COMMITTEE MEMBER/CVAG STAFF COMMENTS

None.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR PRO TEM TOWNSEND AND SECONDED BY MAYOR FERMON TO:

A. Approve the November 17, 2021 Homelessness Committee Meeting Minutes

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 11 AYES AND 2 MEMBERS ABSENT.

Councilmember John Preckwinkle III	AYE
Councilmember Johnny Rodriguez	ABSENT
Councilmember Mark Carnevale	AYE
Councilmember Denise Delgado	AYE
Director Carole Rogers	AYE
Councilmember Roger Nunez	AYE
Councilmember Kimberly Muzik	AYE
Mayor Waymond Fermon	AYE
Councilmember John Peña	AYE
Mayor Pro Tem Sabby Jonathan	AYE
Councilmember Christy Holstege	AYE
Mayor Pro Tem Charles Townsend	AYE
Supervisor V. Manuel Perez	ABSENT

6. DISCUSSION / ACTION

A. Lift to Rise Housing Catalyst Fund Update – Peter Satin

Peter Satin provided a brief update on Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) projects and then introduced Heather Vaikona, with Lift to Rise, who gave a presentation that included the Lift to Rise Housing Catalyst fund.

Discussion ensued, and Mr. Satin and Ms. Vaikona answered members' questions.

No action was taken as this was an informational item.

B. CV Housing First: 2021 Year in Review – Tom Kirk and Anyse Smith

Executive Director Tom Kirk and Anyse Smith provided a quarterly update.

A robust member discussion ensued that included recognition to CVAG's CV Homelessness team for their hard work and successful outcomes. Staff also addressed members' questions on clients' length of stay in crisis stabilization units.

No action was taken as this was an informational item.

C. Update on Ad Hoc Efforts to Explore Additional Homelessness Resources and Policies – Erica Felci and Greg Rodriguez

Greg Rodriguez provided an update on the ad hoc committee's recent meetings. Mayor Pro Tem Sabby Jonathan provided additional detail about possible policy exploration and next steps. Discussion ensued with members expressing consensus on continuing the ad hoc efforts and as well as focusing on ways to address the lack of available permanent supportive housing.

No action was taken on this item.

7. INFORMATION – The following items were provided for the Committee's information, and the Chair asked ex officio members for input on 7B:

A. Attendance Record

B. Ex-Officio Updates

Linda Barrack of Martha's Village and Kitchen noted that she was present at the November 17, 2022 meeting, although the minutes indicated differently and asked staff to review the agenda distribution list to ensure she receives future agendas.

C. Annual Point-in-Time Count of Unsheltered individuals

D. Update on the Navigation Center in the City of Palm Springs

E. Unaudited financial statement through December 31, 2021

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Shawn Hough, Bridges to Hope, shared a client story and provided challenges the organization is facing to assist individuals with housing.

Vanessa Bravo indicated she was formerly homeless and suggested the Homelessness Committee explore utilizing vacant homes to house homeless individuals and rent control policies.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Meetings:

The next meeting of the **Homelessness Committee** will be held on Wednesday, April 20, 2022, at 10 a.m. via Zoom webinar.

The next meeting of the **Executive Committee** will be held on Monday, February 28, 2022 at 4:30 p.m. via Zoom webinar.

10. ADJOURN - The meeting was adjourned at 11:31 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Nelson
CVAG Executive Assistant/Clerk