

## 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  
City of Cathedral City  
City of Coachella  
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

Councilmember John Preckwinkle III *(Left during Item 6C)*  
Councilmember Mark Carnevale  
Councilmember Denise Delgado *(Arrived at Item 6A)*  
Board member Carole Rogers, RN  
Councilmember Roger Nunez  
Councilmember Kimberly Muzik  
Mayor Waymond Fermon  
Councilmember John Peña, Vice Chair *(Via phone)*  
Mayor Pro Tem Sabby Jonathan  
Councilmember Christy Holstege  
Mayor Pro Tem Charles Townsend

#### **Ex-Officio Members Present**

Shelter from the Storm  
Martha's Village and Kitchen

Angelina Coe  
Linda Barrack

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

City of Blythe  
Coachella Valley Housing Coalition  
Coachella Valley Rescue Mission  
Riverside County – District 4

Councilmember Johnny Rodriguez  
Pedro S.G. Rodriguez  
Darla Burkett  
Supervisor V. Manuel Perez

#### **Others Present**

CVAG

Tom Kirk  
Erica Felci  
Jennifer Nelson  
Anyse Smith  
Peter Satin  
Ivan Tenorio  
Greg Rodriguez  
Heather Vaikona  
Margaret Park  
Donna Craig  
Heather Horning

CVAG/ Riverside County  
Lift to Rise  
Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians  
Desert Healthcare District/ Foundation  
City of Palm Desert

City of La Quinta  
City of La Quinta  
City of La Quinta  
Riverside County  
Bridges of Hope  
Individuals

Jeremy Griffin  
Doug Kinley  
Gil Villalpando  
Mark Lancaster  
Shawn Hough  
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.**

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

**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