

ITEM 5A

**Homelessness Committee
Meeting Minutes
June 16, 2021**



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

- 1. CALL TO ORDER** - The June 16, 2021 meeting was called to order by Homelessness Committee Chair Christy Holstege, City of Palm Springs, at 10 a.m. on Zoom videoconference, pursuant to Gov. Newsom's executive order governing how public meetings are held during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- 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 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
Riverside County – District 4
Desert Healthcare District
Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians

Councilmember Johnny Rodriguez
Councilmember Mark Carnevale
Councilmember Jan Pye
Councilmember Kimberly Muzik
Mayor Pro Tem Waymond Fermon
Councilmember John Peña, Vice Chair
Mayor Pro Tem Jan Harnik
Mayor Christy Holstege
Mayor Pro Tem Charles Townsend
Assistant Director Carrie Harmon
Board member Carole Rogers, RN
Councilmember John Preckwinkle III (Arrived in 6A)

Ex-Officio Members Present

Shelter from the Storm
Home Aid Inland Empire

Angelina Coe
Julie Reay

Members and Ex-Officios Not Present

City of Coachella
Coachella Valley Housing Coalition
Coachella Valley Rescue Mission
Martha's Village and Kitchen

Mayor Pro Tem Josie Gonzales
Alice Salinas
Darla Burkett
Linda Barrack

Others Present

CVAG

Tom Kirk
Erica Felci
Joanna Stueckle
Tom Cox
Oscar Vizcarra
Ivan Tenorio

CVAG	Stephanie Shambow Mike Gladish Beverly Newton Greg Rodriguez Mayor Linda Evans Doug Kinley Donna Craig Tony Mize AJ Galka-Gonyeau Taylor Libolt Varner Kimberly McKinney Christine Castro Myrel Cabezon Reyna Camarena Mark McGowan Pedro Rodriguez Becky Ruiz Diane Vines Bruce Yeager One other joined video conference without full name listed
CVAG/ Riverside County City of La Quinta	
Desert Healthcare District/ Foundation National Core	
Lift to Rise	
CVRM	
Riverside County Probation Individuals	

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

None.

4. CHAIR / COMMITTEE MEMBER/CVAG STAFF COMMENTS

Councilmember Kimberly Muzik thanked the CVAG Executive Director and staff for the informative presentation recently provided to the Indian Wells City Council.

Mayor Pro Tem Waymond Fermon expressed appreciation to CVAG and other providers of homeless services and noted the collaboration in the community.

Erica Felci announced the upcoming General Assembly meeting.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

**IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR PRO TEM FERMON AND SECONDED BY
COUNCILMEMBER PENA TO:**

A. Approve the May 19, 2021 Homelessness Committee Meeting Minutes

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 10 AYES, 1 ABSTENTION AND 2 MEMBERS ABSENT.

Councilmember Johnny Rodriguez	AYE
Councilmember Mark Carnevale	AYE
Mayor Pro Tem Josie Gonzalez	ABSENT
Councilmember Jan Pye	AYE

Councilmember Kimberly Muzik	AYE
Mayor Pro Tem Waymond Fermon	AYE
Councilmember John Peña	AYE
Mayor Pro Tem Jan Harnik	ABSTAIN
Mayor Christy Holstege	AYE
Mayor Pro Tem Charles Townsend	AYE
Assistant Director Carrie Harmon	AYE
Director Carole Rogers	AYE
Councilmember John Preckwinkle III	ABSENT

6. DISCUSSION / ACTION

A. CV Housing First: Update on 2021 Progress

Ms. Felci and Tom Cox provided an introduction to the item, which included video vignettes of CV 200 clients who have been helped by the program. Chair Holstege expressed appreciation to the staff and the member support. Member discussion ensued, and Mr. Cox answered questions about the program.

No action was taken as this was an informational item.

B. CV Housing First's Use of the Palm Springs Boxing Club

Greg Rodriguez provided an update on the status of the Boxing Club and the likelihood that CVAG will be able to continue to use the building on a month-to-month basis.

IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR PRO TEM HARNIK AND SECONDED BY DIRECTOR ROGERS TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE A NO-COST LEASE EXTENSION WITH THE CITY OF PALM SPRINGS FOR THE PALM SPRINGS BOX CLUB FOR USE BY THE CV HOUSING FIRST PROGRAM

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 12 AYES AND 1 MEMBER ABSENT.

Councilmember Johnny Rodriguez	AYE
Councilmember Mark Carnevale	AYE
Mayor Pro Tem Josie Gonzalez	ABSENT
Councilmember Jan Pye	AYE
Councilmember Kimberly Muzik	AYE
Mayor Pro Tem Waymond Fermon	AYE
Councilmember John Peña	AYE
Mayor Pro Tem Jan Harnik	AYE
Mayor Christy Holstege	AYE
Mayor Pro Tem Charles Townsend	AYE
Assistant Director Carrie Harmon	AYE
Director Carole Rogers	AYE
Councilmember John Preckwinkle III	AYE

C. Funding Agreements for the CV Housing First Program

Ms. Felci presented the staff report, which included a plan to move to multi-year funding agreements. The Committee applauded the news from Councilmember Muzik,

who noted that the City of Indian Wells had joined the other cities in funding the program this year.

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER PENA AND SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO TEM HARNIK TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE MEMOANDUMS OF UNDERSTANDING WITH MEMBER JURISDICTIONS TO SECURE MULTI-YEAR FUNDING COMMITMENTS FOR THE CV HOUSING FIRST PROGRAM.

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 12 AYES AND 1 MEMBER ABSENT.

Councilmember Johnny Rodriguez	AYE
Councilmember Mark Carnevale	AYE
Mayor Pro Tem Josie Gonzalez	ABSENT
Councilmember Jan Pye	AYE
Councilmember Kimberly Muzik	AYE
Mayor Pro Tem Waymond Fermon	AYE
Councilmember John Peña	AYE
Mayor Pro Tem Jan Harnik	AYE
Mayor Christy Holstege	AYE
Mayor Pro Tem Charles Townsend	AYE
Assistant Director Carrie Harmon	AYE
Director Carole Rogers	AYE
Councilmember John Preckwinkle III	AYE

D. Summer Cooling Centers

Mr. Rodriguez provided an update on Riverside County's efforts to operate cooling centers in the western part of the Coachella Valley this summer, and explained that a partnership was being considered with Martha's Village and Kitchen to operate them. Member discussion ensued, with members highlighting other services available during the summer months.

There was no action as this was an informational item.

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

A. Attendance Record

B. Ex-Officio Updates

None were presented during the meeting.

C. Financial Support for CV Housing First

D. Member Survey on CVAG Meetings in a Post-COVID Environment

E. Meeting Schedule for Fiscal Year 2021/2022

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Tony Mize, of National Core, provided an update of the 224-unit Cathedral Palms development.

AJ Galka-Gonyeau, also of National Core, elaborated on the partnerships that were created to implement the project.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Meetings:

The next meeting of the **Homelessness Committee** will be held on Wednesday, September 15, 2021, at 10 a.m. either via Zoom webinar or in-person.

The next meeting of the **Executive Committee** will be held on Monday, June 28, 2021, with closed session at 4 p.m. and regular session at 4:30 p.m. via Zoom webinar.

The next meeting of the **General Assembly** will be held on Monday, June 28, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom webinar.

10. ADJOURN - The meeting was adjourned at 10:43 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Erica Felci
CVAG Assistant Executive Director