

HUMAN & COMMUNITY RESOURCES COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

January 20, 2010

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Coachella Valley Association of Governments' (CVAG) Human & Community Resources Committee (HCRC) meeting was called to order on Wednesday, January 20, 2010 at 12:05 p.m. by Chairwoman Jean Benson, Councilmember, City of Palm Desert, at CVAG offices, 73-710 Fred Waring Drive, Conference Room 119, Palm Desert, California 92260-2516.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairwoman Jean Benson, Councilmember, City of Palm Desert, led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

A roll call was conducted and it was determined that a quorum was present.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Councilmember Paul Marchand
Councilmember Karl Baker (Alt.)
Councilmember Doug Hanson
Councilmember Lupe Ramos Watson
Mayor Pro Tem Kristy Franklin (*Vice Chair*)
Councilmember Jean Benson (*Chair*)
Councilmember Ginny Foat
Councilmember Dana Hobart (Alt.)
Leticia De Lara, Legislative Assistant

AGENCY

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
County of Riverside

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Councilmember Emmanuel Martinez

AGENCY

City of Coachella

MEMBER SEATS VACANT - NOT COUNTED FOR QUORUM

Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians
Cabazon Band of Mission Indians
City of Blythe

OTHERS PRESENT

Ariana Benitez
Eric Ceja, Assistant Planner
Jeff Cherry, Assistant Planner
Anna Grandy, Chief Deputy City Clerk
Silvia Gutierrez, Associate Planner
Allen Howe, Asst. to the City Manager
Lee Husfeldt, Dir. of Neighborhood Community Relations
Josefat Mendoza
Edward Robertson, Principal Planner
Ryan Stendell

AGENCY

US Census
City of La Quinta
City of Rancho Mirage
City of Indian Wells
City of Indio
City of Cathedral City
City of Palm Springs
US Census
City of Palm Springs
City of Palm Desert

CVAG STAFF PRESENT

Aurora Wilson, Community Resources Director
Amanda Keil, Management Analyst
Valarie Franklin, Program Assistant

4. FINALIZATION OF AGENDA & ADDITIONS AND REVISIONS

Prior to the 72-hour Brown Act requirement, the addition of item 11A “RESOLUTION TO DESIGNATE MARCH 2010 AS CENSUS MONTH” was made to the agenda.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

6. HUMAN & COMMUNITY RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEMBER AND DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Councilmember Ginny Foat, City of Palm Springs, requested that staff provide name plates for the HCR Committee members at the next meeting.

Councilmember Dana Hobart, City of Rancho Mirage, thanked everyone for their condolences regarding Alan Seman.

Chairwoman Benson welcomed Councilmember Doug Hanson, City of Indian Wells, to the Committee.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

A letter to California Department of Education regarding funds for child care was included in the agenda packet.

8. MEETING MINUTES

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER PAUL MARCHAND, CITY OF CATHEDRAL CITY, AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER GINNY FOAT, CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, TO APPROVE THE NOVEMBER 18, 2009 HUMAN AND COMMUNITY RESOURCES COMMITTEE. THE CITIES OF INDIAN WELLS AND RANCHO MIRAGE ABSTAINED. THE MOTION CARRIED.

9. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR FOR REMAINDER OF FY 2009/2010

Mayor Pro Tem Patrick Mullany, City of Indian Wells, currently holds the position of Vice Chair. As a result of the City's recent committee assignments, Mayor Pro Tem Mullany's seat is now being filled by Councilmember Doug Hanson. A new Vice Chair needs to be elected to finish out the current fiscal year.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER PAUL MARCHAND, CITY OF CATHEDRAL CITY, AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER GINNY FOAT, CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, TO ELECT MAYOR PRO TEM KRISTY FRANKLIN, CITY OF LA QUINTA AS THE HUMAN AND COMMUNITY RESOURCE COMMITTEE VICE CHAIR FOR THE REMAINDER OF FISCAL YEAR 2009/2010. THE MOTION CARRIED.

10. INFORMATION ITEMS

10A. COACHELLA VALLEY HEALTH COLLABORATIVE (CVHC)

A written report provided by Project Director Gary Jeandron was included in the agenda packet.

10B. COACHELLA VALLEY REGIONAL HOUSING TRUST

Fred Bell, Chairman provided a brief report.

Councilmember Foat asked if the Strategy Session on January 28th could be video or audio recorded, as she is unable to attend.

Councilmember Marchand offered to contact Cathedral City High School to see if they could record this.

10C. COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE ROSTER

The attendance roster was included in the agenda packet.

10D. COMMITTEE GOALS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009/2010

Goal #1	Serve as a conduit for information related to all health and social service needs as well as issues associated with the current economic crisis. E.g., foreclosure assistance and unemployment rates, and take positive action, as deemed.
Goal #2	Given that Riverside County ranks 58 out of 58 California counties for lack of child care spaces, and whereas action from the HCR Committee two years ago to the Board of Supervisors resulted in the County amending its General Plan to recognize and add child care as an element—the HCR Committee shall serve as a conduit for information associated with child care and take positive action, as deemed necessary.
Goal #3	In as much as the following projects and/or programs were created through the efforts of the HCR Committee: the Coachella Valley Health Collaborative; Workforce Housing Trust; and, the Homelessness Committee—these items will be standing agenda items in order to keep the Committee informed.

11. EASTERN RIVERSIDE COUNTY COMPLETE COUNT COMMITTEE

Reports were presented by the US Census staff and “Census Liaisons” for their respective jurisdictions.

11A. RESOLUTION TO DESIGNATE MARCH 2010 AS CENSUS MONTH

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER GINNY FOAT, CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER PAUL MARCHAND, CITY OF CATHEDRAL CITY, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 10-003 DESIGNATING MARCH 2010 AS CENSUS MONTH.

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting of the HCR Committee is scheduled for 12 noon on Wednesday, February 17, 2010 at the CVAG Offices, 73-710 Fred Waring Drive, Conference Room 119, Palm Desert.

13. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting of the Human & Community Resources Committee was adjourned at 1:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Valarie Franklin

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