

# HUMAN & COMMUNITY RESOURCES COMMITTEE

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING

### November 18, 2009

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

The Coachella Valley Association of Governments' (CVAG) Human & Community Resources Committee (HCRC) meeting was called to order on Wednesday, November 18, 2009 at 12:16 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 TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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 Emmanuel Martinez  
Mayor Pro Tem Karl Baker  
Councilmember Patrick Mullany (*Vice Chair*)  
Councilmember Lupe Ramos Watson  
Councilmember Kristy Franklin  
Councilmember Jean Benson (*Chair*)  
Councilmember Ginny Foat  
Leticia De Lara, Legislative Assistant

#### AGENCY

City of Cathedral City  
City of Coachella  
City of Desert Hot Springs  
City of Indian Wells  
City of Indio  
City of La Quinta  
City of Palm Desert  
City of Palm Springs  
County of Riverside

#### MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Mayor Pro Tem Alan Seman

#### AGENCY

City of Rancho Mirage

#### MEMBER SEATS VACANT - NOT COUNTED FOR QUORUM

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

#### OTHERS PRESENT

Patricia Berry  
Deborah Clark Crews, Executive Director  
Dale Cook, Community Development Admin  
Amalia Deaztlan

#### AGENCY

AGAPE Soldiers of Life & Light  
County Child Care Consortium  
City of Palm Springs  
U.S. Census

**OTHERS PRESENT cond't**

Silvia Gutierrez, Associate Planner  
Ryan Stendell  
Elizabeth Toledo, Fourth District Office

**AGENCY**

City of Indio  
City of Palm Desert  
Board of Supervisors

**CVAG STAFF PRESENT**

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

4. **FINALIZATION OF AGENDA & ADDITIONS AND REVISIONS** – None

5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Patricia Berry, AGAPE Soldiers of Life & Light, spoke on veteran issues.

6. **HUMAN & COMMUNITY RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEMBER AND DIRECTOR COMMENTS**

Councilmember Mullany announced that Mayor Pro Tem Seman is in the hospital and has been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer.

7. **CORRESPONDENCE** – None

8. **MEETING MINUTES**

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER PAUL MARCHAND, CITY OF CATHEDRAL CITY, AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER KRISTY FRANKLIN, CITY OF LA QUINTA, TO APPROVE THE HUMAN AND COMMUNITY RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 21, 2009. THE MOTION CARRIED.**

9. **LOCAL PLANNING COUNCIL ZIP CODE REPORT ON CHILD CARE SERVICES**

Deborah Clark Crews, Executive Director of the Riverside County Child Care Consortium presented the annual Local Planning Council's County Zip Code Priorities Report regarding child care needs.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER GINNY FOAT, CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER PAUL MARCHAND, CITY OF CATHEDRAL CITY, TO DIRECT STAFF TO DRAFT A LETTER TO THE CALIFORNIA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION URGING FULL FUNDING FOR CHILD CARE NEEDS. THE MOTION CARRIED.**

Aurora Wilson suggested having Estella Briceno, Child Care Coordinator for the Consortium; make a presentation at the Committee's January 20<sup>th</sup> meeting, regarding the child care needs specific to the Coachella Valley.

**10. INFORMATION ITEMS**

**10A. COACHELLA VALLEY HEALTH COLLABORATIVE (CVHC)**

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

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER PAUL MARCHAND, CITY OF CATHEDRAL CITY, AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER EMMANUEL MARTINEZ, CITY OF COACHELLA, TO RECEIVE AND FILE REPORT. THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**10B. COACHELLA VALLEY REGIONAL HOUSING TRUST**

Amanda Keil verbally reported on the Housing Trust's Technical Advisory Committee's first meeting on November 12, 2009.

**10C. 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.

**10C. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

CVAG Committees are dark in December so the next regular meeting of the HCR Committee is scheduled for 12:00 noon on Wednesday, January 20, 2010 at the CVAG offices, 73-710 Fred Waring Drive, Suite 119, Palm Desert, California.

There was discussion regarding cancelling the January 20<sup>th</sup> HCRC meeting; combining it with the Homelessness Committee meeting at 9:00 a.m. on the 20<sup>th</sup>; or holding a regular meeting. Chairwoman Benson said that it would be left up to staff to work out the agendas for the two meetings.

**11. EASTERN RIVERSIDE COUNTY COMPLETE COUNT COMMITTEE**

Verbal reports were made by Amalia Deaztlan, U.S. Census; Ryan Stendell, City of Palm Desert; Elizabeth Toledo, County of Riverside and Silvia Gutierrez, City of Indio.

Mrs. Wilson commented that the city staff liaisons should be in attendance to these meetings each month. Reminder notices will be sent to city staffers to provide updates to Committee at its January 20<sup>th</sup> meeting this Committee.

**12. 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, Program Assistant  
Department of Community Resources (DCR)  
COACHELLA VALLEY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS