

Item 5A

**Homelessness Committee
Special Meeting Minutes
August 5, 2020**



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

1. **CALL TO ORDER** - The August 5, 2020 meeting was called to order by Homelessness Committee Chair Christy Holstege, City of Palm Springs, at 10:00 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	Councilmember Johnny Rodriguez
City of Cathedral City	Councilmember Mark Carnevale
City of Desert Hot Springs	Councilmember Jan Pye
City of Indian Wells	Councilmember Kimberly Muzik
City of Indio	Councilmember Waymond Fermon
City of La Quinta	Mayor Pro Tem John Peña, Vice Chair
City of Palm Desert	Councilmember Sabby Jonathan
City of Palm Springs	Mayor Pro Tem Christy Holstege, Chair
City of Rancho Mirage	Councilmember Charles Townsend
Riverside County	Carrie Harmon, Assistant Director
Desert Healthcare District	Board Director Carole Rogers, RN

Ex-Officio Members Present

Martha's Village & Kitchen	Linda Barrack
Home Aid Inland Empire	Julie Reay
Shelter from the Storm	Angelina Coe

Members & Ex-Officios Not Present

City of Coachella	Councilmember Josie Gonzalez
Coachella Valley Housing Coalition	Alice Salinas
Coachella Valley Rescue Mission	Darla Burkett

Others Present

CVAG	Tom Kirk
	Tom Cox
	Libby Carlson
	Erica Felci
	Joanna Stueckle
CVAG/ Riverside County	Greg Rodriguez

CCSB	Jessica Meza
City of Cathedral City	Charles McClendon
City of Coachella	Councilmember Megan Beaman Jacinto
City of Desert Hot Springs	Councilmember Russell Betts
City of La Quinta	Mayor Linda Evans
City of Palm Desert	Chris Gerry
City of Palm Springs	Jay Virata
Desert Healthcare District	Dr. Conrado Barzaga
Food Now	Dana Johnson
Jewish Family Services	Becky Ruiz
Molina Healthcare	Jacqueline Portilla
National Core	Tony Mize
Operation Safe House	James Bolas
Path of Life Ministries	Casey Jackson
HHPWS	Tanya Torno
Palm Springs Unified School District	Deanna Bretado-Chavez
RUHS-Behavioral Health	Marcus Cannon
Riverside County Probation Department	Shelley Vedrode
	Cristine Castro
Riverside County Housing Authority	Heidi Marshall
	Marcus Dillard
Shea's Veteran Center	Michael Walsh
	Walker Beverly
Unidentified Attendees	3 by phone

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

None.

4. CHAIR / COMMITTEE MEMBER/CVAG STAFF COMMENTS

Tom Cox provided an update about the work being done to address homelessness across the valley, including a collaboration with the City of Coachella and Councilmember Gonzalez to use a DUI Trailer as a Mobile Access Center for homeless individuals to access services. Mr. Cox also provided an update about the CV 100 outreach.

Chair Holstege thanked the Committee members for attending this special meeting to provide input and feedback to the County and Palm Springs for the Project HomeKey Program.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER TOWNSEND AND SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO TEM PENA TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR ITEM:

A. Approve the July 15, 2020 Homelessness Committee Meeting Minutes

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 11 AYES AND ONE MEMBER ABSENT.

Councilmember Johnny Rodriguez	AYE
Councilmember Mark Carnevale	AYE
Councilmember Josie Gonzalez	ABSENT
Councilmember Jan Pye	AYE
Councilmember Kimberly Muzik	AYE
Councilmember Waymond Fermon	AYE

Mayor Pro Tem John Peña	AYE
Councilmember Sabby Jonathan	AYE
Mayor Pro Tem Christy Holstege	AYE
Councilmember Charles Townsend	AYE
Director Carole Rogers	AYE
Assistant Director Carrie Harmon	AYE

6. DISCUSSION / ACTION

A. Update on Project Home Key

Greg Rodriguez provided a presentation on the Project HomeKey proposal from Riverside County, which if funded would allow the County to acquire a hotel site in Palm Springs for permanent support housing units. Discussion ensued, and members indicated a consensus for the concept. Chair Holstege said the feedback would be shared with the Palm Springs Council during the City’s special meeting on the topic. Members discussed how to memorialize valleywide support, as the CVAG Executive Committee would not be meeting before the grant deadline.

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER JONATHAN AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER TOWNSEND TO HAVE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND COMMITTEE CHAIR WORK ON A LETTER OF SUPPORT FROM THE HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE THAT COULD BE SUBMITTED TO THE STATE WITH THE COUNTY’S PROJECT HOMEKEY PROPOSAL.

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 11 AYES AND ONE MEMBER ABSENT.

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

7. INFORMATION – The following items were provided for the Committee’s information:

A. Attendance Record

B. Ex-Officio Updates

Angelina Coe, Shelter from the Storm Executive Director, reported that the shelter is open with modified services amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

Tanya Torno, Riverside County Housing, Homeless Prevention, and Workforce Solutions, Principal Development Specialist, thanked all involved with Project Room Key.

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS – The following CVAG meetings will be held via Zoom:

Homelessness Committee – Wednesday, September 16 at 10 a.m.

Executive Committee – Monday, September 28 at 4:30 p.m.

10. ADJOURN - The meeting was adjourned at 10:54 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Cox
CVAG Management Analyst