

ITEM 5A

**Homelessness Committee
Meeting Minutes
November 18, 2020**



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

1. **CALL TO ORDER** - The November 18, 2020 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 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 Rodriquez
City of Cathedral City	Councilmember Ernesto Gutierrez
City of Coachella	Councilmember Josie Gonzalez (<i>arrived in 6B</i>)
City of Desert Hot Springs	Councilmember Jan Pye
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- District 4	Assistant Director Carrie Harmon
Desert Healthcare District	Board Director Carole Rogers, RN

Ex-Officio Members Present

Coachella Valley Housing Coalition	Alice Salinas
Coachella Valley Rescue Mission	Darla Burkett
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 Indian Wells	Councilmember Kimberly Muzik
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Others Present

CVAG	Tom Kirk
	Erica Felci
	Libby Carlson
	Tom Cox
	Oscar Vizcarra

CVAG/ Riverside County	Greg Rodriguez
City of Coachella	Councilmember Megan Beaman Jacinto
City of La Quinta	Mayor Linda Evans
	Doug Kinley
City of Palm Springs	Jay Virata
City of Rancho Mirage	Mayor Pro Tem Ted Weill
	Marcus Aleman
Coachella Valley Rescue Mission	Kimberly McKinney
CSUSB	Diane Vines
Desert Healthcare District	Dr. Conrado Barzaga
	Donna Craig
HHPWS	Tanya Torno
Jewish Family Services	Becky Ruiz
	Candice Graff
Lift to Rise	Taylor Libolt Varner
Palm Communities	Sydney Weisman
Path of Life Ministries	Casey Jackson
RUHS-Behavioral Health	Marcus Cannon
Riverside County Probation Department	Cristine Castro
Riverside County Housing Authority	Heidi Marshall
	Marcus Dillard
Individuals	Clark Staihle
	Claudia Tatham
	Deanna Betado Chavez
	Erica Huskey
	Elizabeth Tamayo
	Kristen Nelson
	Three others by phone

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

No written public comments were submitted. Taylor Libolt Varner, of Lift to Rise, provided input on agenda item 6C and Lift's involvement in the potential REAP proposals.

4. CHAIR / COMMITTEE MEMBER/CVAG STAFF COMMENTS

None.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR PRO TEM PENA AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMEBR JONATHAN TO:

A. Approve the September 16, 2020 Homelessness Committee Special Meeting Minutes

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 10 AYES AND 2 MEMBERS ABSENT.

Councilmember Johnny Rodriguez	AYE
Councilmember Ernesto Gutierrez	AYE
Councilmember Josie Gonzalez	ABSENT

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

6. DISCUSSION / ACTION

A. Transition of CV Housing First Operations – Tom Cox

Tom Cox provided an update on CV Housing First Program and the transition of services from Path of Life Ministries to an in-house program. Member discussion ensued.

There was no vote taken as this was an informational item.

B. Efforts to Build a Coachella Valley Collaborative – Greg Rodriquez

Greg Rodriquez provided an update on the process of building a collaborative in the Coachella Valley, including an update on the discussions with the CV HEART ad hoc committee. Heidi Marshall, with the Riverside County Housing Authority, then provided an update on some of the countywide efforts that reflect regional collaboration.

Member discussion ensued.

IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR PRO TEM PENA AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMEBR JONATHAN TO HAVE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO TAKE NECESSARY STEPS TO DISCONTINUE EFFORTS TO CREATE A FORMAL COLLABORATIVE AND TO INSTEAD SUPPORT REGIONAL EFFORTS BEING PURSUED BY RIVERSIDE COUNTY AND THE CONTINUUM OF CARE:

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 11 AYES AND 1 MEMBERS ABSENT.

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

C. SCAG'S Regional Early Action Planning Funding Available for Subregional Partnerships –Libby Carlson

Libby Carlson presented the staff report and an update on CVAG's plan to secure REAP funding for the Coachella Valley.

Members discussion ensued. Committee members were encouraged to send any additional feedback to CVAG staff for consideration.

There was no vote taken.

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

Julie Reay, Home Aid, provided an update on the Cathedral Palms renovations and the "Seats and Feet" Campaign.

Dr. Conrado Barzaga, Desert Healthcare District, provided an update on the collective that deals with Homeless Prevention and Affordable Housing.

Tanya Torno, HHPWS, provided information on the Point-In-Time Count, updated members on the response to COVID-19 pandemic, and previewed the upcoming Riverside County Continuum of Care Meeting, which will be held December 9, 2020.

Marcus Cannon, RUHS Behavioral Health, gave an update on the Coordinated Entry System.

C. Update on Project Homekey

D. Update on Project Roomkey

E. Funding Agreement with City of Cathedral City

F. Monthly Update from Path of Life

Councilmember Jonathan asked that CVAG staff include a financial update as part of the informational items on future agendas.

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Zoom Meetings:

Executive Committee – Monday, December 7, 2020 at 4:30 p.m.

Homelessness Committee – Wednesday, January 20, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

10. ADJOURN - The meeting was adjourned at 11:22 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Cox

CVAG Management Analyst