

ITEM 6A

Homelessness Committee Meeting Minutes May 21, 2025



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

1. **CALL TO ORDER** - The meeting was called to order by Chair John Peña, City of La Quinta, at 10:01 a.m. at the CVAG conference room, 73-710 Fred Waring Drive, Suite 104, in Palm Desert.
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
Desert Healthcare District
City of Desert Hot Springs
City of Indian Wells
City of Indio
City of La Quinta
City of Palm Desert
City of Rancho Mirage
Riverside County – District 4

Vice Mayor Johnny Rodriguez
Councilmember Mark Carnevale
Director Carole Rogers, RN
Councilmember Jan Pye
Councilmember Toper Taylor*
Councilmember Waymond Fermon, *Vice Chair***
Councilmember John Peña, *Chair*
Councilmember Joe Pradetto
Mayor Pro Tem Lynn Mallotto
Deputy Director Greg Rodriguez

**arrived at item 5*

***left after at item 7B*

Ex-Officios Present

Shelter from the Storm

Angelina Coe

Members and Ex-Officios Not Present

City of Coachella
City of Palm Springs
Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians
Coachella Valley Housing Coalition
Martha's Village and Kitchen
Coachella Valley Rescue Mission

Councilmember Yadira Perez
Mayor Ron deHarte
Tribal Chair Joseph Mirelez
Pedro S.G. Rodriguez
Samuel Hollenbeck
Darla Burkett

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chair Peña led the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS**

Alena Callimanis, resident of La Quinta, joined the Committee via Zoom, and shared her concerns regarding the Point-In-Time (PIT) counts in Indio. She expressed concern that the

reported numbers may not accurately reflect the scope of homelessness in the area and recommended conducting multiple counts throughout the day.

5. CHAIR / COMMITTEE MEMBER/CVAG STAFF COMMENTS

Cathedral City Councilmember Mark Carnevale shared information about a cooling center that has opened in Cathedral City for the summer months, offering residents relief from extreme heat.

Chief Operating Officer Erica Felci announced that the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) presented at the last committee meeting is now under review at the city council levels. She will be attending council meetings to be available to answer any of the council's questions.

Ms. Felci reminded the committee that the General Assembly is approaching and shared key details about the June 30 event.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER FERMON AND SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO TEM MALLOTTO TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Approve the minutes of the April 16, 2025, meeting of the Homelessness Committee

THE MOTION TO CARRIED WITH 10 AYES AND 3 MEMBERS ABSENT

VICE MAYOR RODRIGUEZ	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER CARNEVALE	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER PEREZ	ABSENT
DIRECTOR ROGERS	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER PYE	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER TAYLOR	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER FERMON	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER PEÑA	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER PRADETTO	AYE
MAYOR DEHARTE	ABSENT
MAYOR PRO TEM MALLOTTO	AYE
DEPUTY DIRECTOR RODRIGUEZ	AYE
TRIBAL CHAIR MIRELEZ	ABSENT

6.1 ITEMS HELD OVER FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

None

7. DISCUSSION / ACTION

A. Annual Point-in-Time Count of Homeless Individuals

Greg Rodriguez, Riverside County Housing and Workforce Solutions' Deputy Director for Government Affairs and Community Engagement, provided a PowerPoint presentation highlighting findings in this year's Point in Time (PIT) count data.

Robust member discussion ensued with Mr. Rodriguez answering questions from the committee regarding the data results.

Ms. Callismanis, a resident of La Quinta, rejoined the meeting via Zoom and addressed additional concerns related to the Point-in-Time (PIT) count.

No action was taken as this was an informational item.

B. Lift to Rise Action Plan Update

Ian Gabriel, Lift to Rise Director of Collective Impact, provided a detailed PowerPoint presentation of the organization's Action Plan, including State and Federal advocacy they have been working on.

Member discussion with Mr. Gabriel answering questions from the Committee regarding Lift's mission, how it supports affordable housing options and funding plans.

No action was taken as this was an informational item.

C. Resuming CV Housing First in the City of Desert Hot Springs

Ms. Felci presented the staff report.

IT WAS MOVED BY DEPUTY DIRECTOR RODRIGUEZ AND SECONDED BY DIRECTOR ROGERS TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO REESTABLISH CV HOUSING FIRST SERVICES IN THE CITY OF DESERT HOT SPRINGS AND INCORPORATE ADDITIONAL CLIENTS FROM THE CITY TO THE CV 225 LIST

THE MOTION TO CARRIED WITH 8 AYES, 1 NAY AND 4 MEMBERS ABSENT

VICE MAYOR RODRIGUEZ	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER CARNEVALE	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER PEREZ	ABSENT
DIRECTOR ROGERS	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER PYE	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER TAYLOR	NAY
COUNCILMEMBER FERMON	ABSENT
COUNCILMEMBER PEÑA	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER PRADETTO	AYE
MAYOR DEHARTE	ABSENT
MAYOR PRO TEM MALLOTTO	AYE
DEPUTY DIRECTOR RODRIGUEZ	AYE
TRIBAL CHAIR MIRELEZ	ABSENT

8. INFORMATION

A. Attendance Record

B. Updates from Ex Officio Members

Shelter from the Storm Executive Director Angelina Coe announced their Spring Fundraiser 4x4x48 run/walk/ event starting May 31st hosted and sponsored by FitIn42. Sign-up and donations can be made at www.shelterfromthestorm.com

9. **PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

None

10. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next meeting of the **Homelessness Committee** will be held on Wednesday, June 18, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. at the CVAG conference room, 73-710 Fred Waring Drive, Suite 104, Palm Desert, 92260.

The next meeting of the **Executive Committee** will be held on Monday, June 2nd, 2025, at 4:30 p.m. at the CVAG conference room, 73-710 Fred Waring Drive, Suite 104, Palm Desert, 92260.

The next meeting of the **General Assembly** will be held on Monday, June 30, 2025, at 6 p.m. at the Westin Rancho Mirage Golf Resort & Spa, 71333 Dinah Shore Dr, Rancho Mirage, 92270. Additional event information to be announced soon.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Councilmember Peña adjourned the meeting at 11:06 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elysia Regalado
CVAG Management Analyst