



P.O. Box 3694, Landers, CA

AGENDA: April 15, 2019 MEETING

3:00 p.m. at Yucca Mesa Community Center, 3133 Balsa Ave.

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Roll Call/Delegate List

Approve Agenda

Approve Minutes of March meeting included in agenda packet.

Treasurer's Report: Floy Creveling

1. **Guest Comments** on items not on the agenda
2. **SB County Fire Dept** - Chief Scott Tuttle
3. **SB County Sheriffs Dept** - Capt. Trevis Newport
4. **State Senator Shannon Grove 16th District** – Field Representative Dominic Heiden
5. **Supervisor Dawn Rowe SB County 3rd District** – Field Representative Mark Lundquist
6. **SB County Fire Tax Update** – Red Brennan Group Tom Murphy
7. **SB County Department of Behavioral Health; Community Crisis Response Team Morongo Basin** - Kelly Hake, AMFT - Clinical Therapist I
8. **New HVCC Website Proposal** - update
9. **Committees:**
 - Standing:* Public Outreach (Betty Munson)
 - Ad Hoc:* Scenic Highway 247 (Betty Munson)
10. **President's Report**
11. **Community Reports List – Announcements**
12. **Review Action Items From This Meeting**

Next HVCC meeting: Monday, May 13, 3:00 pm

Landers Belfield Hall, 58380 Reche Rd.

Adjourn

HVCC DELEGATES / COMMITTEE LIST

January 2019

OFFICERS

President: Jim Harvey

Vice President: Rick Sayers

Secretary: Betty Munson

Treasurer: Floy Creveling

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Members appointed by the 4 HVCC Organizations, residing in the community they represent.

Up to 3 voting members from each community, plus alternate to vote in case of an absence.

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STANDING COMMITTEE

Community Outreach: Chairperson: Betty Munson

Jim Hanley, Rick Sayers

AD HOC COMMITTEE

Scenic 247 Committee: Chairperson: Betty Munson

Phillip Brown, Barbara Harris, Jim Harvey, Sarah Kennington, Sara Fairchild

Committee members not required to be members of the Council

MINUTES MARCH 18, 2019 MEETING

3:00 p.m. at Flamingo Heights Community Center

Guests: Jim Schooler, Yucca Valley Town Council; Dominic Heiden, Field Rep for State Senator Grove; Sarah Kennington, Morongo Basin Conservation Assn; Mary Coulombe, Gary Creveling, Landers; Court Prittie, Johnson Valley; Steve Berg,

Flag Salute at 3:00 p.m.

Roll Call/Delegate List: Present: Dorothy Beasley, Adrienne Bishop. Floy Creveling, Jim Hanley, Jim Harvey, Betty Munson, Rick Sayers, Roxanna Shamay

Agenda Approved with changes and addition

Minutes of FEBRUARY meeting - Approved with typo to be corrected

Treasurer's Report: Floy Creveling - Approved

1. Guest Comments - none

2. SB County Fire Dept - Chief Scott Tuttle - Unable to attend

3. SB County Sheriffs Dept - Lt. Lucas Niles

The department now coming back online from a catastrophic computer failure, so no stats available to report.

Marijuana team came to visit ten homes in Morongo Basin, only had time for six. Six individuals now in jail, outside developers, not locals. Team to return after scheduled visits. Legal: six plants per person over 18 can be grown in a residence, any resident over 18 in that domicile can grow six. Exceptions: special permit to grow 12 for medical use.

Black market exists to avoid tax. Two arrests were tied to dispensaries, but are avoiding tax if not grown in the dispensary.

Q. Billy Mitchell last month was going to ask the Rural Crimes Task Force to speak at HVCC; Niles will call them.

Q. Mitchell also requested night patrols in Johnson Valley to prevent burglaries of vacant homes. Niles said Citizens on Patrol now one basin-wide unit; more patrols in each community. Will check about more night patrols.

Discussion: automatic license plate readers recently identified a chronic local car thief with three stolen vehicles. Also, the search areas for two missing persons was much reduced because they had passed the reader. Both were suicides, about a week apart, found by Sheriffs Aviation deep in Joshua Tree National Park.

added: Jim Schooler - Introduced Dominic Heiden, now Field Representative for our Senator for the 16th District, Shannon Grove. Also elected Minority Leader, she has been busy putting two staffs in place.

Schooler found he needed to free some time because of his election to the Yucca Valley Town Council.

Dominic replaces him and will be at the Yucca Valley Field Office full time, and will be able to attend HVCC meetings.

Legislation: Grove has 13 bills, 11 of which are "spot bills," placeholders for possible future bills.

SB 224 to increase penalties for theft of agricultural equipment. SB 415, access old military tactical vehicles for emergencies.

Sen. Grove also involved in re-purposing high-speed rail funds that might not go back to the feds.

Marc Klaas, father of kidnap murder victim Polly Klaas, has filmed Sen. Grove's response to the announced moratorium on the death penalty in California.

Dominic Heidel comes from the East Bay area, went to school in Seattle, spent time in D.C., says he is now looking to put down roots. He will be in the same field office in Yucca Valley. Jim Harvey said we would need his help with Scenic 247 campaign as it heats up. Jim Schooler said Sen. Grove plans to visit this part of her huge district as often as possible.

4. Update: Energy Element of the County Plan - Policy 4.10 - Betty Munson

Board of Supervisors special meeting on Feb. 28, voted 4-1 to approve the original wording of Policy 4.10 to be included in the County Plan. This gives us some protection against developers planning solar fields or wind farms anywhere near unincorporated areas with a Community Plan or in a Rural Living Zone. This does not help us with the applications for over 5,000 acres of solar projects brought in while this vote was delayed.

We owe a vote of thanks to Supervisor Dawn Rowe for pushing for this meeting; she had it for January but one Supervisor could not be there, so they set up this special meeting. We also owe a vote of thanks to all those people who did travel to San Bernardino to speak in person. I don't think they left anything out.

Two reports: one in the LA Times and one on the Rush Limbaugh show, quoted just one of the public comments out of the whole meeting. Sara Fairchild volunteers as the Landscape Architect for the Scenic 247 Committee. She spoke about the State and County protections for Hwy 247 eligibility for Scenic Highway status, and the permanent damage the industrial solar projects would do to this valuable resource. When news of these two reports circulated, one person responded who does not like Rush Limbaugh. But the whole point is, normally the LA Times would not agree with him either.

Chuck Bell and Jim Harvey have made another photography tour, to replace some photos for Sara's Visual Assessment, now showing the desert covered with green and snow mountains in view.

Rick Sayers: Surprise at Supervisor Hagman's No vote on 4.10, considering his experience as mayor when the citizens of Chino Hills mounted protests and lawsuits against Edison's huge above-ground transmission towers. The solar panels should go on the thousands of acres of warehouse roofs.

Sarah Kennington: Hagman argued technology would change, and the footprint of technology would change. Supervisor Rowe said he was making the case for 4.10; if the footprint gets smaller we will not need all this pristine desert land.

Morongo Basin Conservation Association members attended the annual solar conference at Riverside; a coalition of engineers is working to aggregate renewable energy on warehouses along the I-10 freeway, with business incentives. Also, Pat Flanagan was reported as stating the Calcite Substation preliminary draft shows the Environmental Impact Report as it is now would not be defensible; their consultants have such disrespect for previously-used lands they overlook the environmental impacts and exaggerate the mitigations. Now developers know what 4.10 states and the communities' pushback.

Jim Harvey: It is good we got what we wanted; it's bad it took so long and allowed applicants to sneak in. We finally have a Supervisor who listens to us. She has attended two HVCC meetings already and is scheduled to come next month.

Applications to Land Use Services in the queue before the approval of 4.10 are valid. We asked for a moratorium, but the first County Solar Moratorium brought the unions out. We knew would not get a second one.

- 5. Update: Calcite Solar – HVCC comments submitted** - Jim Harvey thanked Council for the prompt unanimous approval by e-mail so we made the deadline. Those comments focused on the effect those projects would have on the scenic value of that stretch of S.R.247, which we are trying to have designated as a Scenic Highway. Jim worked with Chuck Bell, Brian Hammer and Pat Flanagan, so each of our comments covered a different area of concern. Ours emphasized valuable scenic resources lost forever, where the eye would be drawn toward a big ugly substation and transmission towers. We demanded the Calcite EIR reconcile existing State protections for a scenic corridor with their proposed project. We do not see how they can do that. Ugly installations, transmission towers and lines straddling the highway, glare, all completely incompatible with scenic values. Discussion, how to explain we do not oppose solar, just industrial installations. Our message gets skewed, we must come up with, where should it go? We are not anti-solar, many are off-grid. Johnson Valley Community Center has parking lot solar, Lucerne Valley Market and Hardware has both parking lot and rooftop. How to balance State mandates with our concerns.

Other actions:

Brian Hammer, mapmaker living in upper Lucerne Valley, has been working pro bono with Sara Fairchild on the maps required for the Scenic Highway application.

The Council also voted to sign on to Steve Mills' comprehensive comments.

We covered every angle at the Supervisors' special meeting, showing overwhelming opposition from rural citizens who know what they are talking about. One of these rare times when the good guys win.

Former Supervisor Ramos' nonappearance at the November meeting with 4.10 on the agenda discouraged all those who drove down to San Bernardino only to be told it was canceled. Supervisor Rowe disapproved of that; her leadership got us the special meeting in February.

- 6. Review of HVCC Bylaws and Standing Rules** - Jim Harvey requested this review. The last major overhaul, separated some items out into Standing Rules to review and edit without going through the process of altering By-Laws. He said the language was tight and he saw no need for any changes. Council saw no items to address or update. It has been five years since the last minor change, and no problems have arisen. We should review annually, but changes can be addressed any time in the future. Floy Creveling asked about the rule requiring two signatures on checks. We have three signatories, president, secretary, treasurer. The bank requires just one signature. Only Betty Munson signed when delays receiving notices did not allow time to wait for the next meeting.

- 7. New HVCC Website Proposal** - Jim Harvey will program at no cost. He requests two good high resolution photos representing character of each community, also a good photo of each Community Center, especially now that the flowers are out. Paid advertising can be accepted. Biggest improvement: it will work on mobile phones and tablets as well as computers.

- 8. Morongo Basin MAC – Mark Lundquist** - unable to attend

9. Committees:

Standing: Public Outreach (Betty Munson) - meeting announcement went to radio, newspaper story and Briefs, Sheriff and Fire Departments. The major outreach improvement will be the new website. Suggestion: drone videos.

February newsletter not sent. Close to 300 people on HVCC e-mail list.

Ad Hoc: Scenic Highway 247 (Betty Munson) - Sarah Kennington reported Sara Fairchild has completed assessment between mile markers 46-65. Next step, send copies of visual description with photos and maps to Caltrans Landscape Architects, for the first time to Sacramento as well as to San Bernardino. Then we need to work on corridor management with County Land Use Services.

Jim Harvey said possibly add Yucca Valley and Barstow. Supervisor Rowe gave him a contact to meet in Yucca Valley. He told Jim Schooler, now on the Town Council, the original plan involved the entire route including Yucca Valley and Barstow. They would be the deciders on clarifying corridor regulations, Scenic 247 would only require regulations already in place.

The mayor of Barstow signed our sponsor list several years ago.

Any signage would be Caltrans responsibility. Sarah commented that Land Use Services seemed excited about having pullouts and signage. Jim said Rose Bishop of Caltrans seemed willing to push for funding for kiosks, etc. Safety consideration, dirt roads not easily visible need intersection signs to warn drivers someone may pull out onto the highway.

Question about the billboard at Buena Vista Road. Not an HVCC sign; we would not place a billboard in a scenic corridor; and it violates Yucca Valley standards. HVCC takes on all 247 campaign expenses. Any funds being requested go elsewhere.

We will bring Dominic Heiden up to speed on the 247 campaign. Jim Schooler had brought it to the attention of former Senator Jean Fuller. We also have support from Assemblyman Jay Obernolte.

10. President's Report - Jim and Betty donated three table covers for 8-foot Council tables.

Compliments to Sara Fairchild on her writing for the Visual Assessment. Also her words that were quoted in news reports. Our little committee was on 650-700 national affiliates.

Rose Bishop complimented our efforts, possibly she had read Sara's comment.

Our warnings against industrial renewable energy projects, and their bad effects, have already happened, We predicted it, and it is awful, yet the quote of the day was Scenic 247, instead of something scary like Valley Fever.

11. Community Reports List – Announcements

Flamingo Heights - Dorothy - association gradually building up membership, but volunteers do not always show up. Tomorrow potluck 5:00. Ping Pong tournaments on Sunday afternoons, darts from time to time. Artist has a table here, teaches art once a month. Joe Hertel has helped, writing newspaper column. Coffee Shop on 247, owner started a Flea Market on 1st Saturdays. Dorothy and Joe have asked the name be changed, to not use Flamingo Heights community name or logo. Want them to change from 1st Saturday to not conflict with other HVCC associations. Watercolor classes and computer/cell phone classes at the Center. Hootenanny starting up, to invite musicians to sing and play singalong fashion. How to set up a safe firepit coming up.

Yucca Mesa - Rick - potluck 4th Friday 6:00 p.m.; Center used weekly by home schoolers, Girl Scouts, reasonable rentals for private gatherings on Saturday.

Landers - Roxanna - Belfield Hall Record Fair, every three months, next on March 31, 10:00-2:00. Sell LPs, CDs, meet artists with their music. Belfield Hall Thrift Store open every Saturday from 10:00-3:00, very successful. Board meeting 1st Saturday; Association meeting, 2nd Saturday.

Flea Market at Homestead Valley Park, every 1st Saturday 9:00-3:00. New vendors sign up as weather improves. Suggestion, flyers at each Flea Market to advertise the other one.

Johnson Valley - Betty - Annual Spring Dinner, April 6, 5:00 p.m., 7.00 per person.

Every Saturday morning breakfast 7:00-10:00 a.m. 6.00 per person, never-empty coffee cup. Planning Cinco de Mayo May 4. Open House 1:00-5:00 Taco Stand 2:00-4:00. Garden railway will run weather permitting. Airplane may be restored before Cinco de Mayo.

12. Review Action Items From This Meeting - 247 meeting with Yucca Valley, also Katrina Symons, BLM, when meeting with Barstow.

Next HVCC meeting: Monday, April 15, 3:00 pm
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Adjourn at 4:40 p.m.

Betty Munson, secretary

Homestead Valley Community Council, Inc.

Treasurer's Report

April 2019

Checking Account:

Beginning Balance 03/01/2019.....	\$ 357.73
Income.....	0.00
Expense.....	0.00
Ending Balance 03/31/2019.....	\$ 357.73

Certificate of Deposit:

Issue Date 02/20/2019	Interest rate 1.98% (APY 2.00%)	Matures 11/20/2019
Beginning Balance 02/20/2019.....		\$4,500.00

Total HVCC Assets in USBank: (\$357.73 + \$4,500.00) \$4,857.73

Legend:

CK – Check DC– Debit Card DEP-Deposit EFT– Electronic Funds Transfer

Floy Creveling

Treasurer