



AGENDA: June 19th, 2023 MEETING

3:00 p.m. at Johnson Valley Improvement Association

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Roll Call/Delegate List
Approve Agenda & Minutes
Treasurer's Report

- 1. Guest Comments**
- 2. Community Reports / Announcements**
- 3. Presidents Report**
- 4. CHP - Officer & PIO Radford**
- 5. San Bernardino County Sheriff's Dept – Lt. Huff**
- 6. San Bernardino County Fire – Battalion Chief Donnie Vilorio**
- 7. San Bernardino County 3rd District – Supervisor Dawn Rowe**
- 8. Congressman Obernolte – Field Rep. Hayden Bartz**
- 9. Assemblyman Lackey – District Director Pamela Balch**
- 10. Flamingo 640 – Glamping Appeal Update**
- 11. Highway 247 Scenic Highway Designation – Progress Update**
- 12. Review Action Items From This Meeting**

Next HVCC meeting: Monday, July 17th, 2023 at 3:00 pm
Flamingo Heights Community Association

Adjourn

HVCC DELEGATES / COMMITTEE LIST

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Members appointed by the 4 HVCC Organizations, residing in the community they represent.
Up to 3 voting members from each community, plus an alternate to vote in case of an absence.

Digna Cassens	Flamingo Heights	
Chris Nichols	Yucca Mesa	
Rick Sayers	Yucca Mesa	
Adrienne Bishop	Landers	
Floy Creveling	Landers	
Roxanna Shamay	Landers	
Justin Merino	Johnson Valley	
Daryl Nustad	Johnson Valley	(New as of June 2023)
Jim Hanley	Johnson Valley	
Jim Harvey	Johnson Valley	
Reiner Kruger	Johnson Valley Alternate	(New as of June 2023)

OFFICERS

President:	Justin Merino	(Vacating, date TBD)
Vice President:	Rick Sayers	
Secretary:		(Vacant as of June 2023)
Treasurer:	Floy Creveling	(Vacating, date TBD)

STANDING COMMITTEE

Rural Living:	Pending members
Public Outreach:	Open for nomination
Fund Raising and Events:	Roxanna Shamay and Justin Merino

AD HOC COMMITTEE

Scenic 247 Committee:	Betty Munson, <i>Chairperson</i> , Phillip Brown, Barbara Harris, Jim Harvey, Sarah Kennington, Sara Fairchild, Chuck Bell, Justin Merino
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Committee members are not required to be members of the Council

HVCC MEETING May 15, 2023

Call to order 3:01pm

Roll call (**P=Present** A=Absent)

P - Rick

P - Roxanna

P - Jim Hanley

P - Justin

A - Jim Harvey

A - Judy

A - Betty

A - Chris

A - Kim

A - Adrienne

A - Floy

No quorum is noted by Justin.

Guest Comments

- Jose Martinez Flamingo Heights
 - Thanks, Police for their presence
 - Concerned about the Town of Yucca Valley' ignoring surrounding communities
 - Jim responds county unmaintained roads
 - Highway 247 white lines are disappearing, and high beams are too bright

Marjorie Smith

- COAD
 - Assessments in time of emergency checking on neighbors VOAD is the volunteer Org that includes Red Cross, Catholic Diocese and Team Rubicon etc.
- Yucca Valley Airport brings in supplies, needs volunteers
- Help yourself-Help your neighbor events at Walmart on May 20th

Sheriff

- Computers and phones work again.
- Doing complete restructuring of computers and tech
- 13 new young deputies hired and training

Fire Report BC Viloría

- Emergency Response Numbers:
 - 2 structure fires
 - 6 unknown burns
 - 2 vehicle fires
 - Medical aid is the number-one call
 - 4 traffic accidents
- Burn restrictions in effect 1X1 personal burn only

DAWN ROWE

- Countywide Zoning Maps will be made available to the public before going to the BOS, available on the county website or you can request to be put on a follow-up list
- Airbnb study being conducted by GRANICUS
 - The study to be updated every 10 years, should be ready “soon”
- Justin asks about the appeal by Robotland and Flamingo640
 - Robotland has not had any discussion with SBC, LUS working on a date for the BOS calendar.
- Open House; May 31 at JT Community Center 4-6
- Night Sky ordinance in effect

Kim, Marine Base has no comments

- Justin asks about the environmental review
 - Public Comments one until May 31st

Jaden - Obernolte

- Fed Spending rollback increase of funds re covid

Flamingo 640

- Land use services does not have any info other than apparel
- Dawn suggests coming to BOS appeal meeting and being heard

Scenic 247 highway Designation

- Justin reads Betty's update
- Justin reads Steven Valdez from LUS update
 - BLM has some reservations regarding Johnson Valley Solar Program, DFA, etc.
- Justin recommends any questions be directed to Betty, Chair of 247

Committee Reports

- Justin comments on Rural Living Flamingo 640, the same as Dawn's notes above.
- Justin follows up with Dawn on allowable uses:
 - Dawn Rowe SBC states the county has to figure out how to manage incompatible uses
- ***Needs to be changed somehow someday. Suggested a "*Community Benefit District*"
 - Change in Rural Living for JT, Landers, JV, HV, etc. so voters in the areas can vote upon each individual item. Jurisdiction under special district?
 - The legal team at SBC exploring its function.

Johnson Valley

- Cinco DeMayo celebration a success
- June 3rd 6 pm dinner \$10 Fried Chicken
- Food Giveaway at Christian Church on Hwy

Yucca Mesa

- Hall available for rent

Flamingo Heights

- No report out

Landers

- Thrift Store and Trading Post a huge success at the relaunch
- Next Assoc Meeting Saturday, May 20th at Belfield Hall
- The hall will be painted next month

Announcements

- Floy is retiring as Treasurer and will train the next delegate
- Kim Abramson will need to be replaced as Secretary due to illness
- Judith Lafoon Stepping down as an Alternate from LCA
- Justin resigns as President of HVCC with 60 days' notice he feels that his contribution has met its limit with the current board, if no one steps up and takes over in the next month he will continue to run the meetings as necessary to keep HVCC moving forward.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 3:54pm

Homestead Valley Community Council, Inc.

Treasurer’s Report

For the month of May 2023

Checking Account:

Beginning Statement Balance 05/01/2023.....	\$	526.41
Deposits.....	\$	00.00
Withdrawals.....	\$	00.00
Ending Statement Balance 05/31/2023.....	\$	526.41

Actual available balance in HVCC checkbook is \$ 526.41

Certificate of Deposit:

Beginning Statement Balance 05/01/2023.....	\$	9,032.61
(Opening Amount - \$9,000.00 and matures on 02/16/2024)		
Interest generated 05/16/2023	\$	31.68
Total CD Balance as of 05/31/2023.....	\$	9,064.29

Total Assets in bank on 05/31/2023..... \$ 9,590.70

(Checking Account \$526.41 + CD \$9,064.29)

AmPac Business Capital Debit Card - This is a grant of \$2,500.00 awarded to participating non-profits for business expenses.

Beginning Statement Balance 05/01/2023.....	\$1,915.82
No activity for this time period	
Ending Statement Balance 05/31/2023.....	\$1,915.82

Legend:

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

Floy Creveling

Treasurer

Introduction:

Greetings HVCC delegates, I am presenting a plan for reorganizing HVCC which I have previously touched upon in previous emails. The purpose is to see HVCC better serve our communities and ensure our relevance in a changing landscape. By refocusing our efforts on community interests, promoting inclusivity, establishing a central meeting place, expanding our representation, and extending our community boundaries, we can revitalize HVCC and enhance our impact on matters affecting the well-being of our neighborhoods.

Refocusing on Communities:

To address declining membership/participation at associations and restore HVCC's relevance, it is imperative that we refocus our attention on the needs and aspirations of the *communities* we serve. We can foster a stronger sense of unity and purpose by shifting our focus from individual community associations to the broader community.

Inclusive Board with Inter-Generational Representation:

To ensure HVCC truly encompasses the diverse demographics and aspirations of our community, I propose creating a more inclusive board that represents our constituents from different age groups. By actively seeking board members across generations, we can embrace a broader range of perspectives, innovative ideas, and the vitality that comes from diverse experiences. This will foster a dynamic and engaging environment that harnesses the collective wisdom and energy of our entire community.

Enhanced Representation:

While I value the contribution of delegates from community associations, I believe it's essential to expand representation to ensure all voices are heard. I suggest retaining one existing delegate from each association to maintain continuity and historical knowledge. Additionally, I propose adding a new member delegate directly from the community to provide an independent voice, representing the broader interests and concerns of our constituents.

Expanding Community Boundaries:

To foster stronger connections and facilitate community cooperation, I recommend extending the boundaries of our communities to include neighbors to the East and West of Homestead Valley. By embracing these neighboring areas, we can expand our collective support network, forge new relationships, and amplify our voices when advocating for the well-being of our communities.

Establishing a Central Meeting Place:

To facilitate community engagement and enhance accessibility, I propose establishing a central meeting place for HVCC meetings. The Landers Community Association presents an excellent opportunity to serve as this venue. Its central location, ample space, and infrastructure can provide a welcoming and accessible hub for community discussions, activities, and collaboration.

Efficient and Engaging Meetings:

Acknowledging the value of our community members, elected officials, lawmakers, and guests' time, as well as the significance of active participation, we prioritize conducting meetings with an average duration of one hour. By optimizing our agendas and implementing effective time management strategies, we demonstrate our responsibility to respect everyone's commitments. By embracing shorter meetings, we encourage greater engagement, facilitate more fruitful discussions, and enhance HVCC's overall effectiveness in addressing community concerns and fostering collaborative solutions.

Conclusion:

Embarking on the reorganization of HVCC is a vital step towards adapting to the changing times and ensuring our continued relevance. I recognize that change can be challenging, but it is necessary to evolve and meet the needs of our communities effectively. I understand that change can be met with resistance, but it is through embracing change that we can better serve our constituents, engage the next generation, and address the evolving landscape of our communities. By adapting to new realities and welcoming innovative ideas, HVCC will maintain its position as a relevant and influential organization.

If the board moves to adopt this plan, I would be deeply honored to lead the change as the HVCC President. I am committed to overseeing the successful implementation of these strategies, collaborating with fellow board members, community associations, and members to ensure HVCC remains at the forefront of advocating for our community's well-being.

Together, let us embrace the opportunities that change presents and work towards a brighter future, where HVCC continues to be a steadfast advocate for the well-being of our communities and a respected partner to administrative bodies at all levels of governance.

Justin Merino, HVCC President



Board of Supervisors
Third District

THIRD DISTRICT OPEN HOUSE THURSDAY, JUNE 29 4:30 - 6:00 P.M

JOSHUA TREE COMMUNITY CENTER
6171 SUNBURST STREET
JOSHUA TREE

BRING YOUR KIDS FOR A FAMILY FRIENDLY EVENT FEATURING EXHIBITS AND PRESENTATIONS FROM CURATORS WITH THE SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY MUSEUM.



FOR MORE
INFORMATION,
PLEASE CALL
(760) 366-1488.

Morongo Basin Historical Society Museum Reopens
in Landers Tuesday, Friday, and Saturdays 11a-3p

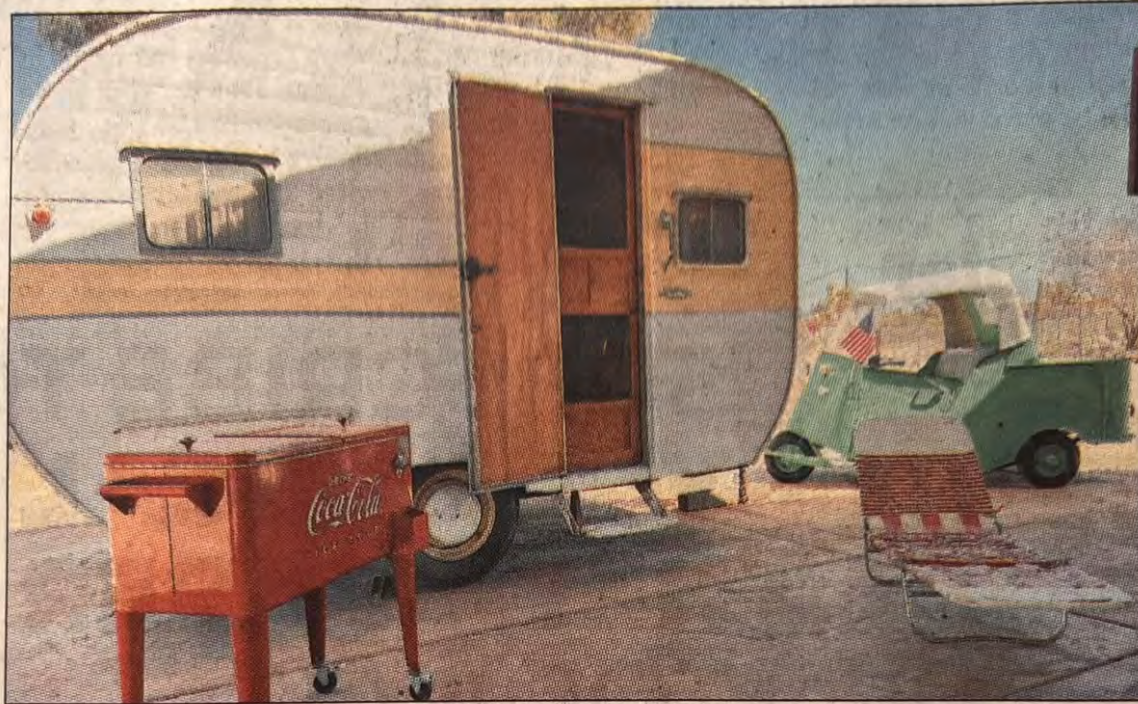
Museum recreates Mojave Desert past

By Crystal Harrell
Hi-Desert Star

YUCCA VALLEY — The Morongo Basin Historical Museum held the grand opening of its expanded facility Saturday. After an intensive six-month beautification project, the Morongo Basin Historical Society opened its doors to the public and unveiled a host of exhibits and attractions that showcase the rich history and culture of the Morongo Basin.

With the aim of creating a truly immersive and engaging experience, the museum has undergone a transformation. Thanks to the work of the Morongo Basin Historical Society's volunteers, the home once owned by pioneers Newlin and Vernetta Landers has been reinvented into a one-of-a-kind destination.

"We are excited to invite the community to explore the revised museum and experience the fascinating stories that have shaped our region," said museum curator and board member, Justin Merino, the driv-



COURTESY PHOTO

Displays at the Morongo Basin Historical Museum include this restored Airstream.

ing force behind the project. "The museum's grand opening marks the culmination of months of hard work and the realization of our vision to create a place where history comes alive."

Visitors to the museum can expect to discover an array of 17 new and refreshed exhibits, each showcasing a unique aspect of the region's histo-

ry. The Landers Room tells stories of the couple that helped build the namesake community. The Veterans Office honors the men and women who have served the country and pays homage to the Twentynine Palms Marine Corps base. The Impy the Bobcat exhibit offers a glimpse into Vernetta Landers' pet feline.

"This is the sole muse-

um and archive of historical reference for the entire Morongo Basin — from being the holders of the most comprehensive archive of all printed Hi-Desert Star newspapers to artifacts that cover homesteading, water discovery, Native American to bygone business, buildings, advertisements and the like," Merino said.

"It's our 15th anniversary this year and for the first time we have opened up the entire house and grounds to the public with exhibits to attract young and old — local and visitor."

Merino said it's hard to pick a favorite. "The Giant Rock and Integratron room would be my go-to as we've created an audio visual experience and have delivered great images from George Van Tassels vision of what he created out here in Landers," he added.

The museum will be open to the public 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays.

"Our museum and archive is unique to preserving Morongo Basin history. Through generous donations over the past years we have amazed a collection unparalleled to any other institution, many of which is on display for the first time," Merino said.

"We actively set out to capture history in real time before it escapes us and to pass along the rich history to new generations."

8th Annual Giant Rock Clean Up September 23, 2023



Volunteer Information:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/storiesandstewardship2023-at-giant-rock-clean-up-chronicles-tickets-654137100677>