

**Monthly meetings each 3rd Monday at 3:00 p.m.
 May 16th, Landers Belfield Hall
 June 20, Johnson Valley Community Center**



Who Talks? Who Listens?

APRIL 18, 2022 – Photos from this HVCC meeting in Yucca Mesa bear witness to the variety of speakers and the many local and state officials or their representatives.

They not only come prepared to speak and answer guests' questions, they also hear all the other speakers.

They all listen to the issues, comments and complaints coming from rural residents as well as the Council members.

This kind of cross-communication is rare anywhere, but HVCC has managed it for years.

This meeting heard our County Supervisor Dawn Rowe, members of the Sheriffs Department and County Fire, as well as Senator Shannon Grove's representative (all frequent attendees).

Hot topics that day:

Measure Z, the June 2022 Ballot Measure to Repeal FP-5 (Fire Protection Service Zone 5). Tom Murphy of the Red Brennan Group came to address their reasons for repeal and heard questions and challenges from the audience. Battalion Chief Tuttle of County Fire spoke about it.

(Chief Dan Munsey was also in the audience. He is invited to speak about FP-5 at the May meeting.)

The other hot-button issue was the commercial “**Glamping**” resort campsite planned on a large parcel just south of the community of Flamingo Heights in a non-commercial zone (think motel with tents and campfires hosting up to 300 customers).

The project upsets everyone familiar with problems with:

- Vacation rentals,
- Hazardous traffic transgressions rounding the curves going into and out of Pipes Wash,
- The intrusion of this facility and vehicles on the Hwy 247 scenic corridor,
- The significant impacts on desert habitat and wildlife,
- and worst of all,
- The precedent it sets!

If the County starts giving developers Conditional Use Permits on only the say-so of the developers' reassuring initial studies or “mitigated” studies, Rural Living Zone requirements can be breached at any time anywhere.

The HVCC comments insist County require a comprehensive Environmental Impact Report under the California Environmental Quality Act.

President Jim Harvey presented it on the screen, with the Action Packet the council wrote, explaining how the audience could make their own comments. (The HVCC Comment and



*Left: Council members present on April 18th:
Jim Hanley, Rick Sayers,
Chris Nichols, Digna Cassens,
Jim Harvey, Floy Creveling.
Roxanna Shamay, Adrienne
Bishop
(Kim Abramson behind
the camera)*

the Action Pack are both posted on www.hvccsite.org to make it easier for anyone to use before the April 21st deadline).

Members of other rural communities from Apple Valley to Morongo Valley to the Morongo Basin often attend HVCC. They share many issues with the Homestead Valley, which has acted as a linchpin to connect their activists and local activities.

When time permits, the typical HVCC meeting also shares announcements of upcoming events in the four Homestead Valley Communities.

Who talks?

Who listens?

Anyone who wants to!



*Above L to R:
County Fire Chief Dan Munsey,
Battalion Chief Donnie Viloria,
Battalion Chief Scott Tuttle,
County Supervisor Dawn Rowe,
Senator Grove's Field Rep
Dominic Heiden,
Kimberly Pope, liaison USMC*



*Above left: Tom Murphy from
The Red Brennan Group*

*Center left: County Supervisor
Dawn Rowe reports*

*Bottom left: Jim Harvey reads
HVCC "Glamping" comment,
approved unanimously.*

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Sheriff Captain Luke Niles answering questions from meeting attendees

The 4 Communities Yucca Mesa + Johnson Valley + Landers + Flamingo Heights = HVCC