

**HOMESTEAD VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF MEETING
IN LANDERS, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2011**

Opened with Flag Salute at 3.08 pm

Present: 100% Maryan Barkley, Adrienne Bishop, Jim Hanley, Jim Harvey, Ken Jones, Earlene McCloskey, Betty Munson, Tory Preston, Nancy Sammons, Rick Sayers, Carl Schmitt, Joyce Wheeler, Linda Willgues, Alan Rasmussen

Guests: Jennifer Salcicoli, Burrtec; Mike Romage, Code Enforcement; Barbara Harris, Morongo Basin Historical Society; John Codgen, Hospitality Plus; David Cooper, YMIA; Olivia de Huelleville, YMIA

Delegate list approved with change

Agenda approved unanimously

Minutes of December meeting, posted to www.hvccsite.org in draft form, approved unanimously with addition

Treasurer's report: Bank balance 7,681.79; 746.00 in Marine Fund for next drive;

1. Guest Comments:

- Barbara Harris presented HVCC plaque for Organization Membership in the Morongo Basin Historical Society. Invited us to join night field trip to Keyes Ranch in Joshua Tree National Park.
- Olivia de Huelleville brought fundraising chocolates for Yucca Mesa elementary students to go to science camp.

2. SB County Code Enforcement - Mike Romage -

Reported on difficulties acquiring bins for JV proposed clean-up; only 2 bins available for April 16 and October 22. Code Enforcement officers will be available to help.

Household Hazardous Waste planned for October in JV.

Mike asked communities to request clean-up dates as early as possible; possibly have same problems with bins.

- Question about horses on 1/2 acre property. Only 20,000 square feet needed to have 2 horses; any structure for horse must be 70 feet from habitable structure. Concern is for neighboring home, but if permit granted and you build, you are legal. Case by case. Code Enforcement can measure for you. Any change in Development Code would have to be taken up with Planning Department. Setbacks don't necessarily apply to animals.

Look up RL Zone "Accessory or Primary Use of Animals"

3. SB County Fire Dept - Dave Benfield - unable to attend.

4. Committee Reports

- **Fund raising / Events:** \$50.11 cost to put on Christmas Party. Discussed May 14 Poker Run schedule. Card draw at Johnson Valley, Gublers, Landers, Yucca Mesa and Flamingo Heights. \$15 each; \$25 per couple.
- Girl Scout Troop 926 has donations for 50 or more boxes of cookies, can be sent to the Marines. To be stored at Ship-It-Shop until time for shipping by HVCC.
- **Advisory Committee:** No meeting. All road sign locations are set.
- **Community Outreach-** notices to radio, Code Enforcement and Fire Department. Newsletter will include story on Scenic 247 and story on Phyllis Burns.
- **Community Services /Improvements /Cooperation**
- Rick Sayers spoke about Andy Canada promotion of Gridnot company domestic windmills for \$1. SCE supposed to rebate some of any excess energy produced. Discussed program in detail, enough money for 100 installations. Mike Romage questioned decibel level, eyesore. Unclear what the actual design is. Property will be evaluated for wind.
- Jim Hanley reported on road sign locations; need to set up preliminary proposal to send out.
- Discussed Grant Request forms; did everyone submit copy to Alan. Request we be informed in advance of instructional meetings.
- Maps of HVCC communities; map needed for Yucca Mesa, to give to John Codgen to get new drafts made. Rick Sayers said good maps are in Building and Safety office. Alan told John to see him about this.

Newsletter advertisers can be approached to advertise on the map.

- Scenic 247 committee- Barbara Harris Committee includes Joanna Wright, Jim Harvey, Betty Munson and Phillip Brown. Met in Johnson Valley, Discussed logo and letter to go out to businesses and organizations to lend their names for support. Name "Scenic 247 Committee". address Johnson Valley, box at the Ship-It-Shop. Jim to secure domain name for website. HVCC to allow the Committee to use our website hosting. Joyce Wheeler to donate the cost of the mailbox, Box 247. Next meeting is Feb. 28 at Johnson Valley 12:30.

5. Joshua Tree CSA 20 SOI expansion by LAFCO Staff recommendation to take 5 section of Landers and 3 sections of Yucca Mesa into the CSA 20, to align boundaries to High Desert Water District. Considered bad precedent. Homestead Valley not consulted.

Specifics from Kathleen McDonald of LAFCO: County had not consulted with LAFCO when Homestead Valley was included in County Plan. LAFCO defines communities based on services. Conflict between how County defines communities and how State defines communities.

Alan to see if Neil Derry is aware of how LAFCO defines communities.

6. Burrtec-Jennifer Saliccoli, District Environmental Coordinator Answers Jennifer sent us by e-mail had been forwarded to the Council. She wanted to know if all questions had been answered; most need to be referred to County. County representatives will be coming to the next meeting.

HVCC plans to post whatever information we do gather on the website.

Different areas have different services such as bin discount for dump card holders; Landers, Johnson Valley and Yucca Mesa not included. Jennifer to check on various contracts and area boundaries. Request for all communities have the same discount bin service.

Alan has distributed illegal dumping fact sheet. Asked us to find if there is any known evidence linking cost to illegal dumping. How does illegal dump grow after the first dump?

Gerry Newcombe CAO in charge of dumps possibly be here next month.

7. "Bikes for Shoes that Fit" April 30-David Cooper 12th Annual Bike-a-Thon start and finish in Homestead Valley at Yucca Mesa Elementary School. Discussed water stops. Landers and Morongo Basin Historical Society to set up one stop at Reche and Border Rd.

8. Homestead Valley Community Maps-already discussed above.

9. President's Report- Website renewed for 2 years.

Tickets to play "Pinocchio" fundraiser for Boys and Girls Club, Mar. 11.

10. Action Items and Community Reports List -

Clarifying the illegal dumping information, sign on to Scenic 247 project, pass on information about Bike Ride.

9. Adjourn 5:42 - Next meeting in YUCCA MESA, Monday, March 21, at 3:00 pm

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