

**HOMESTEAD VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING IN YUCCA MESA JULY 19, 2010**

Opened with Flag Salute at 6:05 pm

Present were Maryan Barkley, Phyllis Burns, Jim Harvey, Judy Kemp, Earlene McCloskey, Betty Munson, Tory Preston, Rick Sayers, Joyce Wheeler, Linda Willgues, Alan Rasmussen
Guests: Larry Coulombe, Mary Coulombe, David Cooper, Carl Gorham, Catherine Janowicz, Elva Rasmussen, Bob Sturges, Margo Sturges

Delegate List approved unanimously.

Agenda approved unanimously.

Minutes of June meeting, posted to the Website in draft form, approved unanimously.

Treasurer's report: Earlene McCloskey.

June beginning balance 6,567.40; Income 874.03; Expenses 100.00; Balance 6,771.43
Includes additional income from Poker Run \$20, \$854 toward Marine Unit sponsorship.

1. Guest Comments: David Cooper discussed county meeting with YMIA, intersections to be improved, Yucca Mesa at Avalon and Yucca Mesa at Aberdeen. Also asked about paved road (_____) to be improved. County unmaintained roads also discussed. Carl Gorham reported that the movement for the Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day now going into 13 states; he hopes to see it go ocean to ocean.

Margo Sturges said the Joint Powers Authority with the Town of Yucca Valley and County is looking for approximately 10-15 acres to build a state-of-the-art shelter. Gas line for cooling is a big factor in locating. Architects have made presentation to Planning Commission. There will be a public hearing; request to be put on their mailing list for updates.

2. Committee Reports

-Fund Raising / Events: Earlene reported that \$1,875 had been donated so far for the Marine Unit sponsorship. Purchases have been made. The gifts will probably cost over \$700 to mail.

The annual HVCC Wine and Cheese Party planned for October 23, with Joshua Tree National Park 75th Anniversary presentation. Committee to meet in August to discuss having it in the evening, music, etc. Also to set date for Christmas party.

Scavenger Hunt for 2011 now being reviewed by the JTNP 75th Committee. Joshua Tree and Yucca Valley Chambers of Commerce like the idea because it involves both the community and the park.

Yucca Mesa Country Faire, September 18, Desert Plant Sale by HVCC. Indoor plants can be sold also, cactus garden planters. Made \$179 last year.

-Advisory Committee: no meeting

-Public Outreach Committee: E-mail circulated about the gifts for the Marine unit, as well as newspaper and radio publicity. Story about packing gifts for Marine unit on Monday, July 26, to be in the newspaper. Personal notes requested to be included in the boxes.

Betty requested people bring their cameras to the packing party so we have photos for the newsletter. Newspaper and radio publicity about change of this meeting time to 6:00 did not seem to make much difference in guest attendance. Will probably try it again.

-Community Services/ Improvements/Cooperation: no report

-Auditing Committee: year-end report is finished, audit to be scheduled.

3. Marine Unit Sponsorship: Jim Harvey, Earlene McCloskey and Cathy Janowicz shopped for gift items listed in the agenda packet. Lary Calandar brought small batteries. Agua Caliente Indian Casino donated 140 decks of playing cards.

Packing Party to be at Yucca Mesa, customs forms to be filled out for each box. Address labels to SgtMaj to be made.

E-mail circular generated six generous PayPal donations on website. Discussed how to use any excess funds that might be raised; decision to be made later. We advertised the money was just to buy things to be sent to Marines.

Boxes cost 12.50 to ship. YMIA voted to cover any costs HVCC might not have raised, however we decided the HVCC reserves should be used.

Thanked Marsha at Wal-Mart for all her help. Big Lots and Dollar Store did not accept HVCC check. Cool Kids Club at Landers made drawings and letters to send to Afghanistan.

Packing to start at 9:00. Supervisor Neil Derry and Alan Rasmussen will probably come to help.

4. PowerPoint movie projector for community use: Jim Harvey suggested possibly applying for a Community Development Block Grant. Units available for around \$1500 with good projection depth. Discussed storage; who would be responsible for care of projector, issuing it to the four communities? Light must be turned off immediately after use. Put into the Community Services committee.

5. County update, Alan Rasmussen:

AB811 moving forward; seed money for San Bernardino, Redlands and unincorporated areas for 20-yr. low-interest loans for energy efficiency improvements, tied to the property. Repaid on property tax bill. Can be used to install solar panels. Delayed by a lawsuit right now over AB811 having first lien on property. Community Centers pay property taxes and are eligible. Loan repayments are often less than former electric bills.

Alan discussed Gin Rd. and Grandview Rd. highway signs in Johnson Valley.

No update on hauled water/no building permit policy.

6. Items for next agenda- August 16th in Johnson Valley-none

Judy Kemp announced she would no longer be representing Landers on the Council and was thanked for her service.

Meeting adjourned 7:30 pm

Betty Munson, Secretary
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