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Agenda for the June 20th, 2011 Homestead Valley Community Council Meeting  
3:00 P.M. at Belfield Hall, 58390 Reche Road in Landers

Flag Salute

Roll Call / Delegate List

Approve Agenda

Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting

Treasurer's Report

1. Guest Comments
2. SB County Code Enforcement – Mike Romage
3. SB County Fire Dept – Dave Benfield
4. Committee Reports:
  - Fund Raising / Events (Earlene McCloskey)
  - Advisory (Nancy Sammons)
  - Public Outreach (Betty Munson)
  - Community Services / Improvements / Cooperation (Rick Sayers)
  - Scenic Hwy 247 (Barbara Harris)
5. HVCC Officers election
6. 2011/2012 HVCC Goals
7. Assign Auditing Committee
8. Homestead Valley Community maps
9. SB County Third District – Alan Rasmussen
10. President's Report
11. Action Items and Community Reports list
12. Adjourn – next meeting in Yucca Mesa, July 18th 3:00 P.M.

## HVCC Delegates/Committee list

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### Ad Hoc Committees

**Nominating:** April to present officers slate at May meeting for June meeting election

**Audit:** June to submit the audit results by September meeting

**Scenic 247 Committee:** Chairperson Barbara Harris

### Standing Committees

**Fund Raising / Events:** Chairperson Earlene McCloskey  
Nancy Sammons, Adrienne Bishop

**Advisory:** Chairperson Nancy Sammons,  
Presidents of the 4 HVCC community organizations:  
Dave Cooper (YMIA)  
Lee Gardner (Landers)  
Betty Munson (JVIA)  
Tory Preston (FHCA)  
Alan Rasmussen, Third District Field Representative

**Community Outreach:** Chairperson Betty Munson  
Jim Hanley, Rick Sayers, Linda Willgues

**Community Services / Improvements / Cooperation:** Chairperson Rick Sayers  
Jim Hanley, Betty Munson, Joyce Wheeler

**HOMESTEAD VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF MEETING  
IN FLAMINGO HEIGHTS MAY 16, 2011**

**Opened with Flag Salute** at 3.00 pm

**Present:** David Cooper, Dale Fredenburg, Jim Hanley, Jim Harvey, Ken Jones, Earlene McCloskey, Betty Munson, Tory Preston, Nancy Sammons, Rick Sayers, Joyce Wheeler, Linda Willgues, Alan Rasmussen  
**Absent:** Adrienne Bishop

**Guests:**

**Delegate list:** Nancy Sammons nansam@mojavewifi.com

**Agenda** approved unanimously

**Minutes** of April meeting, posted to www.hvccsite.org in draft form; approved.

**Treasurer's report:** Beginning balance 7,380.72, ending balance 7,178.44. Earlene to e-mail corrected copy.

**1. Guest Comments:** none

[Order of Agenda items changed.]

**3. SB County Fire Dept** - Dave Benfield. Burn season already starting.

Question about fire risk in Marine Base expansion study area. No comparison to Camp Pendleton, fuel model different, sparser vegetation, no structures. In general terms, no huge increase in fire threat. Mountain Division has made not statement about increased fire threat due to OHV displacement and increase of visitors. Always more chance for negligence with increased people, no information available.

LA newspaper report that burn permits had been reinstated: burn permits always required in SB county.

Joshua Tree National Park rangers say increased brush growth; but structural threats not so large in Marine expansion area because of distance.

Defensible space: recommended area 100 ft diameter, no absolutes. No code to enforce out here.

**2. SB County Code Enforcement** - Mike Romage.

-In unincorporated areas, County Fire tells CE what areas to do fire hazard abatement where there is imminent danger; cities hire CE to do weed abatement. For fire hazard, not beautification,

-Concerning increased illegal OHV with base expansion, wait and see. So far abuse has gone way down due to County ordinance, riders more informed riding more responsibly. Most OHV complaints from Landers and Copper Mtn. Not sure if there will be overflow.

-Copper Mtn Mesa tire center is closed due to lack of funding for transportation to where they will be used. Stopped accepting tires from landfill also. Cost \$1500 per load to Mitsubishi, 1200-1500 tires per load. Alan addressing Supervisors to inform them how important this is. Copper Mtn Mesa Community Center allowed use, tire collection expanded, around 12,000 tires per year for the last 5 years. Where are the tires going to go? Where does tire disposal fee go?

-Community cleanups already scheduled for out here will be held, but no more after these, due to drastic cut in funding.

**6. Homestead Valley Community Maps** - John Codgen. Need more people to address actual street issues. Maps revised again. Lucerne Valley area is done.

**4. Committee Reports**

- **Fund raising / Events:** Council approved \$100 for fireworks at the Homestead Valley Park July 3 Celebration.

85 participants in the Poker Run. Some ticket purchasers did not come. Very successful. MBHS Open House had about 40 visitors. Took in \$500 in cash on tickets and raffles that day. Must have final drawing time published in future.

YMIA spent around \$60, will issue check for balance or \$100 donation.

- **Advisory Committee:** no meeting. Future meeting about maps?

- **Community Outreach:** e-mail notices to Fire Dept and Code Enforcement, radio. News column. Sending comments

on Marine base expansion. Flyers and itineraries for Poker Run.

Need update to HVCC list of accomplishments this year. Jim distributed story by e-mail on Poker Run. Need pictures for newsletter.

- **Community Services /Improvements /Cooperation** - drawings of highway signs to Ed Petrie of county. Hope to bypass resistance at Caltrans. David Cooper to join Community Services Committee; suggestion some changes in sign location in Landers near Base Border.

- **Scenic 247 Committee**- Barbara Harris. No meeting. Need resumés of committee members for presentations. Offered to help with website. Suggest Scenic 247 theme for cover of map. Priority for businesses in Homestead Valley.

**5. Slate of HVCC Officers** - Jim Harvey, president; Rick Sayers, vice president; Tory Preston, treasurer; Betty Munson, secretary. All uncontested. Jim Harvey suggested a get-together outside of formal meeting setting.

**8. SB County Third District** - Alan Rasmussen

No new information on the hauled water issue. He has maps showing different sources of water, not showing depth of wells.

Alan had the worst hand at the Poker Run.

**9. President's Report** - Letter and certificate about Phyllis Burns from the County Board of Supervisors to be given to daughter Cathy. BOS adjourned in memory of Phyllis.

-Hand drawn letter from Landers Elementary Schools thanking us for Science Camp donations. To be posted on website.

-Food4Less Donation cards for Council to distribute: 4% of purchase amount will be donated to the Hi Desert Pregnancy Clinic.

-Jim has framed copy of membership certificate for each organization commemorating HVCC membership in the Morongo Basin Historical Society. Council approved \$50 donation to MBHS Bakeless Bake Sale.

-We bought 2 raffle tickets for Boys and Girls Club, made it to almost the last, won a haircut. Re-raffled at the Poker Run.

Barbara Harris offered raffle prizes from MBHS.

**7. Marine Base expansion** - Betty sending out e-mails on various subjects in Draft Environmental Impact Statement, to be used as basis for comments. Analyses of Original Strategy behind the expansion plans, Toxic Emissions, Environmental Justice, Noise, etc. Should be coming from a lot of different sources so they would know a lot of people know about it. The help we have gotten from recent seminar on how to analyze the DEIS, how to find defects, parts glossed over, parts ignored, has been invaluable. Seminar sponsored by California Off Road Vehicle Assn, the Partnership for Johnson Valley and other off-road groups. Recreation not considered a right, have to expose how cumulative effects and unintended consequences will affect our communities if this planned increased training and expansion goes through. Leads from Carl Ripaldi, Environmental Specialist for LA Metro, and from an Oceanside resident who experiences the effects at Camp Pendleton. Comment period ends May 26.

**10. Action Items and Community Reports List** - check maps

**11. Adjourn 4:50** - Next meeting in LANDERS, JUNE 20, at 3:00 pm

Betty Munson  
Secretary, 760-364-2646

HOMESTEAD VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
TREASURERS REPORT  
MAY 31, 2011

BEGINNING BALANCE		\$ 7,178.44
INCOME		
	INTEREST INCOME	\$ .03
	POKER RUN IN COME	\$ 1,445.00
TOTAL INCOME		\$ 1,445.03
SUB TOTAL		\$ 8,623.47
EXPENSES		
	DONATIONS	\$ 150.00
	POKER RUN EXPENSES	\$ 350.00
TOTAL EXPENSE		\$ 500.00
SUB TOTAL		\$ 8,123.47
	OUTSTANDING CHECK PARK	\$ 100.00 +
	CHECK CASHED	\$ 150.00 -
TOTAL BALANCE		\$ 8,073.47

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

EARLENE MC CLOSKEY  
JUNE 15, 2011

HOMESTEAD VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

BALANCE SHEET  
MAY 31, 2011

ASSETS

CASH AND BANK ACCOUNTS

HVCC US BANK CHECKING	\$ 3,935.84
HVCC US BANK MONEY MARKET	\$ 4,137.63
TOTAL CASH AND BANK ACCOUNT	\$ 8,073.47

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

LIABILITIES	MARINE FUND	\$ 846.06
EQUITY		\$ 7,227.41
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY		\$ 8,073.43

**Homestead Valley Community Council**  
2011/2012 Goals and Objectives Proposal

- Finish the 2011 “Support Our Marines in Afghanistan” campaign and ship by end July.
- Finish aerial maps and present to Hospitality Plus for Community Maps project.
- Obtain approval and funding for Homestead Valley Community “Welcome” signs.
- Finish list of supporters for Scenic HWY 247 project. Develop informative website. Solicit support from County, State, and Federal lawmakers. Approval mid-2012?
- Obtain portable P.A system and projector for HVCC meetings and shared use between community members.
- Review Burrtec policies and services in 4 Homestead Valley communities and Lucerne Valley. Work with Burrtec and SB County Waste Disposal to address inconsistencies.
- Review Federal Rural High Speed Internet Access program and determine if Homestead Valley communities are eligible for funds.

Submitted June 20, 2011

Jim Harvey