

**HOMESTEAD VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF MEETING IN FLAMINGO HEIGHTS MAY 17, 2010**

Opened with Flag Salute at 3:15 pm

Present were Adrienne Bishop, Phyllis Burns, Jim Hanley, Jim Harvey, Judy Kemp, Earlene McCloskey, Betty Munson, Tory Preston, Nancy Sammons, Rick Sayers, Carl Schmitt, Joyce Wheeler, Linda Willgues, Alan Rasmussen

Guests: Jim Clabaugh; David Cooper YMIA; Ed Cronin; Olivia de Hauleville; Lee Gardner, Landers; Catherine Janowicz; Cindy Kazarian, FHCA; Carol Kotler; Elva Rasmussen; Mike Romage, Code Enforcement.

**Delegate List** approved unanimously. Randy West added by Landers Association.

**Agenda** with one addition approved unanimously.

**Minutes of April meeting**, posted to the Website in draft form, approved unanimously with two additions.

**Treasurer's report:** Earlene McCloskey.

Beginning balance 5,747.30; Income 1,159.03; Expenses 275.00; Balance 6,631.33

Cleared \$851 to date on the Poker Run fund raiser.

**1. Guest Comments:** David Cooper announced speaker at YMIA on Friday, June 25. County Transit Deputy Director Irwin Fogerson to talk about YMIA roads, but could expand to talk about Homestead Valley. Public Works Supervisor Brud Hancock will also be there. Alan Rasmussen plans to attend. A field study for Transportation District One is planned.

Jim Harvey asked Jim Clabaugh for an update on his permit/hauling water problem. Clabaugh was advised he could start his remodel and upgrade, but it would not be finalized until he gets a letter from Environmental Health Services. He last asked about it six months ago, was told there were no regulations in writing. Jim Harvey said we heard the problem had been resolved; he apologized for not contacting Clabaugh.

## **2. Committee Reports**

**-Fund Raising / Events:** Reminder of Plant Sale in Yucca Mesa on Sept 18. Wine & Cheese party next. Rick Sayers brought up license plate frames as a possible fund raiser. 2.50 ea in 250 quantity, sell for 10.00

**-Advisory Committee:** Council voted on change of Standing Rules to read:

"DELEGATE MEMBERSHIP1. Each organization shall select up to four active, interested residents to be their Delegates to the Council, subject to the approval by a quorum of existing Delegates. President or secretary to be informed as soon as possible of the selection of a new Delegate, in order to be added to the Delegate List before the next meeting. Letter of introduction requested."

11 Aye, 3 Nay (JVIA Board did not approve change)

**-Public Outreach Committee:**

Several Food4Less cards were distributed that will make automatic 4% donations to High Desert Pregnancy Clinic with purchases.

Jim Harvey contacted newspaper and Z107; announcements made of today's HVCC meeting by both. Also in Maryan Barkley's column. Website now has Code Enforcement contact numbers. Website has Carl Gorham's invitation to veterans to participate in Grubstake Days parade.

**-Community Services/ Improvements/Cooperation:**

Sponsorship of VMU1, unit of USMC operating unmanned aircraft (approx 170 members total deployed in April). List of gifts suitable for donation supplied by YMIA and Alan Rasmussen; small items for personal use, hard candy, paper backs, magazines etc. possibly with messages. Discussed shipping in medium size Flat Rate PO boxes, one

per individual, @\$10 ea. Joyce Wheeler of Ship-It-Shop can order. Need items, plus donations for postage. Website to have button for donations for purchases and postage. Unit coordinator invited to attend next HVCC meeting. Jim commented he would purchase items using the Food4Less card.

Mike Romage brought copies of County Night Sky ordinance as requested last month (to be posted on website).

This led to discussion with David Cooper about HVCC 2+2 Committee with the Town of Yucca Valley. He asked if 2+2 could meet with Town concerning Industrial Zone next to low density housing. He said he could supply map. Burrtec plans have brought this to public notice. The area is a wildlife corridor and sits on the Reche basin; zoning was never revised from original county plan. Expensive to re-do town plan. Industrial development would affect Hwy 247 and Yucca Mesa as well as Yucca Valley residents. Jim Harvey asked if Yucca Mesa planned to form their own 2+2 Committee. Association boards to discuss possible HVCC role in this issue, similar to actions on the SOI? Olivia de Hauleville seeking sponsors for signage that would encourage respect for the desert, in an attempt to lessen the amount of loose trash. HVCC community signs might tie in to this. Discussion with Mike Romage about trash problems. Code Enforcement will supply bags for volunteers trash pick-up. Burrtec takes computers, monitors, TVs brought to Buena Vista location? Suggestion made that information about trash, e-waste, hazardous materials be organized, posted on Keep Our Desert Clean, community and HVCC websites, and published in newsletters, etc. "Bear proof" trash cans available, not easily blown over because they are not top heavy.

**3. Candidates slate for 2010/2011 HVCC officers June election:** Tory Preston, Nominating Committee chair, reported that after discussion with delegates from the four communities that the current officers be nominated for another term. Jim Harvey, president; Rick Sayers, vice president, Earlene McCloskey, treasurer; Betty Munson, secretary. All unopposed. Discussion of term lengths; no action.

**4. Joshua Tree National Park 75th Anniversary program:** Alan has suggested HVCC as participant in events promoting JTNP, Jim Harvey went to planning meeting representing the Council. Tourism committee mostly made up of Chambers of Commerce and Park people. Celebration to last for the whole year of 2011. HVCC Events committee could tie our events into promotion, have Park speakers. JTNP Planning to meet this week in Yucca Valley, Joshua Tree and 29Palms.

**5. Landers Dump and Homestead Valley waste disposal:** Dump is not closing. Discussed waste disposal under Community Services Committee above.

**6. Alan Rasmussen:** County updates already covered in previous discussions.

#### **7. President's Report:**

Jim Harvey congratulated Lee Gardner on his election as Landers Association president.

Suggested ways of organizing newsletters and mailing to be fair to all, printing HVCC newsletter for Landers since they do not use bulk rate permit. Proposed a Newsletter Committee; suggested workshops he could conduct using publishing software, at least two from each association to attend.

**8. Items for next agenda-**June 21 in Landers:Discuss possibly holding July meeting in Yucca Mesa in the evening.

**9. Meeting adjourned** 5:25 pm

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