

**HOMESTEAD VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING JUNE 15, 2009**

PRESENT: 2 new delegates from Landers: Judy Kemp and Linda Wallgues; Maryan Barkley, Elizabeth Karman, Jim Hanley, Jim Harvey, Mike McGrath, Earlene McCloskey, Betty Munson, Rick Sayers, Ken Stermetz, and Alan Rasmussen. Guests: Terry & John Burkhart.

Meeting called to order at 3:00 pm at Landers Association.

Flag Salute.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING already approved by e-mail.

TREASURERS REPORT presented by Earlene McCloskey : \$1,066 in working account; disaster account will be transferred into working account. Total funds \$6,090.03. \$100 to be sent to Homestead Valley Park for July 3rd Event.

Earlene thanked those who volunteered and contributed to the success of the Wine & Cheese Party.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Election of officers: results, Jim Harvey, president; Mike McGrath, vice president; Earlene McCloskey, treasurer; Betty Munson, secretary.
2. Installation of officers by Alan Rasmussen. Jim Harvey requested Rick Sayers continue conducting this meeting.
3. Report by Elizabeth Karman on the opposition to Yucca Valley's application for a Sphere of Influence:
 - Stop Yucca Mesa Annexation needs to order more signs. They are successfully recruiting volunteers.
 - The Hearing for LAFCO 3134 will likely not be until August or September.
 - Elizabeth requested a resolution from HVCC opposing the Sphere of Influence; the case number is 3134, Council approved.
 - There will be another rally and update meeting on Tuesday, July 21, at Flamingo Heights Community Association. Potluck at 6:00, speaker at 6:45.
 - Bumper stickers and buttons are in the works. Flyers will be delivered to every house in Yucca Mesa in the three weeks before the LAFCO meeting. Window signs will be made for businesses in Yucca Valley. The website www.stopyuccamesaannexation.org is constantly updated.
 - Elizabeth is waiting for the Hi-Desert Water District Municipal Services Review. It will be circulated by LAFCO for review and comment.
 - She once again refused donations, would rather have volunteers.

It was suggested that the dynamics of HVCC would change if Yucca Mesa is in Yucca Valley's Sphere of Influence, that we would no longer represent Yucca Mesa to the county. Alan Rasmussen said the county would still have authority over them except developers' plans would be copied to Yucca Valley. Elizabeth will send him the link to the County of San Bernardino General Plan where under a Sphere of Influence, the County would send all Yucca Mesa plans to the Town of Yucca Valley.
4. Jim Harvey discussed formation of committees as outlined in by-laws. He first suggested some short-term committees and their activities, such as:
 - SOI Committee, to pursue opposition. First item might be working on the Resolution against the SOI.
 - Audit Committee, to be formed at end of the fiscal year.

-Nominating Committee to be formed in April.

-A Marine Base Expansion committee was discussed by the Council, but not deemed necessary.

Standing Committees would include:

-A Public Outreach or Publicity Committee, to make HVCC better known. They would create website content, a bulletin to the member associations' newsletters, press announcements. A Welcome Wagon was suggested and Ken Stermetz described Landers' handout packet, with a calendar, phone book, gardening tips, info on schools, governmental reps, etc. Most items collected free from businesses in the area.

-A Fundraising Committee, to organize events such as the Wine & Cheese Party, possibly reviving the Christmas Party, a Children's Party, Honorary Sheriff election.

-A Community Improvement Committee, to pursue such projects as the designation of Hwy. 247 as a Scenic or historic highway.

The Council approved the Committees, to be made up not only of delegates to HVCC, but other members of the four community associations.

5. The new HVCC website was discussed. It costs \$50 a year for the hosting. There is a calendar of events for the use of the member organizations. There will be descriptions of the organizations, HVCC news and a PayPal account for donations. The Council voted to use the address www.hvcc-site.org, to have no phone number, and that a user name and password will be needed to post items on the website.

Minutes and agenda for meetings will be posted, and there will be a means for subscribing to HVCC bulletins. A logo is needed; design to express rural life.

6. Betty Munson reported some more research had been done for the designation of Hwy. 247/Old Woman Springs Rd. as a Scenic/Historic Highway. She has not heard anything on the information she gave to Alan Rasmussen at our May meeting, concerning the county's role in presenting this project to CalTrans.

Alan Rasmussen said he would try to get an office day or two scheduled in the next 45 days to meet with Neil Derry to discuss several of our issues.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Mike McGrath asked for updates to HVCC brochure. Only Landers and Yucca Mesa info up to date.
2. Maj. Valerie Hodgson USMC will be making a presentation at Flamingo Heights, Tuesday, June 16, on the Marine Base, its training activities and its relationships with the surrounding communities. She will not be discussing the Base Expansion proposals.
3. No public comments
4. Next meeting at Yucca Mesa, Monday, July 20, at 3 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm

–Betty Munson, secretary