AGENDA  AUGUST 21, 2017 MEETING
3:00 p.m. at Yucca Mesa Community Center, 3133 Balsa Ave.

Flag Salute
Roll Call/Delegate List

Approve Agenda
Approve Minutes of JULY meeting included in agenda packet.
Treasurer’s Report included in agenda packet: Betty Munson

1. Guest Comments on items not on the agenda

2. Election of Officers  We have an unequal number of delegates from each organization.

3. SB County Fire Dept  - Chief Mike Snow

4. SB County Sheriffs Dept - Capt Jeff Joling, Lt Mike Barta

5. CalFire - Chief Tony Jones

6. Jim Schooler - Field Representative for State Senator Jean Fuller

7. Continuing review, updates on items we discussed with Supervisor Ramos Feb 20
   • Scenic 247: Reconnect with Caltrans
   • Homestead Valley Community Plan, still no announcement of publication date
   • Hauled Water Ban: AB 366 and 367
     Board of Supervisors Hearing of FINAL Draft. Scenic 247 Comment Letter included in this agenda packet

8. Ord Mountain Solar Project and Siena Solar Project

9. Cleanup at Giant Rock, Saturday, September 8

10. Report on LV-JV and Morongo Basin MACs

11. Committees:
    Audit
    Fund Raising/Events
    Advisory-no meeting necessary
    Public Outreach (Betty Munson)
    Community Services/Improvements/Co-operation (Rick Sayers)
    Scenic 247 (Betty Munson)

12. President’s Report

13. Action Items - Community Reports List - Announcements

   Next HVCC meeting Monday, September 18, 3:00 pm
   Landers Belfield Hall

14. Adjourn
HVCC DELEGATES / COMMITTEE LIST

January 2015

INTERIM OFFICERS
President: Joanna Wright
Vice President: Rick Sayers
Secretary/ Treasurer: Betty Munson

COUNCIL MEMBERS
Members appointed by the 4 HVCC Organizations, residing in the community they represent.
Up to 3 voting members from each community, plus alternate to vote in case of an absence.

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AD HOC COMMITTEES
Committee members not required to be members of the Council

Marine Base Expansion: Chairperson: Amy Granat
Betty Munson, Michele Myers, Jim Harvey

STANDING COMMITTEES
Fund Raising/Events:

Scenic 247 Committee: Chairperson: Betty Munson

Advisory Committee: Presidents of the 4 HVCC Community Associations

Community Outreach: Chairperson: Betty Munson
Jim Hanley, Rick Sayers

Community Services / Improvements / Co-operation: Chairperson: Rick Sayers
Jim Hanley
MINUTES of the JULY 17, 2017
Meeting of the Homestead Valley Community Council
3:00 p.m. at Flamingo Heights Community Center

Guests signed in: Jonell Kosa, Ariel Searcy, Combat Center G-5 External Affairs; Dorothy Beasley, Nancy Brock. FHCA; Moira Fain, Landers; Barbara Harris, Scenic 247 Committee

-Opened with Flag Salute at 3:11 p.m.

Roll Call/Delegate List present: Ken Brock, Floy Creveling, Jim Hanley, Betty Munson, Roxanna Shamay, Joanna Wright

Agenda approved

Minutes of the JUNE Meeting approved

Treasurer Report: approved. Audit for Fiscal Year 2016-17 completed by Jim Hanley and Roxanna Shamay.


2. Election of Officers We need equal representation from the 4 communities, in order to nominate and vote for officers.

3. SB County Fire Dept - unable to attend, responding to emergency

4. SB County Sheriffs Dept - unable to attend

5. CalFire - unable to attend

6. Jim Scholer - Field Representative from State Senator Jean Fuller - unable to attend

7. Continuing Review of items discussed with Supervisor Ramos during the Feb 20 HVCC meeting
   - Scenic 247: Sarah Kennington still trying to recruit a Landscape Architect to approve our Visual Assessment report as required by Caltrans. Barbara Harris finds nothing in her files of Caltrans Scenic Highway Guidelines about this requirement; asks when it was instated and where it was published.
     Will proceed with photos and visual assessment anyway, although haze and smoke has not helped visibility.
   - Homestead Valley Community Plan: update received after this agenda distributed: the draft plan may be out by the end of July, approved by Sept; County General Plan to be approved by Sept 2018.
     Chuck Bell in Lucerne Valley was told, that even before the General Plan is approved, if an applicant comes with a project with major land-use changes, etc. that are inconsistent with our community action plans and pending zoning and land-use maps, that the “project won’t be looked on favorably.”
   - Hauled Water Ban: (Betty) The demise of Assemblyman Obernolte’s attempt to lift statewide ban on hauled water in AB 366. Opposed by chair of Senate Committee who wrote original bill putting ban in place. AB 367 approved, will allow you to rebuild after a fire, even if you rely on hauled water.
   - Solar Moratorium: No moratorium. Supervisor Ramos asked for publication date for the Draft Renewable Energy and Conservation Element of the County Plan. Information on public meeting re: first draft of REC Element and online links included in this agenda packet.
     Chuck Bell was told: Even without the REC Element in place, staff says, “Developers aren’t coming in blind. In numerous meetings, staff gives them the bottom line reality of what they are up against – proceed with risk.”

8. Ord Mountain Solar Project (Betty) only new report is citizens involving AQMD in this process.

9. Fire Tax and Cap and Trade Extension Changing reports about action to lure rural constituents into supporting Cap and Trade by ending illegal fire tax. Legislative counsel said extending Cap and Trade beyond its 2020 termination would be illegal.

This and other tax issues reported to subscribers on www.hjta.org, the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association website.
10. Report on LV-JV and Morongo Basin MACs

   MB MAC- Ken Brock attended, reported the speaker from Economic Development Agency discussed budget $400,000 to increase content tourism website. MAC resolution in support of Sand to Snow and Mojave Trails National Monuments as designated was approved. These and other monuments established by executive order by President Obama are under review.

   LV-JV MAC- Speakers from the Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District will discuss air quality problems created by Ord Mtn and all industrial solar projects. Also, a letter opposing Ord Mtn project is on list of Action Items.

11. Committees:

   Fund Raising/Events-no report
   Advisory-no meeting necessary
   Public Outreach (Betty Munson) e-mail, radio and newspaper notified about meeting.
   Community Services/Improvements/Co-operation (Rick Sayers) no report.

   We will ask Rick to contact Elementary Schools about HVCC donations to school science trips.

   Scenic 247 (Betty Munson) discussed under Item #8.

12. President’s Report no report

13. Action Items none

Community Reports and Announcements

Flamingo Heights:
   Potluck meeting tomorrow; Ice Cream Social, July 22.

Landers:
   Fireworks at Homestead Valley Park, Saturday, Sept. 2. No events planned, though regular meetings continue at Belfield Hall. Bonnie Trezona setting up special Back to School section in the Thrift Shoppe, asking for donations of school supplies, nice clothes. Open 10:00-2:00 Saturdays.

Yucca Mesa:
   Planning for Mesa Fest in September

Johnson Valley:
   -Saturday Breakfast every week, 7-10 a.m.
   -Bake Sale Auction plus a program, Sat Aug 12, time and entertainment to be announced,
   -FRIED CHICKEN DINNER, changed since the JV Journal published: Sat Aug 5, only 7.00 per person. $4.00 for kids age 12 and younger.

Next HVCC meeting Monday, August 21, 3:00 pm
   Yucca Mesa Community Center

15. Adjourn 4:18

Betty Munson, Secretary
HVCC Checking Account
BEGINNING BALANCE – 7/1/17 ........................................ $1,930.73
NO ACTIVITY
ENDING BALANCE CHECKING – 7/31/17 .................... $1,930.73

HVCC Savings Account
BEGINNING BALANCE 7/1/17 .................................... $4,139.82
INCOME ................................................................................... 0.00
INTEREST DEP Jan ................................................................. 0.03
ENDING BALANCE – 7/31/17 ...................................... $4,139.85

Total HVCC Assets ............................................................. $6,070.58

CASH IN BANK:
US BANK – CHECKING ................................................ $1,930.73
US BANK – SAVINGS ...................................................... 4,139.85
TOTAL CASH IN BANK ACCOUNTS .......................... $6,070.58

LEGEND:
CK  - CHECK
DC  - DEBIT CARD
DEP - DEPOSIT
EFT – ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER

BETTY MUNSON
TREASURER
COMMENT: Draft Renewable Energy and Conservation Element

Since 2009, the Scenic 247 Committee of the Homestead Valley Community Council has commented on every proposal for any renewable energy project that affected the communities and landscape through which State Route 247 travels.

S.R.247 is eligible for State Scenic Highway status.

Civic, recreational and environmental organizations, as well as tourism destinations, have signed on as sponsors of the Scenic 247 campaign.

Please see this link to the California Department of Transportation website:

http://www.dot.ca.gov/ser/vol1/sec3/community/ch27via/chap27vria.htm#scenic

Under Chapter 27 – Visual & Aesthetics Review, we find two statements:

"The intent of the State Scenic Highway Program is to protect and enhance California’s natural scenic beauty."

"If a highway is listed as eligible for official designation, it is also part of the Scenic Highway System and care must be taken to preserve its eligible status."

To further the County’s campaign to attract more tourism dollars into the Mountains and Deserts of San Bernardino County, we request an addition to the REC Element under RE Policy 4.10.

Please add the words shown below in bold face:

Prohibit utility-oriented RE project development on sites that would create adverse impacts on the quality of life or economic development opportunities in existing unincorporated communities, which include adverse impacts to the viewshed of S.R. 247 in its entirety.

Thank you for your attention,

Betty Munson, Chair

(See “The Case for Scenic 247” at www.scenichighway247.com)