



P.O. Box 3694, Landers, CA 92285

## **AGENDA: March 18, 2019 MEETING**

3:00 p.m. at Flamingo Heights Community Center, 3133 Balsa Ave.

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Roll Call/Delegate List

Approve Agenda

Approve Minutes of February meeting included in agenda packet.

Treasurer's Report: Floy Creveling

- 1. Guest Comments** on items not on the agenda
- 2. SB County Fire Dept** - Chief Scott Tuttle
- 3. SB County Sheriffs Dept** - Capt. Trevis Newport
- 4. Update: Energy Element of the County Plan** - Policy 4.10
- 5. Update: Calcite Solar** – HVCC comments submitted
- 6. Review of HVCC Bylaws and Standing Rules**
- 7. New HVCC Website Proposal**
- 8. Morongo Basin MAC** – Mark Lundquist
- 9. Committees:**
  - Standing:* Public Outreach (Betty Munson)
  - Ad Hoc:* Scenic Highway 247 (Betty Munson)
- 10. President's Report**
- 11. Community Reports List – Announcements**
- 12. Review Action Items From This Meeting**

**Next HVCC meeting: Monday, April 15, 3:00 pm**  
Landers Belfield Hall, 58380 Reche Rd.

**Adjourn**

# MINUTES FEBRUARY 18, 2019 MEETING

3:00 p.m. at Johnson Valley Community Center

Guests: County Supervisor Dawn Rowe; Mark Lundquist, 3rd District Field Representative; Chuck Bell, Lucerne Valley Economic Development Assn; Peter Livingston, Lucerne Valley Unified School District; Billy Mitchell; Julie Mitchell; Mary Coulombe; J. Larry Coulombe; Mike McBride; Gary Creveling, Landers: Al Marquez, Joshua Tree; Court Prittie, Vic Johnston, Johnson Valley

Flag Salute at 3:05 p.m.

## Roll Call/Delegate List:

Present: Adrienne Bishop, Floy Creveling, Jim Hanley, Jim Harvey, Betty Munson, Rick Sayers, Roxanna Shamay

**Agenda** Approved

**Minutes of JANUARY meeting** - Approved

**Treasurer's Report:** Floy Creveling - Approved w/corrections Floy made

**1. Guest Comments** - Billy Mitchell - Sheriff's Dept Rural Task Force can come to next HVCC to speak. Sheriff emblem sign available to but on gates. GPS location on houses make finding you in emergency situation, can save lives. Suggested to have residents call Sheriff's non-emergency number to request adding patrols at night in Johnson Valley, Billy will pursue this. Roxanna said to call Capt Newport.

**2. SB County Fire Dept** - Chief Scott Tuttle - Unable to attend

**3. SB County Sheriffs Dept** - Capt Trevis Newport - unable to attend

**4. CalFire** - Chief Tony Jones - unable to attend

**5. Renewable Energy Element of the County Plan** - Steve Mills

County Renewable Energy and Conservation Element (RECE) Policy 4.10 was designed to give protection from industrial solar and wind projects to communities with a community plan or in Rural Living zone. A final vote will be heard by all Supervisors at a special meeting in San Bernardino, February 28 at 10:00 a.m. He urged residents to attend and comment in person, and described the process. Representatives from international developers and unions will be there. The main thing is to stand up and be counted as supporting Policy 4.10. Applications are now in for 5,667 acres of industrialization spread out over North Lucerne Valley alone; policy 4.10 will prevent having to fight more applications project by project. We face the industrializing from Joshua Tree to Oak Hills.

**6. Industrial Renewable Energy Projects Update** - Chuck Bell - comments on Environmental Impact Report on the Calcite Substation due Friday, February 22. LVEDA will do one, Pat Flanagan, Brian Hammer also. Steve Mills will also do letter for organizations to sign. Scenic 247 did comment for Ord Mountain/Calcite, but this is the Edison project, comments go to the Public Utilities Commission. Also 2,000 acre Sorrell project on State Lands not affected by Policy 4.10. Many complaints from residents being asked by obnoxious realtors to sell easements for transmission lines for a School Lands project to Calcite Substation. All BLM land surrounding these projects were declared Development Focus Areas by the Desert Renewable Energy and Conservation Plan. HVCC can sign on to Steve's letter, and make our own comment. Jim Harvey to write letter from Scenic 247 Committee viewpoint.

**7. Countywide Action Plan Update** - We must insist that goals and policies in our 2007 Homestead Valley Community Plans be added to any "Action Guide" so planners will know what we want. Dawn Rowe said planners are taking comments on them now. Chuck Bell said, if you read the 2007 Plan, he does not see how County could allow any industrial renewable energy projects. Steve Mills said map in Countywide Plan creates a new land zone: "RLM" Resource Land Management, would allow big utility scale. Also, Action Plans are not part of the County Plan and have no legal teeth. If a 2007 plan is an "addendum" to an Action Plan, would it have legal teeth? Action Plans can be changed tomorrow, can be amended anytime any way, with no legislative process. This is a good question to be asked, to be put on Mark Lundquist's list. 2007 plan goals and policies must be transferred to County Plan itself.

**8. County Fire Parcel Tax** - Cindy Henry - Fire Tax Coalition report by e-mail:

-From The Red Brennan Group: Judge signaled he will likely approve County's request to dismiss the legal challenge to the expansion of the fire service zone FP-5. If so, The Red Brennan Group will appeal the decision.

-The Ron Austin lawsuit scheduled for March 14.

-Judgement on a related lawsuit: A tentative decision favorable to property owners in the San Antonio Heights Association, that the annexation of Upland and San Antonio Heights into San Bernardino County's fire "protection district" was valid, but their inclusion in a fire "service zone" which came with an annual property tax, was not.

-Upon urging by Fire Tax Coalition member, SB 272 was introduced by Senator Mike Morrell, to amend Health & Safety Code, requiring a vote if such an expansion in the future creates new or increased fees.

Chuck Bell reported that LVEDA as a non-profit organization had declined accepting donations for the Fire Tax Coalition, if in future this does come to a vote and they need to send out information to all the voters affected. Also, he checked with The Red Brennan Group and was told that LVEDA, HVCC, and JVIA would have no financial risk if their case failed; they cannot be asked for attorney fees, and TRBG would take care of any court fees.

**9. Morongo Basin MAC** -Field Rep Mark Lundquist - MAC will get back together, and LV MAC will also be asking for applications. Hope to be acting in the next 1-1/2 months.

**10. Committees:** Jim suggested changing some committees which have had little or no activity to report to “ad hoc” status, to be revived when and if needed. Approved by Council as noted below.

**Fund Raising/Events** - ad hoc committee, when we are ready to resume fundraising

**Advisory** - ad hoc committee. consisting of presidents of the four communities. Formed to agree on boundaries to establish residency requirements for representatives to the Council, not needed since.

**Public Outreach** (Betty Munson) announcements of meeting by radio, newspaper, e-mails.

Jim posted Agenda packet on [www.hvccsite.org](http://www.hvccsite.org), as always.

**Community Services/Improvements/Co-operation** (Rick Sayers) - established when we were trying for new road signs, adding Homestead Valley identification. Change to ad hoc committee, noting the possibility it would be needed when we get Scenic Highway status for 247.

We did get signs replaced in Johnson Valley on at least two occasions, but the answer to the last request was, Caltrans does not do that, it is County’s responsibility. Standard request form online. Mark Lundquist asked for the information.

**Scenic 247** - (Betty Munson) Jim Harvey has begun upgrade of [www.scenichighway247.com](http://www.scenichighway247.com), to be viewable on all devices. A large slide show of scenes from the highway. Good digital photos requested of views.

Pictures for the Visual Assessment from mile markers 1-13 done. Jim and Chuck had to postpone Barstow Rd. completion because of bad weather. Sara Fairchild, our landscape architect, submitted another section of the County presentation to review by the Caltrans landscape architect.

Discussion of billboard at Buena Vista Rd: not HVCC billboard; paid for by a supporter of Scenic 247. No funds go to HVCC. Billboards not welcome in a scenic corridor.

**11. President’s Report** - Jim Harvey

1. USBank advertises 9-month CD at 2%. Our savings makes .03 month, has not been touched, a high likelihood we will not need it for 9 months. Jim recommended moving the savings, with \$360 from checking, getting a \$4500 CD, leaving some \$350 cash on hand with no expected expenses, adding about \$90 after 9 months as opposed to 3 cents a month. Motion made and seconded to set up a CD at the current 2% for 9-month CD, using all the money in the savings account currently, plus \$360 cash from the checking account, to total \$4500. Approved unanimously by the Council.

2. P.O Box is expensive, hardly used. Floy had suggested using her P.O. box address when HVCC box expires, as she goes to the post office daily. Council agreed.

3. Suggestion Council review the By-Laws, any changes to be discussed at March meeting.

4. Jim offered to update HVCC website, no cost. Outline by next meeting or by e-mail for Council approval.

**12. Review Action Items - Community Reports**

1. Jim-247 Committee Comment EIR on proposed Calcite substation 2. Betty- E-mail By-Laws to Board

**Landers** - Roxanna - Flea Market at Homestead Valley Park, every 1st Saturday 9:00-3:00.

Record Fair, every three months, next on March 31. Sell LPs, CDs, artists with their music, in Belfield Hall.

Judy Laffoon now has Caltrans permit to cleanup Hwy 247 between Whalen’s Wash to Mile 19. Asking for more volunteers.

Floy invited everyone Morongo Basin Historical Society Founders Day Open House, March 10, 1:00-4:00 p.m.

**Yucca Mesa** - Rick - Campfire, March 23, 6:00 p.m. with music, food, beverages, Jim Harvey wine, campfire beer.

**Johnson Valley** - Betty - Annual Corned Beef Dinner, March 2, 5:00, 7.00 per person.

Jim Harvey thanked people who came a long distance including LVUSD Schools Superintendent Peter Livingston, Supervisor Dawn Rowe, and 3rd District Field Rep Mark Lundquist (who agreed HVCC should keep him on the agendas).

Rick Sayers asked Rowe about Community Block Grants all going to towns; can this be changed back to include rural projects? Also, reports of delays getting building permits, she said things are improving and applications can be made online.

Julie Mitchell said rains had compromised their cattle fencing, please report strays, 760-954-6259 or 760-475-2045

**Next HVCC meeting Monday, March 18, 3:00 pm**  
Flamingo Heights Community Center, 55977 Perris Rd

**Adjourn** at 4:28 p.m.

*Betty Munson, secretary*

## **HVCC DELEGATES / COMMITTEE LIST**

January 2019

### **OFFICERS**

President: Jim Harvey

Vice President: Rick Sayers

Secretary: Betty Munson

Treasurer: Floy Creveling

### **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.*

Dorothy Beasley FHCA 760-364-4174  
Adrienne Bishop Landers 760-364-2345  
Floy Creveling Landers 714-309-8677 g.creveling@att.net  
Jim Hanley JVIA 760-364-4829 jhaflame@aol.com  
Jim Harvey JVIA 760-401-1015 johnsonvalley@gmail.com  
Betty Munson JVIA 760-364-2646 ranchotaj@gmail.com  
Rick Sayers YMIA 760-574-6598 rick@ricksayers.com  
Roxanna Shamay Landers 760-333-2707 shamay@inreach.com

### **STANDING COMMITTEE**

**Community Outreach:** Chairperson: Betty Munson

Jim Hanley, Rick Sayers

### **AD HOC COMMITTEE**

**Scenic 247 Committee:** Chairperson: Betty Munson

Phillip Brown, Barbara Harris, Jim Harvey, Sarah Kennington, Sara Fairchild

*Committee members not required to be members of the Council*

**Homestead Valley Community Council, Inc.**

**Treasurer's Report**

**March 2019**

**Checking Account:**

<b>Beginning Balance 02/01/2019</b> .....	<b>\$ 717.34</b>
<b>Income</b> .....	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Expense:</b> Check#687 - Transfer to Certificate of Deposit 02/20/2019.....	<b>359.61</b>
<b>Ending Balance 02/28/2019</b> .....	<b>\$ 357.73</b>

**Savings Account:**

<b>Beginning Balance 02/01/2019</b> .....	<b>\$4,140.39</b>
<b>Income</b> .....	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Interest Earned Deposit</b> .....	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Withdrawal:</b> Cashier's Check#5244524156 transfer to Certificate of Deposit 02/20/2019.....	<b>\$4,140.39</b>
<b>Account Closed 02/20/2019</b>	
<b>Ending Balance 02/28/2019</b> .....	<b>\$ 0.00</b>

**Certificate of Deposit:**

<b>Opened 02/20/2019</b>	<b>Interest rate 1.98% (APY 2.00%)</b>	<b>Matures 11/20/2019</b>
<b>Beginning Balance 02/20/2019</b> .....	<b>\$4,500.00</b>	

**Total HVCC Assets in USBank: (\$357.73 + \$4,500.00) ..... \$4,857.73**

**Legend:**

**CK – Check    DC– Debit Card    DEP-Deposit    EFT– Electronic Funds Transfer**

**Floy Creveling**  
**Treasurer**

**Homestead Valley Community Council, Inc.**

**Treasurer's Report (corrected)**

**February 2019**

**Checking Account:**

Beginning Balance 01/01/2019.....	\$ 717.34
Income.....	0.00
Expense:.....	0.00
Ending Balance 01/31/2019.....	\$ 717.34

**Savings Account:**

Beginning Balance 01/01/2019.....	\$4,140.36
Income.....	0.00
Interest Earned Deposit.....	0.03
Expense.....	0.00
Ending Balance 01/31/2019.....	\$4,140.39

**Total HVCC Assets in USBank: (\$717.34 + \$4,140.39)..... \$4,857.73**

**Legend:**

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**Floy Creveling**

**Treasurer**

# **BY-LAWS**

## **HOMESTEAD VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

### **ARTICLE I**

#### **NAME**

The Organization heretofore known as the Tri-Community Council Inc. shall from this time be known as the Homestead Valley Community Council, Inc., and will hereinafter be referred to as the Council.

### **ARTICLE II**

#### **PURPOSE**

Sec. 1 The purpose of the Council is to support and promote projects of benefit to the collective interests, safety and security of all residents in the areas that are represented by its member organizations.

Sec. 2 The Council will function as the Homestead Valley communities' representative to the office of the County Supervisor and to any other County, State or Federal administrative body on matters affecting and benefiting the well-being of the communities

Sec. 3 This is a non-profit organization and does not contemplate pecuniary gain or profit to its members.

### **ARTICLE III**

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

Sec. 1 Member organizations to this Council will be the Flamingo Heights Community Association, the Johnson Valley Improvement Association, the Landers Association and the Yucca Mesa Improvement Association.

Sec. 2 Members of this Council will consist of a group of delegates from each organization.

### **ARTICLE IV**

#### **OFFICERS**

Sec. 1 The executive officers of the Council shall include a President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Sec. 2 Officers shall serve a term of one year or until their successors are elected and take office.

### **ARTICLE V**

#### **FISCAL YEAR**

The Fiscal Year of the Council shall be from July 1 to June 30 of the following year.

### **ARTICLE VI**

#### **ELECTIONS AND TERMS OF OFFICE**

Sec. 1 Officers of the Council will be elected for a term of one (1) year, with re-election possible for an indefinite number of times.

Sec. 2 The slate of Officer candidates will be presented by the Nominating Committee at the Council's May meeting.

Sec. 3 Any person on the Nominating Committee may be eligible to be considered for office.

Sec. 4 Officers of the Council will be elected by a majority vote of the Delegates in attendance at the Council's June meeting, at which time nominations will be accepted from the floor. Upon a vote by the Council, installation of newly elected officers will be immediate.

### **ARTICLE VII**

#### **MEETINGS**

Sec. 1 Regular Council meetings will be held each month on a day and time determined by the Council.

Sec. 2 All meetings of the Council will be publicized and open to the public.

Sec. 3 Special meetings of the Council may be called by the President, by two (2) officers, or at the request of a majority of the delegates to the Council.

Sec. 4 The chain of command within the Council will be:

- A. The Vice-President will preside in the absence of the President
- B. The Treasurer will preside in the absence of the President and the Vice-President.

The Secretary will appoint a President Pro-Tem in order for a meeting to proceed when the President, Vice President and Treasurer are absent and when a quorum is present.

### **ARTICLE VIII**

#### **AMENDMENTS TO THE BY-LAWS**

Sec. 1 These By-Laws may be altered or amended by a majority vote of the Delegates in attendance at any regular or special meeting.

Sec. 2 Any member may present the proposed addition or change in written form to the Delegates at any regular meeting of the Council

Sec. 3 The written change will be read to the Council by the Secretary at the next regular meeting, at which time the vote will be taken to either accept or reject the addition or change.

### **ARTICLE IX**

#### **PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY**

Any business not covered by these By-laws will be conducted in accordance with Roberts Rules of Order.

# STANDING RULES

## HOMESTEAD VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### DUTIES OF OFFICERS

#### A. President.

1. Serve as administrative officer of the Council. and preside at all meetings.
2. Prepare meeting agendas.
3. Serve on all committees except the nominating committee.
4. Appoint all committee chairpersons.
5. Function as the Council representative to any and all other organizations that need to coordinate with the Council.
6. Arrange for the Vice-President to preside in the event of President's absence.
7. Be one of the signatories on the bank accounts.

#### B. Vice-President.

1. Conduct meetings of the Council in the absence of the President.

#### C. Secretary.

1. Keep an accurate record of proceedings of all meetings.
2. Take care of all correspondence at the direction of the President.
3. Be one of the signatories on the bank accounts.

#### D. Treasurer.

1. Be the chief financial officer of the Council and keep accurate records of all the Council's financial affairs.
2. Collect, record and deposit all monies received.
3. Ensure checks are signed by two authorized signatories.
4. Prepare any required government forms/filings and issue payment as necessary.
5. Keep records of all receipts and expenses.
6. Deliver all records to audit committee at end of fiscal year.
7. Arrange for a substitute Treasurer in the event of his/her absence.

### FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

1. Checking and CD accounts shall be maintained at a U.S. Bank
2. Two signatures shall be required on all checks
3. Any check payable to an officer of the Council may not be signed by that person.

### DELEGATE MEMBERSHIP

1. Each organization shall select up to three active, interested residents to be their Delegates to the Council, plus one Alternate Delegate, 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.

2. Residents of one member community cannot be made a Delegate from another member community.

Community Boundaries agreed upon: see map attached.

3. Delegate's status of good standing will be subject to Council review if the Delegate's behavior does not conform to the Code of Conduct or is deemed detrimental to the Council or a member organization.

### DELEGATE ATTENDANCE

1. To remain a Delegate in good standing, each must personally attend no fewer than seven (7) of the Council's regular monthly meetings in any twelve month period.

2. Delegate's status of good standing will be subject to Council review upon said Delegate's accumulation of three (3) consecutive unexcused absences.

3. Any action to dismiss must be by a quorum of the Council, or by the member organization.

5. Delegate replacement will be by action of member organization.

### QUORUM

1. All member organizations are entitled to three votes, one per appointed delegate.

2. Alternate delegates permitted to vote only in absence of regular delegate.

3. A quorum is the majority of delegates. A majority will be any number greater than one half the number of Delegates as established by the most current delegate's list.

4. Quorum of Delegates will be required to approve a motion.

5. The President will abstain from voting unless a tie-breaking vote is required

6. "Unanimous" will be all the delegates present.

### SCOPE OF COUNCIL INTERESTS

1. The Council and its Delegates will function in a manner that is subservient to and respectful of the autonomy of its member Organizations.

2. Any Council-initiated project affecting the interests of its member organizations must meet with the approval of the organizations. Approval or disapproval will be obtained from the Council's member organizations by their Delegates to the Council.



# STANDING RULES

## HOMESTEAD VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### CODE OF CONDUCT

1. Each delegate shall be free to question and discuss any item on the agenda during the Council meetings.
2. The dignity, values, and opinions of every delegate shall be respected. Delegates shall at all times conduct themselves with courtesy to each other, and to members of the public.
3. Delegates shall conduct themselves professionally and respectfully when acting as a Council representative handling external Council affairs.
4. User Names and Passwords on electronic accounts including Website will be given only to persons authorized by majority approval.

### COMMITTEES

1. Committee appointments shall begin after elections in June.
2. STANDING COMMITTEES:
  - A. Public Outreach – duties include promotional material and distribution, regular newsletter, website, press communications, and all public relations.
  - B. Fund Raising and Events – duties include developing events for the purpose of raising funds to offset expenses, and to initiate new public activities for the communities.
  - C. Community Services / Improvements / Cooperation – duties include emergency preparedness, roads and highway issues, parks, and programs established to assist residents.
  - D. Advisory Committee – duties include advice on matters that should be referred to the Boards of the four member community organizations. Includes a Chair appointed by HVCC, the presidents of the four associations, and the Third District Field Representative.
  - E. Scenic 247 Committee - campaign for official Scenic Highway designation for SR 247, promote tourism, publicize prehistoric and historic resources.
3. AD HOC COMMITTEES
  - A. Nominating - Two or more members appointed by the Council in April, to present slate in May, to be voted on in June
  - B. Audit - At the end of the fiscal year, June 30th, committee will insure that each monthly statement is in file, that every check is signed by two of the designated signatories, and are in proper sequence, insure there are receipts for each check issued and present their report at the meeting following completion of the audit but no later than the September meeting.

# Homestead Valley Community Council Website Revamp Proposal

*Submitted by Jim Harvey*

**Rationale:** At our February meeting I suggested to the Council that our website needs updating. It was first designed and published over 10 years ago. Standards have changed, especially as they relate to mobile device adaptability. The Council directed me to put together a design proposal.

**Proposal:** I am recommending a complete redesign. The new website will be mobile device adaptive. This will make it compatible with phone and tablet viewing. It will visually showcase the uniqueness of each of our member communities by using images selected by the member communities. It will clearly define the role of HVCC, state our positions on matters that affect our community, provide access to all HVCC written comments, newsletters, and correspondence, and give immediate access to meeting schedule, agenda, and minutes as they become available.

We will format the website to be an extensive resource for Homestead Valley residents by providing links and downloads to important documents like our Community Plan, General County Plan, pending legislation, community maps, and SB County departments and services. (Code Enforcement, Land Use, Building Permits, Services for elderly, low income, mental health, etc.)

We will incorporate and frequently update a blog, an events calendar, and email newsletter sign-up/ mailing list. The website will also support donations by credit card through Paypal for our general fund, and for individual purposes as needed.

**Cost:** All work can be done in-house so there will be no cost to the Council for this website redesign. We will just need to maintain our nominal annual domain registration and hosting costs as the Council has always done in the past.

**First Step:** We will need to get 2 images from each community that really showcase the uniqueness of that community. Example: Johnson Valley – King of the Hammers. Landers – Giant Rock. Flamingo Heights – pink sunset that gave the community its name. Yucca Mesa – Mesa Fest. We will also need 1 good photo of the outside of each community center. This is the perfect time with flowers in bloom and trees putting on leaves.