

MINUTES

LUCERNE VALLEY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION (LVEDA)

TUES, JAN 3, 2017 -- 5PM -- SENIOR CENTER

Meeting called to order 5PM. Minutes approved, moved by Jean, second Marie.

Attendance taken. Introductions.

Treasurer's report: Last month was Christmas LVEDA and proceeds went to paying for the fried chicken at the potluck.

David Rib report on application by Mitsubishi to expand quarry. Current quarry is exhausted. Expanded to west pit a while back, which is low grade. Found higher grade on ridge above plant, called South Pit. EIR was issued a few months ago. Started this process in 2009. Has taken all of this time to satisfy various agencies, involving both CEQA and NEPA, state and federal levels. No more public meetings required, so Mitsubishi will have an open house January 19, 4:30-6:30. Comment period ends Feb. 1. Application is for 120 years, partly due to the amount of time and effort involved in getting this permitted. Also involved is a long term environmental strategy to protect raptors and Bighorn Sheep, to which Mitsubishi has signed on. Dave will bring flyer to open house to send out to LVEDA membership. Chuck suggests LVEDA send in comments in support by Feb. 1.

Board members up for reelection: David Rib, Jean Magee, Linda Gommel. Attendees at meeting seemed to agree to extend the terms of these three.

Cong. Cook (Dakota Higgins): Cong. Cook excited about upcoming changes as of Jan. 20. A rollback of lots of regulations, and restoring funding that was cut from military.

State of CA report by Chuck Bell: Yvette out of commission for a while. Working on Water Hauling legislation.

Schools report: Report sent by Jim Harvey. No enrollment figures until Jan. 9. Next Board meeting Jan. 12. Will consider their sunshine rules. Retained same officers for continuity.

LV Book by Bill Lembright: No report.

MAC: next meeting January 19, same day as Mitsubishi open house. Suggest entire MAC attend Open House. Mitsubishi one of the most important things to Lucerne Valley.

Lorrie and group from Cal Poly Pomona: studying regional planning. 2 quarters. First quarter was existing conditions report.

Population in LV is decreasing. Senior population is increasing.

23% population in LV is considered in poverty. 10% of seniors in poverty

Majority of residents own homes

Household income varies from <\$10,000 to >\$200,000. Average income/household is \$48,000. Other statistics given.

Students brought up the possible Crossroads Senior Community and said they thought the zoning of the 109 acre parcel has been recently changed to SR -- Single Residential. Richard will check with Karen Watkins and if it has been changed, will push the County to return it to what it has been.

Next step is to move from snapshot of our community to hone in on the Senior Community. Richard wants to email to them the comments made by County departments made on predevelopment hearing.

What else would we like them to focus on? Sources of funding and other help. Subjects like wastewater treatment, costs, what is needed to make it cost effective. Keep the "veterans" aspect of this front and center.

Sunshot initiative of Dept. of Energy, by Tony Malone and Lorrie Steely. Tony developed a 3 minute video. Need Mission Statement from LVEDA. Purpose of solar initiative to incentivize medium and low income households to use solar energy. Hoping to present our idea of community solar for this very low income community to Dept. of Energy as acceptable to this project. Our little project would produce 8MW for use by this community and to export. Also to treat water, potentially for use by the Senior Community.

What goes along with the Video? A list of participants with brief description in 3 pages.

Chuck reported on meeting with SCE at which they discussed our thoughts about microgrid. Thinking we should scale back our Tamarisk Flats area due to the size and number of projects in the works, including 7-800 megawatts being applied for on BLM land in Lucerne Valley. We need contact with Dept. of Interior to fight against this stuff.

Chuck requested that LVEDA send copies of letter to Obernolte opposing bag ban for multiple reasons. Voted to do that.

Patty Riddle sent a letter re the effort to get a portion of the highway to be named in honor of fallen hero Brian Walker. Caltrans wants \$2000 per sign so maybe we can come up with professional signs to place on private property. Or do a GoFundMe drive on Facebook to raise the money.

Announcements: Diane CofC auction on Feb. 4 at Jerry Byars' place. Donations of auctionable items accepted.

Meeting adjourned 6:45PM.