

MINUTES

LUCERNE VALLEY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION (LVEDA)

TUES, May 2, 2017 -- 5PM -- SENIOR CENTER

Meeting called to order 5PM. Minutes approved, moved Richard. Second Jean.

Attendance taken. Introductions.

Treasurer's report: April collection \$58.00, balance \$8535.82. Mitsubishi paid for website domain and 1 year hosting fees of \$57.39. Website is www.lveda.org.

Cong. Cook report: Congressman Cook supports repeal of Obamacare, whenever that can happen. Border security has \$1.5 billion in new budget. Budget still supports Planned Parenthood, but no federal \$ for abortion. Trump issued an executive order rescinding Obama's last minute order establishing many more national monuments. Wants to give communities more input about what is designated a national monument in their respective areas.

Obernolte report, by Chris Scott. Re transportation funding plan: 12cents per gallon of gas, 20cents per gallon excise tax on diesel, up to \$175 per vehicle road use fee, \$100 per electric vehicle, largest tax increase in history. Good news is Obernolte bill to help small business navigate regulations passed out of committee. Water hauling bills are now in the Senate Rules Committee. Richard asked about SB231, a water bill -- putting fees on water rates without a requirement for improving water storage.00

MWA by Jim Ventura: MWA hasn't raised taxes in 30 years, and it's now on the table. Shows as MWA2 on tax bill. May 3 is a tour of MWA facilities, 8AM, 5 seats left. ABC's of water May 23. MojaveWater.org has all this info. Re

Lucerne Valley recharge basin: MWA and USGS doing a study of underground water flow in prep for a possible recharge basin. Have 6 candidates for replacement of retiring Kirby Brill. Cadiz water project still alive, with the idea of moving water along railroad easements.

Schools report: Superintendent presented the LCAP program, which intends to include community in setting goals for the school district. Goal 1: Students receive a quality education. Goal 2: Students on track to graduate to enter college or workforce. Goal 3: Students will be engaged in a positive school climate. Governor's budget is low and May revision didn't help. To add something, you have to take something away. They refinanced the C.O.P loan which will free up significant funds. Prop 39 upgrade of air conditioning will save \$10,000/year. LCAP Survey 2017-8 can be accessed at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/23VBMSD>.

Betty Munson reported on Scenic 247 meeting. County put ball back in committee's court -- must have a licensed landscape architect's assessment of the entire stretch of the road. Jim Harvey met with a board member of MD Land Trust who express interest in the project. Might help locate an architect and get quick grant funding.

Lorrie Steely on Sunshot: "Desert Crossroads Community Sustainability Project" submitted an application to Dept. of Energy and won \$10,000 to begin to start to commence the project. Showed Tony Malone's 3 minute video that helped to win it.

Lorrie on Cal Poly Pomona's class project on Crossroads Senior Community. Reviewed their final document. They provided lists of goals; several scenarios; some analysis of cost benefit. Hoping to get an editable version so we might be able to use some pieces of it and possibly use for whatever decisions we make.

Bell: County Renewable Energy Element. No utility-oriented projects allowed in communities with a viable Community Plan (60 acres or more). This could allow multiple 60-acre projects, so we need to argue with that. What does the County do with projects in the pipeline? Betty Munson: Has anyone contacted AQMD about the blowing dust as a part of this? Tony: we could go to AQMD board meeting and request that they take action about the blowing dust on Lucerne Valley Dry Lake, which is also a traffic hazard. How do we use this with the County to slow down the solar projects? AQMD has been more responsive than Code Enforcement.

Adopt a Highway: Chuck Bell and Dave Rader got trained for trash pickup in Fawnskin and will train the rest of us when we can get together.

Solar moratorium--county probably won't do a moratorium. We need the county to put a hold on the 4 projects in the queue right now. One is 200 MW on state lands in North Valley.

Mega Swap Meet on Saturday, May 6.

June meeting: community plan workshop

Meeting adjourned 7PM