

**MINUTES**  
**LUCERNE VALLEY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION (LVEDA)**  
**Monday, February 27, 2023 – 5:00 PM – Moose Lodge**

Meeting called to order at 5 PM at Moose Lodge. Flag salute.

Minutes approved. Moved by Debbie S, seconded by Donna S.

**Treasurer's Report.** Cynthia: Collection January \$166. Gave \$80 to Strawberry Peak fund; \$60 for attendees' burgers; Gave \$26 to Moose Lodge. Paid Chamber dues \$50. Rec'd donation from Edie Downs of Lucerne Valley Properties of \$1080. Balance \$4328.93.

**SHERIFF:** Road to Big Bear closed to everyone but residents for the rest of the week due to new storm coming in. Last week hit a 10,000-plant marijuana grow. Growers coming back -- USING SPACE HEATERS TO START GROWING EARLY. THE TASK FORCE IS ON THEM. Report those we see. Broken windows in Dollar Gen. and P.O. Perp apprehended, spent 8 hours in jail and released. Asked deputies to spend some of free time in market parking lot to run off homeless. Jose Guzman on graveyard on weekends. Daniel McCarter during days. Chuck: legislation pending making it a misdemeanor to sell or provide water to illegal marijuana grows. Being pushed hard by MWA.

**THIRD DISTRICT SUPERVISOR: Steve.** Open house at Joshua Tree Govt Center March 29. Lucerne Valley is to be included in invitation. Chuck comments on a campground project in the Homestead Valley in Rural Living Zoning that is incompatible with residential land use. We are helping them opposing it since we have a lot of RL zoning that could be affected with inconsistent projects, too.

**CONGRESSMAN OBERNOLTE** by Hayden. Obernolte in the district doing community coffees. Hopes to get to LV in a few months. On a committee to find savings for federal govt to stay under the debt ceiling. Heavy snows affecting local mountains; Caltrans working to clear roads. Working on ways to get groceries up the hill. Re Ukraine: commitment that no American lives will be spent there; any money must have an itemized list to be reviewed. Military equipment being sent there is older equipment and is not affecting our military readiness. What about our strategic oil reserves? Obernolte wants us to develop our own domestic oil production.

DAVE READ ASSEMBLYMAN LACKEY'S GREAT LETTER TO THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL SUPPORTING OUR EFFORTS DEALING WITH THE SRA FIRE INTENSITY ISSUES. DESCRIBES the change to using worst case scenarios rather than relative risk.

**LV SCHOOL DISTRICT Peter Livingston** .Current enrollment 1062, up 10% from last year. New Ass't superintendent for business but having trouble getting her released. Spring sports starting if spring ever starts. Charter schools up to 10,000 students which produces oversight money for our district. No state official has ever responded to invitation to come and see. Covid19 vaxx will not be included in the group of vaccinations required of students. State confirmed in writing that the vaxx will not be required. Hired a lobbyist to fight for our district, e.g. to get the funding for our enrollment growth during Covid period. Social media lawsuit: They are trying to get kids addicted to phones and social media. Lawsuit to stop that. Several teacher positions posted for next year. Will always give parents choice, and awareness and opportunity to give permission when terrible things being done to the kids.

**L.V. MUSEUM** 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays of the month Museum Society will be developing activities to involve the community.

**State Responsibility Area** designation change by state done without knowledge of the public or those affected. Open for comments until April 4. Jason Hanson showed slides to explain. Very significant to change areas from moderate to high and very high. Fire Hazard Severity Zones. Jason and others from LVEDA and Jim Harvey did research that showed how low a fire risk the entire desert area poses. We're not even a Tier 2 fire risk. Lucerne Valley is a state-designated "Severely Economically Disadvantaged Community." Cannot afford the increase in insurance that will result from designating us a Moderate and high fire risk. Propose using the railroad tracks as the boundary of the SRA.

Edie Downs (realtor) South of Hwy 18 between High Road and Crystal Creek there are 727 home owners. Working on sending out a letter to the homeowners. Need some volunteer time to get letters addressed and mailed. Jason: Will cost \$368 send a direct mail postcard to mail recipients in LV if we do it.

Justin Merino of the County's Fire Safe Council is a liaison between communities and the Cal Fire. Helps communities to become Fire Wise communities, which can actually lower insurance rates. We probably need a fire safe council in LV to work on ways to become a Fire Wise community. AB 38—if it passes—will put numerous restrictions and requirements on both residential and commercial buildings when you build and even when you remodel, sell, or any type if change. Chuck said we need a rep to the council

Letter by Tom Lackey to State Fire Marshall. Excellent letter describing the change to using worst case scenarios rather than relative risk.

LVEDA will contribute \$400 to Edie Downs' and LVEDA's project to get a mailing out to residents re: the State SRA issues – if we decide we need to send one..

Emergency plans for LV? Steve Reyes of Dawn Rowe's office – any help from the County? Future agenda.

King of the Hammers. Certain zip codes of people who bought tickets will be receiving a bonus. LV will receive \$4050. DECIDE HOW TO DIVVY IT UP AMONG COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS.

Fireworks. Jason Hanson. Why \$40,000 for fireworks? Because of the date. Negotiated with the fireworks company and lowered the price to \$27,725. Have raise \$2000. Cut off date is May 17. Write checks to H.E.L.P., with L.V. Fireworks on memo line.

Roadrunners by Mandy: Meetings first Monday of month at 6PM at Senior Center. Welcoming anyone who would like to do a mixer. Focusing on Easter and fireworks.

Chamber of commerce by Angie Miller. Honorary Mayor campaign getting kicked off. Starting a new newsletter, edited by Heather Otwell. Go to website to sign up for it.

March LVEDA we will have Joe Brady.

Household hazardous waste COLLECTION – WITH HELP FROM COUNTY March 25.

Adjourned 7:21.

