

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

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

Minutes approved. Moved by Frank, seconded by Dave Rib.

Treasurer's Report. Dave Rib. Collection Jan 30 \$128 Gave \$25 to Moose Lodge. Balance \$4431.93.

SHERIFF: Sgt. Weinberg. YTD Stats read by Chuck.

CODE ENFORCEMENT by Ignacio Nunez. Community Cleanup July 22, 8am-noon. 49 open cases in LV. Open up for audience questions. Q. 10 acres cleared of vegetation. Piles of trash. Draft notice of violation. Allow 30 days to take care of it. Ignored, then first, then second level administrative citation. Third is \$500. Turned over to collection. Can lead to criminal violation handled by the courts. Ultimately can lead to probation or jail time. May do abatement but need funding for that. Q. What is minimum sq. ft. for residence? Reduced due to State regs. Modulars need permit. A residence needs to have windows – a modular on a slab and not jacks – with on-site water source, etc.. CE wants to hear about that stuff but needs APN #s. Q. Corner of Trade Post and Hwy 18 a stockpile of trash that couldn't be doused if it caught fire due to amount of water needed. Q. What is interval between visits. We have an agent dedicated just to LV, so can do 3-10 day notice of violation. Original notice usually 30 days, then the agents will come out and check for abatement. Q. Limit on # vehicles parked on a property? If property owner owns them and they are running, then there is no limit. Inoperable vehicles need to be stored in a garage. Q. Vendors selling fruit on right of way at 4 way stop and is traffic hazard – call CHP. CE will do vendor sweeps also. Chuck: Illegal land clearing has not been adequately enforced. All agreed C. E. and Ignacio doing a great job with what it has to work with.

CHP REPORT READ BY Dave Rib. (*moved from above*): Read recent stats. CHP. Capt. Johnson. Stats 1923 crashes in 2022, 154 of those in LV, 12 of those fatalities. Has 4 new officers but still in training. One officer comes to LV and has other areas to cover; doesn't take accidents so he doesn't sit in an office writing reports. No chance of convincing Cal Trans of fixing the no-pass on Hwy. 18 between LV and VV.

Assemblyman Lackey; Report read by Dave Rib. Need letters of support for bills referred to his report.[Assemblyman Lackey, by Pamela Balch, District Director.]

THIRD DISTRICT SUPERVISOR: Steve Reyes - SB County open house at Joshua Tree Community Center. Reps from Special Districts to answer questions . Wed., March 29, 4:30-6PM. Plus

CONGRESSMAN OBERNOLTE: Hayden. Natural gas prices for homes -- Working on legislation to deal with soaring prices (HR1). Income tax filing extended to October 15 due to weather disaster in mountains. Feds have no jurisdiction about banning diesel in CA.

Joe Brady. Al Gobar – early LV pioneer passed away – good friend of Joe’s. WE are not in a recession. Rename High Desert to Mojave River Valley for better, unique image. Described Silverwood Project in Hesperia. 30 year buildout. New industrial buildings on I15. 11million sq ft new industrial distribution. SC logistics Airport controlled by Prologis. Barstow: BNSF going into Barstow with \$1.2 billion investment for 4500 acres. Biggest challenge is where to house 22000 employees. Sprouts Market going into Apple Valley. All cities doing well. Housing isn’t. Commodities high price – services coming down. Illegal pot growing is killing legal activity and property values as in Adelanto. Bright Line Speed Train from Ontario. All permits in place. We don’t have infrastructure and governments say they don’t have money to come up with it. Another huge issue is power. 30 million sq ft, only 10 million of which will have power to run. He brought up the County’s desert region infrastructure Plan done in the 80’s. General discussion: Lack of adequate water supply will stop some of these projects. MWA is well run. LV wants to remain rural and not have these kinds of projects in our community, etc. (which our community plan doesn’t allow).

LVUSD. JASON/CHELSEA/JESSICA: 1063 enrollment. Charter Schools total 13 with 230,680 students.3 more classrooms at LVES; 4 at LVMS/HS. Goal to keep students safe at school. Surveillance systems have been upgraded. Entrance to campus controlled by buzz system. Increased height of fences. Any visitors’ D.L. must be scanned. Jessica Risler’s basket project for graduating seniors.

MUSEUM ASSOC. Chelsea LaGrange. Upcoming field trip to Chimney Rock. Also a flyer for activities for the year.

Chuck on 3/23 community meeting on State Responsibility Area (SRA) changing to classify LV south of Hwys 247 and 18 from moderate to High and Very High fire hazard - and effect on insurance rates, building codes and related expenses. Justin Merino, Fire Safe coordinator for SB County: CalFire will soon possibly make changes on the north side of the highways in the County’s “local” area. AB3074 passed in 2020 implementing Hazard Zero – with its strict list of fire safe requirements. AB 38 made it whether LRA or SRA. “Burdens” shared by all homeowners. Things like defensible space, real estate hazard, etc. Mapping for LRA will begin this summer. Lucerne Valley will have representation on Fire Safe Council.

Jason Hansen on Fireworks. Negotiated price down to \$27,725. Current balance is \$14, 820. King of the Hammers donated \$4050 to local non-profits, all of which will go to fireworks. Will be on Saturday July1.

Angie Miller of the Chamber: Honorary Mayor campaigns start. See’s Candy being sold at the bank. July 4 parade theme “The Spirit of Lucerne Valley”. Chuck Bell to be Grand Marshall. Roadrunners Mandy and Judy: Easter egg hunt at the park. April 22 potluck at the Senior Center. Sat. April 1 celebration of LV Market and Hardware ‘Business of the Month’ by Assemb. Lackey’s office – plus a day of fireworks fundraising.

Adjourned 7:20