

## MORNOGO BASIN HAVEN

Minutes – February 15, 2013

### 1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Shelly Licata was unable to attend; Sarann Graham conducted the meeting. Cindy Melland was introduced as the guest speaker.

### 2. UPDATE CONTACT INFORMATION

Everyone was reminded to sign in and update their information.

### 3. APPROVAL OF JANUARY MINUTES

The minutes were distributed, but not formally accepted. Sarann will make some revisions and resubmit at the next meeting.

### 4. SPEAKER: CINDY MELLAND, BWF, BUILDING UPDATE

Cindy explained that the BasinWide Foundation (BWF) is an organization of non-profit agencies, which derives its income from memberships and real estate sales. We are under the umbrella of the Foundation, so its bylaws will also govern us. Everyone is invited to attend the monthly breakfast at 7:00 on the first Thursday of the Month at the Helen Gray building. (Breakfast costs \$8.00, if you choose to eat.)

The Foundation has been very involved in supporting youth sports organizations, such as the Sports Park being built across from the Little League field, which was originally designed by supporters, George Huntington and Paul Hoffman.

The new Miracle Field will allow participation by handicapped youth and will include real grass, for the safety of the players and to avoid the affects of artificial turf, such as heat, chemical emissions, and negative affects to the ground below. There will be a state-of-the-art watering system, grassy picnic areas, an educational garden, a kiosk with conservation information, and a walking track with environmental information along the way. Bill Brehm has provided close to \$2 million toward the development and the project is \$5,000 under budget due to donated services by local contractors.

Cindy also reported on the status of the former VIP building, which she still owns. It needs repairs and upgrades, such as toilets for the number of people who will use it and ADA compliance. We need partners to help pay for the building by sharing space.

### 4. FUNDRAISER: FASHION AND ART SHOW

The date is March 23, 6-9 pm, at Helen Gray. See Facebook/hidesertrunway. The event includes a fashion show with all items for sale (tags on clothes) and a silent auction of a specialty wine and donated art works. Clothes will be provided by Joyce Austin, Horn and Hoof, Funky and Darn Near New, and Daniella's Boudoir. Tickets are \$60 per person or \$120 per couple, which includes 2 bottles of wine. Sponsors are: Farmer's Insurance, Yucca Valley Media, Inspire Realty, Atty. Richard Gann, and Earthing. If anyone else wants to be a sponsor, it is \$50 to the BasinWide Foundation.

**5. STATUS OF FIRST INSTITUTE OF TRAINING AND MANAGEMENT**

An grant application has been submitted to take advantage of their programs.

**6. ORGANIZATION RENAMING**

Comments have been made that “Haven” sounds too much like a shelter. One suggestion is “Morongo Basin Haven Resource Center”. Please send Sarann any suggestions you have for an appropriate name.

**7. YUCCA VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL – NEW CLUB**

A new student, Danella Sierra, has started the SHINE Program to get students involved in the community, reaching out to homeless students. Sarann suggested that this can be a Distribution Center for hygiene kits.

**8. OLD BUSINESS**

The Placerville Homeless Resource Center is in its 3<sup>rd</sup> year and has gone through the development process. They will send Sarann the guidelines they have developed.

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

a. Information was provided by Deanna Luttrell, from the County’s Office of Homeless Services, which coordinates services for the homeless with local organizations. After a discussion about wasted food that markets/restaurants must discard, especially fruits and vegetables, she said she will look for more food resources, especially for the Basin.

b. We are welcome to attend meetings of The San Bernardino County Homeless Partnership Provider Network, every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed., from 1-3, in the auditorium of the County’s Health Services Building, 850 E. Foothill Blvd., Rialto. Attendees may speak during the comment period for 3 minutes.

The Interagency Partnership meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wed., from 9-11, and stresses Veterans’ Behavioral Health Issues. There is also a 3-minute comment period.

For info., contact Deanna at 909-382-7006 or [dluttrell@dbh.sbcounty.gov](mailto:dluttrell@dbh.sbcounty.gov).

c. The Travelodge has a commercial refrigerator/freezer that we can have, provided that an electrician can make sure it is working and that it can be moved to the new building. Anyone who can help with this, please contact VJ at the Travelodge.

**10. NEXT MEETING – MARCH 15, 2013 First Baptist Church, Sunset Rd. (north) J.T.**