Yakima City Council Committee Minutes

Healthy Communities & Neighborhood Building Committee (HCNB)

2nd Floor Conference Room November 8, 2018

For the Record

Committee Members

Councilmember Kathy Coffey (chair)
Councilmember Jason White
Councilmember Brad Hill (alternate)
Councilmember Kay Funk (absent)

Staff

Cliff Moore
Joan Davenport
Sara Watkins
Rosalinda Ibarra
Ken Wilkinson
Scott Schafer
Joseph Calhoun
Randy Beehler

Others

Adrianne Garner (HBCC) Frank Rowland (HBCC) Andy Ferguson (TYT)

With a quorum present, acting Chair Coffey called the meeting to order at approx. 10:01 a.m.

<u>Approval of Minutes</u> – Hill motioned, seconded by White, to approve the 9/13/2018 minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Reports from Departments/Commissions

Transit Citizen Advisory Committee (TCA) – next meeting is November 14th at Public Works beginning at 4pm.

Parks & Recreation Commission (P&R) – Wilkinson reported on the following wrap up activities: end of summer swimming at Franklin Pool, Randall Park project, Ed Putnam Memorial at Fisher Park Golf Course. A brief discussion about schools who utilize Lions Pool for swim meets and practices occurred. The next Parks & Recreation Commission meeting is November 14th.

Henry Beauchamp Community Center (HBCC) – Adrianne Garner provided the HBCC 3rd Quarter Report. Highlights included: 50th Anniversary Celebration, S.T.E.M. programming from the Pacific Science Center, field trip to the Hanford Observatory, the Game On! program with Central Washington University, and the first graduation class for GED participants. Future activities include a Veteran's Luncheon and the annual holiday event, to which Garner extended an invitation. She mentioned several improvements necessary at the community center; such as, renovating the restrooms, updating the electrical panel and the HVAC system. She noted that her focus is on seeking additional funding to increase the capacity in order to support more children and families. In addition to HBCC reports, White motioned, seconded by Coffey, to include the Yakima Police Athletic League (YPAL) to subsequent agendas under reports. Motion carried unanimously.

Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) – the HPC will be reviewing an application for a Certificate of Appropriateness for an addition to a home in the Barge-Chestnut Neighborhood. Staff is working on developing a contract to hire a consultant to perform the Fruit Row inventory.

Yakima Planning Commission (YPC) –the 2018 Comprehensive Plan Amendments and rezone requests recently received approval. City Council will review the 2018 proposed text amendments at an upcoming public hearing on November 13th. The YPC will review their 2019 work plan.

Bike & Pedestrian Committee (BPC) – a public service announcement on crosswalk safety through YPD is ongoing. Calhoun also noted that three terms will expire at the end of December.

Tree City Board (TCB) – Calhoun reported that the tree city inventory has been completed. The TCB will have a report ready in December.

Community Integration Committee (CIC) – nothing noted. It was HCNB Committee consensus to include in the Council's future briefing meeting, the Community Integration Committee as a topic of discussion so Council can provide further guidance for that Committee.

<u>Homeless Operational Model/Administration</u> – Watkins shared a diagram illustrating the process and structure of the homeless operational model. She summarized the three main elements of the Homeless Housing & Assistance Program Charter of Yakima County: the Coalition, the Executive Committee, and the Program Administrator. She also explained the following proposed draft resolutions intended to be reviewed by the Board of County Commissioners which include: endorsing the Five-Year Plan to reduce homelessness in Yakima County; appointing the Yakima Homeless Coalition as the local homeless task force; and adopting the Yakima Homeless Housing

and Assistance Program Charter. Following an extended discussion on current homeless matters, Davenport reported she is preparing a memo describing a step-by-step process on the progress for implementing a low-barrier shelter in the City. Coffey motioned, seconded by Hill, to request that the Council submit a letter to the BOCC requesting that the excess revenue of the increase to the 2163 Fund be put into a Capital Facility development fund. Motion carried unanimously. This will be included on Council business meeting on December 4th as a Committee report.

In the packet was Larry Mattson's (YVCOG) response to Council's motion from September 11th, a letter from YVCOG, and Funk's response to which Moore stated they were included for informational purposes only; no further action necessary.

Affordable/Senior/Low Income Housing – Davenport provided an update on the Affordable Housing Report. The following issues will be covered: land and locational issues; regulatory barriers and incentives; the cost of development such as permitting, frontage improvements, and utilities; dedicated revenues; and housing maintenance code issues. This informational report will be provided to the City Council at their December 4th business meeting.

<u>Community Crosswalks Feasibility Report</u> – Schafer described the City of Seattle's neighborhood crosswalk program. He reiterated the challenges the City faces in incorporating such a program in Yakima such as funding, cost maintenance, and lack of personnel resources. The traffic calming petition process was discussed. Staff will research whether a petition for Fair Ave was submitted.

City Council Committee Procedures - Moore shared the latest City Council Committee process.

<u>Future Items</u> – A brief discussion about federal legislative priorities lobbying efforts ensued, in particular about funding projects using the marijuana revenues. White motioned to move the legislative priorities for recreational marijuana revenues to full Council. Motion failed for lack of a second. It was Committee consensus to include this discussion to an upcoming Council briefing.

White expressed the importance of securing funds to modernize the two existing pools and community centers. He requested further discussion on this matter. Staff will report back to HCNB on the status of existing facilities and projected improvements. It will be listed on the December HCNB agenda as *Community and Neighborhood Facilities*.

Recap of Deliverables -

- Add YPAL to HCNB monthly agenda under Reports
- HCNB Committee Report to Council: Draft letter to BOCC regarding 2163 Fund excess revenue to create a capital facility fund
- Include in an upcoming Council briefing meeting two items for discussion:
 - o Council direction for Community Integration Committee
 - Marijuana revenue dedicated to specific youth development programs
- Include Community and Neighborhood Facilities to the December HCNB agenda
- Staff to research a traffic calming petition for Fair Avenue

<u>Audience Participation</u> – Frank Rowland expressed appreciation for the City's efforts on the Henry Beauchamp Community Center.

<u>Adjourn</u> – White motioned, seconded by Hill, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. This meeting adjourned at approximately 11:13 a.m.

Approved by:

Prepared by: Rosalinda Ibarra, Community Development Administrative Assistant. This meeting was recorded by Y-PAC.