

PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES

2nd Floor Conference Room
December 21, 2018 @ 8:30 a.m.

Meeting convened at 8:30 a.m.

Council present: Kathy Coffey, Carmen Méndez and Brad Hill a via speakerphone

Staff present: : City Manager Cliff Moore, Communications & Public Affairs Director Randy Beehler, Water & Irrigation Manager Dave Brown and Sonya Claar Tee, City Clerk

1. Approval of minutes (11-26)
 - Hill moved and Coffey seconded to approve the 11-26-18 minutes. The motion carried by unanimous vote.
2. New business
 - Yakima Housing Authority request for support for a \$2.5 million capital budget proposal for the armory project in the 2019 session
 - Susan Wilson, Housing Development Manager, Yakima Housing Authority (YHA), briefed the Committee on financing for the YHA Veterans Supportive Housing and Service Center and noted they anticipate breaking ground April 2019. Wilson requested the City send a letter of support to our legislators for their request of a \$2.5 million capital budget proposal. It was Committee consensus to recommend approval of this request at the next Council meeting.
 - Yakima Basin Integrated Plan (YBIP) state funding request (County position)
 - Brown reported the County has reaffirmed its support of a request for state funds for YBIP projects. Méndez reported the Yakima Basin Integrated Plan Work Group will be meeting with federal legislators in D.C. the first week of February. Brown noted the importance of an elected official attending. Méndez will see if she can attend and if not, suggested Hill attend since he will be in DC around that time.
 - RFP Committee suggestions (transitional housing)
 - Moore recommended the Committee be comprised of: 1 Council member, 1 Commissioner, 1 Greenway representative, 1 Arboretum representative, 1 expert on programs, 1 expert on housing and 3 community members. Claar Tee noted the Council has a policy that community members can only be on one committee at a time. Moore suggested Nathan Poole, Architect, could be the expert on housing. It was Committee consensus to bring this forward at the next Council meeting. Moore reported he understands the Greenway will be appealing the Wastewater Treatment Plant rezone and therefore, it would not be prudent to meet with the Greenway until after that appeal is settled.
 - Freight Rail Regulatory issue

- Moore reported on a request from Nate Kaplan of GORAIL for the City to sign a letter to Congress opposing Forced Access. It was Committee consensus to have Kaplan on an upcoming agenda for a 3-minute presentation of this request.
3. Old business
 - A. Boards & committee applications (Claar Tee)
 - Lodging Tax Advisory Committee (LTAC) – Sara Allen (Ledgestone) has reapplied. It was Committee consensus to reappoint Sara Allen to the LTAC.
 4. Other business
 - Moore provided an update on the Gang Proviso.
 5. Future agenda items (Council Committee members)
 - None
 6. The meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m. to the next meeting on January 18, 2019 at 8:30 a.m. in the 2nd floor conference room.


Carmen Méndez, Chair