

Yakima City Council Committee Minutes  
**Healthy Communities & Neighborhood Building Committee (HCNB)**  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room  
 December 13, 2018

Committee Members	Staff	Others
Councilmember Kay Funk (chair)	Cliff Moore	Adrienne Garner (HBCC)
Councilmember Jason White	Joan Davenport	John Haddix
Councilmember Kathy Coffey	Sara Watkins	
	Rosalinda Ibarra	
	Ken Wilkinson	
	Scott Schafer	
	Joseph Calhoun	
	Randy Beehler	
	Joe Caruso	
	Ana Cortez	

With a quorum present, Chair Funk called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Reports from Departments/Commissions

**Transit Citizen Advisory Committee (TCA)** – none

**Parks & Recreation Commission (P&R)** – Wilkinson recapped the topics discussed at the previous P&R meeting: MLK Pool feasibility study, 2019 park fees, design for modernization of Franklin and Lions pools, Eagle scout project at Randall Park, steering committee on pools will meet soon, the committee includes councilmembers White, Gutierrez, and Coffey. White added input he researched about a pool deficit at Westwood Aquatic Center in Oklahoma.

**Historic Preservation Commission (HPC)** – no meeting in December. Staff is working on finalizing the consultant contract documents for the Fruit Row grant.

**Yakima Planning Commission (YPC)** – Calhoun reported the YPC will be having a rezone hearing on January 9<sup>th</sup> for property on Powerhouse Rd near 40<sup>th</sup> Avenue (rezone from R-2 to R-3).

**Bike & Pedestrian Committee (BPC)** – the committee will hold a special meeting in January with stakeholder's and groups interested in establishing a pedestrian plan.

**Tree City Board (TCB)** – Calhoun reported the board is working on finalizing the report and data for the tree inventory.

**Community Integration Committee (CIC)** – Beehler reported the CIC received an overview on the 2019 budget report, and the HR hiring and recruiting practices. Following some general discussion about the direction of the Community Integration Committee, Funk requested that the names of the members assigned to the HCNB be added to the agendas.

**Yakima Police Athletic League Board (YPAL)** – White reported the board is working on a formal needs assessment.

**Henry Beauchamp Community Center (HBCC)** – Adrienne Garner provided information about completed projects and the draft five-year projected plan for the Henry Beauchamp Community Center. She suggested that the funds allocated to the HBCC be utilized for improvements already identified in the Erickson report from 2016. She also explained the comparison of the utility expenses incurred in 2017 and 2018 YTD. In response to White's inquiry about the maintenance contracts and data of persons served, staff responded they are working on the contracts and the data characteristics for the past three years were sent to staff recently. Brief discussion continued on the financial sustainability of the center. To conclude, Garner extended an invitation to the committee to volunteer at the 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Community Holiday Dinner event.

Homeless Operational Model/Administration – Watkins reported that the County has adopted the homeless operational model however implementation has not been determined yet. In the interim, the County has extended their contract with Yakima Valley Conference of Governments for six months to manage the contracts. Staff will continue to monitor the homeless coalition strategy discussions. And the City Council will eventually have an opportunity to appoint a member as the city's representative to the Executive Committee once it has been established. The Executive

Committee will conduct policy level responsibilities. Following additional discussion, it was consensus to change the HCNB agenda item title to "Homeless Program Operations". Moore further reported that Transform Yakima Together and Sunrise Outreach are expected to merge.

Affordable/Senior/Low Income Housing – Davenport reported that the Affordable Housing Report was on Council's agenda at their last meeting. The Council directed a study session in the near future; that meeting has not been scheduled. Staff explained how HOME Funds can be utilized, which is to create housing units and available only to CHDO's (Community Housing Development Organizations), such as for the Bicycle Apartments and Veteran Housing projects. Conversation continued about the challenges and options available to improve and increase the availability of affordable housing in the city, including in Opportunity Zones of which there are three recognized areas in Yakima. Further dialogue will continue at the study session on this topic.

Fair Avenue Traffic Calming Petition – Schafer reported that no petition has been filed for traffic calming measures on Fair Avenue and he noted that Fair Avenue is classified as a minor arterial street which would not be considered for speed bumps. White mentioned that neighbors requested a crosswalk and lights, not speed bumps. Clarification continued about what traffic calming measures consist of. Schafer added that the Safe Routes to School project may help address pedestrian crosswalks in that area. No further action from this Committee.

Community and Neighborhood Facilities – Schafer noted that the recently formed steering committee on community facilities will meet within the next week. He reiterated White's point about conducting these feasibility studies in order to identify areas of improvement and to provide a roadmap for 20-30 years. This item will remain on the HCNB as a standing agenda item and Coffey or White will provide periodic updates.

Approval of Minutes – Coffey motioned, seconded by White, to approve the 11/8/2018 minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Recap of Deliverables –

- Add the Community Integration representatives names to the HCNB agenda
- Rename "Homeless Operational/Model Administration" to "Homeless Program Operations"
- Leave "Community and Neighborhood Facilities" as standing agenda item; Coffey and/or White reporting
- Add item for "Junk Vehicle Regulations" to next month's HCNB agenda
- Moore to provide Erickson report to community facilities steering committee and attend meetings
- Moore to follow-up on questions about maintenance contracts with YPAL and OIC (HBCC)

Funk announced interpreter services are available with 48 hour advance notice.

White requested additional information for the community facilities steering committee: operating and maintenance expenses, current data that shows number of people served.

Audience Participation – Adrienne Garner spoke about security issues at the Henry Beauchamp Community Center and a recently installed surveillance system. Staff advised her to register the security cameras with the CEPTED program at the Yakima Police Department.

John Haddix expressed support of clean city efforts and of the International Property Maintenance Code. He encouraged the Committee to review and recommend the adoption of regulations to address junk vehicles on private property in residential districts. He distributed examples of ordinances adopted by several other cities. Mr. Haddix feels that the current code does not enforce the issues with junk vehicles, primarily because there is no clear definition of what constitutes an "inoperable vehicle". He further described a situation with a neighbor who's had an inoperable vehicle for the past eight years and feels that the problem has not been adequately enforced by the city. Following discussion about similar situations, instead of sending this matter to the full Council,

the Committee agreed to continue this discussion at the next HCNB meeting to have an opportunity to review the existing ordinance and regulations and receive staff's recommendation on this matter. Watkins requested specificity for staff if further action is necessary.

Adjourn – White motioned, seconded by Coffey, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. This meeting adjourned at approximately 11:35 a.m.

Approved by: Kay Funch

Date Approved: 1/10/2018

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