PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES

Council Members Méndez, Hill, Coffey and Cousens as alternate
2nd Floor Conference Room

April 19, 2019 @ 8:30 a.m.

Meeting convened at 8:36 a.m.

Council present: Kathy Coffey, Brad Hill and Holly Cousens (alternate)
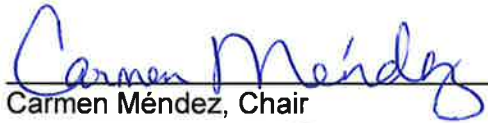
Absent: Carmen Méndez (excused)

Staff present: City Manager Cliff Moore, Community Development Director Joan Davenport, Senior Assistant City Attorney Sara Watkins, and Sonya Claar Tee, City Clerk

1. Approval of minutes
    A. Cousens moved and Hill seconded to approve the 3-1-19 minutes. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

2. New business

    A. Staff reviewed the Affordable Housing report and prioritizing policy options with the Committee. Coffey suggested having a meeting with residential builders to find out what their challenges are and how the City can better assist them. Hill suggested having the Yakima Housing Authority attend the next meeting to explain the voucher process and statistics. Davenport stated staff is writing a $25,000 grant to the Community Foundation to support a Housing Action Plan, which would focus on community engagement and coordinate efforts of partners and the City towards developing more housing options. Staff indicated that the Housing Action Plan would look at the community, work with stakeholders, and evaluate all of the options to increase, diversify and equitably distribute, all housing types within the City.

3. Old business--None

4. Other business

    A. Moore reported on a letter of support request from the Dispute Resolution Center. It was Committee consensus to bring the request to the full City Council.

5. Future agenda items (Council Committee members)

    A. Claar Tee reported Boards & Committee applications will be reviewed at the next meeting.

6. Audience comments
    A. Tony Courcy, City resident, spoke on several topics.

7. Coffey moved and Cousens seconded to adjourn the meeting, which carried by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

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Carmen Méndez, Chair

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