

# **PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room**

**May 17, 2019**

Meeting convened at 8:45 a.m.

Council present: Carmen Méndez, Kathy Coffey and Brad Hill

Staff present: City Manager Cliff Moore, Community Development Director Joan Davenport, Director of Finance & Budget Steve Groom, City/County Procurement Manager Sue Ownby and Sonya Claar Tee, City Clerk

Guests: Yakima Valley Tourism President & CEO John Cooper, Lodging Tax Advisory Committee & Lodging Association members Collette Keeton and Sara Allen, Central Washington Home Builders CEO Bob Schroeter, Entrust CEO Tom Gaulke and Homeless Network Director Lee Murdock

1. Approval of minutes -- Coffey moved and Hill seconded to approve the 4-19-19 minutes. The motion carried by unanimous vote.
2. Public comment – none
3. New business--TPA Management Agreement
  - Moore noted there are three options: renew the contract, request RFP's, or in-house management. Cooper reviewed the RCW's and ordinance that created the TPA and noted Yakima Valley Tourism would be the only qualified managers of the agreement as their sole focus is tourism. Keeton and Allen voiced their support of renewing the agreement with Yakima Valley Tourism. After discussion, it was Committee consensus for staff to prepare a draft contract to include deliverables and bring to the July meeting for review.
4. Old business
  - A. The Committee reviewed applications for Boards & Committee vacancies and made the following recommendations by consensus:
    - **Arts Commission** – Jack McEntire, Melissa Labberton, John Gasperetti and confirm Symphony appointment of David Rogers
    - **Bike/Ped Committee** – Jennifer Gindt
    - **Board of Appeals** –Mike Heit and Raymond Novobielski
    - **Community Review Board** –Dinah Reed and Cindy O'Halloran
    - **Parks & Recreation Commission** –Stacy Hackenmueller
    - **Public Facilities District Board** –Ron Gamache
    - **Tree City USA Board** -- Jheri Ketchum
5. Other business—none
6. Future agenda items (Council Committee members)

- A. Schedule meeting with representatives from the Home Builders and Housing Authority to talk about non-profit and for profit housing developments
- Méndez reported on a Homeless Network meeting she recently attended, which Murdock and Gaulke also commented on. Méndez asked for clarification on the City's Housing Action Plan (HAP) and if it competes with other organizations in the area. Davenport stated it would not compete with the Homeless Network Affordable Housing efforts, as it is largely implementation measures for the City to review for increasing density and other changes in the zoning ordinance, which should have community engagement. Staff confirmed representatives from the Yakima Housing Authority (housing vouchers and non-profit organization) and the Central WA Homebuilders (for profit builders) will attend the next meeting as a way to address items 2A and 2B from the Affordable Housing report as directed by Council at the March 12, 2019 special council meeting.
7. Adjournment -- Coffey moved and Hill seconded to adjourn the meeting, which carried by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 9:43 a.m.

  
Carmen Méndez, Chair