

PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES

**June 21, 2019 @ 8:30 a.m.
2nd Floor Conference Room**

Meeting convened at 8:38 a.m.

Council present: Hill, Coffey and Cousens (alternate)

Staff present: Assistant City Attorney Sara Watkins, Acting Community Development Director Joseph Calhoun, Acting City Clerk Jodi Stephens, Director of Finance & Budget Steve Groom, and Neighborhood Development Services Manager Archie Matthews

Guests: Lowel Krueger from the Housing Authority and Bob Schroeter with Central Washington Home Builders

1. Approval of minutes -- Coffey moved and Cousens seconded to approve the 5-17-19 minutes. The motion carried by unanimous vote.
2. Public comment – none.
3. New business
 - A. Bob Schroeter with the Central Washington Home Builders and Lowel Krueger with the Yakima Housing Authority talked about non-profit and for profit housing developments. Schroeter discussed HB 1923 & 1406. The first addresses reduction in SEPA review requirements and other affordable housing strategies and the second is a tax bill that would allow the City to retain a percentage of the sales tax that is currently being transmitted to the State. The following building regulation changes were suggested:
 - High density in zones
 - Waiving parking requirements for ADUs and other residential uses
 - ADU/Tiny Home building requirements
 - Decrease hook up fee/connection costs for utilitiesSchroeter also mentioned the desire to reduce the review time/process for developers to “desk reviews” or administrative review, as well as utilizing upper floor residential spaces including: zoning, waiving/reducing fees and plan review times, incentives, and providing for a less obstructive variance process. Schroeter discussed manufactured housing and offered assistance in outreach regarding opportunity zones and opportunities for multi-family housing units within opportunity zones.
 - B. Lowel Krueger with the Yakima Housing Authority discussed how YHA obtains vouchers and the limited supply of new vouchers available.
4. Old business -- none
5. Other business – Stephens reported Jonathan Heath Lambe has reapplied for a second term as Artist on the Arts Commission and there are no other applications. Coffey moved and Cousens seconded to recommend reappointment of Mr. Lambe. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

The Committee requested Watkins to compare items brought up at this meeting with the Action Steps for the City as outlined in Davenport's March 12 Affordable Housing White Paper.

Hill suggested having a study session regarding an update on the affordable housing whitepaper action steps discussed at the March 12, 2019 Council meeting.

6. Future agenda items

- A. Review draft TPA Management Agreement to include deliverables (July 19)
- B. Review Historic Preservation Commission – 1) possible reduction in members or 2) subset of Planning or Arts Commissions

7. Adjournment -- Coffey moved and Cousens seconded to adjourn the meeting, which carried by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 9:33 a.m.



Brad Hill, Acting Chair