

Yakima City Council Committee Minutes
Healthy Communities & Neighborhood Building Committee (HCNB)
2nd Floor Conference Room
August 8, 2019

Committee Members

Councilmember Brad Hill (chair)
Councilmember Kathy Coffey
Councilmember Jason White (absent)

Staff

Sara Watkins
Cliff Moore
Rosalinda Ibarra
Ken Wilkinson
Joseph Calhoun
Scott Schafer
Cynthia Martinez
Randy Beehler

Others

Kelly Penford
Frank Rowland

With a quorum present, the meeting was called to order at approximately 10:01 a.m.

Audience Participation – none noted

Reports from Departments/Commissions

Transit Citizen Advisory Committee (TCA) – nothing to report

Parks & Recreation Commission (P&R) – next meeting on August 14th.

Henry Beauchamp Community Center (HBCC) – Frank Rowland (OIC) presented the 2nd quarter report for HBCC. Summer activities included: GameOn with Central Washington University, 100 Jobs for 100 Kids, cleanup events, Strengthening Families conference.

Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) – an ordinance to officially amend the number of members from seven to five on the HPC will be presented to Council for adoption. The final report for Fruit Row will be presented at a joint HPC and YPC meeting at the end of the month. Final contract details with DAHP are in process regarding the grant awarded for Naches Avenue.

Yakima Planning Commission (YPC) – a study session for Title 15 changes, including affordable housing and other text and housekeeping amendments, will be held next week.

Bike & Pedestrian Committee (BPC) – a follow-up letter was sent to stakeholders regarding the proposed pedestrian plan. The committee will be reviewing potential Title 12 changes.

Tree City Board (TCB) – nothing to report.

Community Integration Committee (CIC) – Beehler reported that the CIC is working on Census 2020 in cooperation with the complete count committee. They are also looking at how to make the Council meetings more welcoming and developing a series of suggestions for Council to review and possibly implement. Their next meeting is on August 12th.

Yakima Police Athletic League Board (YPAL) – nothing to report

Follow-up on Naches Avenue/ YPD Enforcement – a Council study session has been scheduled for August 29th in which staff will present a revenue proposal that can generate funds to address issues related to homelessness. The Committee agreed to follow up on this matter based on the outcome of Council's direction from the upcoming study session.

Homeless Program Operations – Mayor Coffey reported that the adhoc Homeless Facility Review Committee (HFRC) presented their report to City Council and explained that the initial scope of the project evolved based on the knowledge and expertise provided by the adhoc members. The HFRC suggested Council schedule a study session to further discuss the use of a proposed facility. She stressed the importance of understanding the funding process and needs of the community. Moore further added that the County is preliminarily considering converting a portion of the Yakima County Corrections Center into a mental health and

homeless intake and referral site. In response to Hill's concern about having Camp Hope move their operation every six months due to the temporary nature of their faith-based facility, Watkins stated that the City is in negotiations with Sunrise Outreach regarding the temporary provisions for vacating the homeless camp. It was Committee consensus to bring this matter up under other business at the August 20th business agenda.

Affordable/Senior/Low Income Housing – nothing to report

Community and Neighborhood Facilities – Schafer reported that the adhoc committee selected KDA to produce the master plans for the community centers and the pools. He stated that no other funds have been expended other than what was approved for the feasibility studies. Wilkinson provided an update on their community outreach events. KDA will be presenting the data report to the Parks Commission at a future meeting and will be shared with the City Council.

Changes to Title 8.20 Right of Way Use Permits – Watkins described the proposed changes to the Municipal Code YMC Title 8.20 as follows:

- includes provisions for short-term right of way use permits and outlines the process and requirements to obtain such permit
- liability insurance and expiration of short-term right of way use permits
- sidewalks to remain accessible at all times
- adds a section to administratively address small cell wireless facilities pursuant to federal regulations permitting their placement on existing or new utility poles
- includes an increase to the permit application fee and renewal fee from fifty dollars to one hundred dollars for cost recovery

Coffey motioned, seconded by Hill, to recommend the proposed changes to full Council. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes – Hill motioned, seconded by Coffey, to approve the 07/18/2019 minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Hill informed that he plans to chair the HCNB until mid-October at which time Funk would be allowed to resume her committee responsibilities. He also announced interpreter services are available with 48 hour advance notice.

Other Business – Moore announced the following committee-staff assignments: Scott Schafer will cover the Healthy Communities & Neighborhood Building and Economic Development. Cynthia Martinez will handle the Public Safety and Partnership Committee. And Cally Price will assume the clerk responsibilities for HCNB and Economic Development. A short discussion ensued about having too many committees in place. Kelly Penford asked that the City look at the possibility of purchasing the property behind Target. She will send additional information to Hill. Coffey asked that staff look into homeless issues on North 1st Street near Oak Street. Beehler will prepare a fall meeting with interested parties on North 1st Street to preview spring construction activities. He noted that feedback from businesses have resulted in some re-design concepts. Moore reported that the Tiger Mart property at Nob Hill & 24th Ave has sold and the one on North 1st Street is in a lease contract with purchase option.

Adjourn – Coffey motioned, seconded by Hill, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. This meeting adjourned at approximately 10:36 a.m.

Approved by: 

Date Approved: 9/12/2019

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