

Downtown Yakima Business Improvement District
Advisory Board
August 18, 2021 meeting minutes

Present: Verlynn Best, Ben Hittle, Dan Koomoo, Joe Mann, Charlie Robin,

1. A heated discussion regarding the impact of the homeless on area businesses started the meeting. Significant issues include urination/defecation in alleys and bushes; nakedness and sexual behavior; and threatening behavior.
2. Confirmed intention that as DYBID matters require, it is recommended that the Chair of the Advisory Board address the City Council.
3. Discussion regarding requests for waivers or reduction of fees.
 - a. Tony Sandoval requests City to waive license fees.
 - b. Monty Mills requested 50% reduction of assessment.
 - c. At time of meeting, no official forms had been submitted as formal request for review. DYBID requests copies of any formal requests before submitting official recommendations.
(reported post-meeting that Council approved an assessment reduction from Mills)
 - d. Hittle to share copy/link with full Board
4. Several updates shared:
 - a. Danny Day complaint of issue at 2nd and Yakima Avenues. Officer Faller made aware of issue.
Senator & Savoy buildings being condemned
 - b. All complaints to be shared with full committee to be addressed at subsequent meeting.
 - c. Yak Back website to submit and review record of complaints
 - d. Irrigation on 2nd Street Block 1 addressed, being resolved
5. Jennifer Ferrer-Santa, new Finance Director has begun
Request a meeting or report from Director regarding collection processes.
 - a. Total capacity of assessment
 - b. Budget for assessments
 - c. Collection process, % of accounts in arrears
 - d. Red flag development issues potentially impacting future assessments.