

YVCOG GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES
March 16, 2016

PRESENT:

Grandview: Norm Childress-M, Bill Moore-A,
Granger: Maria Gonzalez-M, Lilia Villarreal-A, Bruce Hall-PC
Harrah:
Mabton:
Moxee: LeRoy Lenseigne-M, David Roy-A
Naches: Kit Hawver - M
Selah:
Sunnyside:
Tieton: Matt Johnson - M
Toppenish: Clara Jimenez -M, Derald Ortloff-A
Union Gap: Roger Wentz-M, Mark Carney-A
Wapato: Santos Valdez-A;
Yakima:
Yakima County: Kevin Bouchey-M
Zillah: Doug Stewart-A; Ardele Steele-PC/A

ABSENT:

Grandview: Don Olmstead-PC, Norm Childress - M
Granger:
Harrah: Pat Krueger-M, Jack Wells-A
Mabton: Sophie Sotelo - M, Arturo DelaFuente-A Maria Rose-PC
Moxee:
Naches: Adam Kramer-A
Selah: Jane Williams -M, John Tierney-A, Willie Quinnell -PC
Sunnyside: Jim Restucci -M, Julia Hart- A, DeAnn Hochhalter-PC
Tieton:
Toppenish:, Christina Kwan-PC
Union Gap: Michael Moore-PC
Wapato: Jim Farias-M, Jim Gerred - PC
Yakima: Marueen Adkison -M, Bill Lover-A, Vacant-PC
Yakima County: Mike Leita-M;, Rand Elliott
Zillah: Janice Gonzales-M

Note: M=Member; A=Alternate; PC=Planning Commission

Attendees: Grandview: Cus Arteaga, Santos Trevino; Granger: Charles Wheaton, Jose Trevino; Harrah: n/a; Mabton: Mario Martinez; Moxee: n/a; Naches: Wayne Hawver; Selah: Harmit Bedi, Russell Carlson; Sunnyside: n/a; Tieton: n/a; Toppenish: Blaine Thorington; Union Gap: Dan Olson; Wapato: n/a; Yakima: Holly Cousens; Zillah: n/a; **Others:** Verlynn Best (Yakima Chamber of Commerce); Merry Daley; John Hodgkinson, Sandee Hodgkinson; Dave LaCombe; Jan Oliver (People for People); Kurt Stiles (WSDOT/VERG); Iliana Trevino; YVCOG Staff: Larry Mattson, Tim Sullivan, Deb LaCombe, Shawn Conrad, Jessica Hansen, and Tami Hayward.

CALL TO ORDER
INTRODUCTIONS
ROLL CALL

Vice Chairman John Hodgkinson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. (Dinner break from 7:05 – 7:35 p.m.) The meeting was hosted by the City of Union Gap at the Ahtanum Youth Barn. A quorum was present.

PUBLIC COMMENT POLICY

It is the policy of the YVCOG General Membership to accept public comment on agenda items at the time the item is being discussed. Public comments regarding items not on the agenda will be heard at the end of the meeting.

WELCOMING REMARKS

Mayor Roger Wentz welcomed everyone to the City of Union Gap.

BUSINESS

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Hodgkinson entertained a motion to approve the Minutes of the December 9, 2015 and January 20, 2016 General Membership Meeting minutes. Mrs. Jimenez, City of Toppenish, moved to approve the Minutes and Mr. Wentz, City of Union Gap, seconded.
The motion carried.

Approve ICR and Certification
YVCOG NEWS &
ANNOUNCEMENTS

This item was recently placed on the agenda. No action was taken.

Executive Director's Message

Larry Mattson, YVCOG Executive Director, gave the floor to Yakima County Commissioner Mr. Bouchey. Mr. Bouchey reported that the County has been approached in the past to waive tipping fees at the local landfills when community groups conduct a day of clean up. Unfortunately, the County still interprets waiving tipping fees as gifting of public funds. In order to get around that this year, the County has decided to dedicate \$10,000 out of the

general fund to offset community groups that want to do cleanup. The community group must have preapproval from the Commissioners prior to the day of community service so the Commissioners can notify solid waste that the fee will be covered. The Commissioners have designated money on the per capita scale.

Mr. Mattson, reported that we will be having an event on March 31st about creative housing ideas for the homeless. Reverend Dave Bryant, CEO and President of SquareOne Villages, will be in town on March 31st at the Vineyard Christian Fellowship Church at 7:00pm.

Lastly, Mr. Mattson reported on “fixing the FAST act” fact sheet that was provided to attendees. When Congress passes a multi-year transportation bill, the Governor convenes a small group to consider changing the balance of the way the state allocates federal transportation dollars. Under the current state policy it is allocating 66% of funding to the State and 34% to the cities and counties. In the near future we will have an opportunity to meet with the governor and explain what cities and counties could do with additional funding.

PROGRAM

Kurt Stiles – WSDOTs Visual Engineering Resources Group (VERG)

Mr. Mattson introduced our program Mr. Kurt Stiles, WSDOTs Visual Engineering Resources Group (VERG). Mr. Stiles provided a presentation on WSDOT’s visual communications initiative for infrastructure by providing clear and effective communication of project development, design, and delivery issues through visual media made with a wide range of 3D modeling, animation, video, and other graphic software packages.

One of the “bread and butter” jobs of VERG is roadway intersection improvement. Today, roundabouts are being added as a cost effective, at-grade solution providing both increased volume movements and improved safety. Providing still and animated visualizations that illustrate the goals of the roundabout vs. signalized intersection treatment allow stakeholders to quickly and effectively understand the need for a specific design and ultimately, gaining consent for project approval.

These visualizations help design validation. For instance, conflicting utilities and right-of-way mishaps can be avoided early on by seeing the design in 3D. Most all of the construction can be vetted beforehand while also helping the stakeholder understand.

Mr. Stiles has already been working with the City of Union Gap, City of Zillah, and the City of Grandview and presented the City of Union Gap’s and City of Zillah’s current videos.

OTHER BUSINESS

LOCATION OF NEXT MEETING

City of Zillah - Zillah Civic Center (119 1st Ave, Zillah, WA 98953) – May 18th. The program will be program updates from staff

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURN

With no further business, Mr. Hodkinson adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



John Hodkinson, YVCOG Vice Chairman

Date signed: 5-18-16



Jessica Hansen, Office and Communication Specialist