

YVCOG GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES  
May 18, 2016

PRESENT:

Grandview: Norm Childress-M, Bill Moore-A,  
Granger: Maria Gonzalez-M, Lilia Villarreal-A, Bruce Hall-PC  
Harrah:  
Mabton: Sophie Sotelo – M  
Moxee: LeRoy Lenseigne-M, David Roy-A  
Naches: Kit Hawver – M, Wayne Hawver - A  
Selah: Roger Bell -A  
Sunnyside:  
Tieton: Matt Johnson - M  
Toppenish: Clara Jimenez –M, Derald Ortloff-A  
Union Gap: Mark Carney-A  
Wapato: Jim Gerred - PC  
Yakima:  
Yakima County: Mike Leita-M  
Zillah: Janice Gonzales-M; Doug Stewart-A; Ardele Steele-PC/A

ABSENT:

Grandview: Don Olmstead-PC,  
Granger:  
Harrah: Pat Krueger-M, -A  
Mabton: Arturo DelaFuente – A, Greg Hurn, PC  
Moxee:  
Naches:  
Selah: Russell Carlson –M, Willie Quinnell -PC  
Sunnyside: Jim Restucci –M, Julia Hart- A, DeAnn Hochhalter-PC  
Tieton: Jackie Williams – A, Dewane Ashbrooks, PC  
Toppenish: Christina Kwan-PC  
Union Gap: Roger Wentz-M, Sandra Dailey, PC  
Wapato: Santos Valdez-A; Jesse Farias-M,  
Yakima: Marueen Adkison -M, Bill Lover-A, Vacant-PC  
Yakima County: Rand Elliott; Kevin Bouchey-A  
Zillah:

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

**Attendees:** Grandview: Cus Arteaga, Santos Trevino, Gloria Mendoza, Joan Souders; Granger: Jose Trevino; Harrah: n/a; Mabton: Sophie Sotelo; Moxee: n/a; Naches: Wayne Hawver; Selah: Harmit Bedi; Sunnyside: n/a; Tieton: n/a; Toppenish: Lance Hoyt; Union Gap: Dan Olson; Wapato: Peggy Gerred; Yakima: Holly Cousens; Zillah: Jeff Miles; Scott Carmack; Sharon Bounds **Others:** Ron Anderson (Yakima County Commissioner Elect); Marry Anderson; Madelyn Carlson (People for People); Merry Daley; John Hodkinson (Almon Realty); Sandee Hodkinson; Carol Hoyt; Danielle Surkatty (Yakindo); Bud & Kathleen Rogers (Clean Air); Lliana Trevino YVCOG Staff: Brian Curtin, Joseph Calhoun, Shawn Conrad, Jessica Hansen, Deb LaCombe, Larry Mattson, Tim Sullivan, Tami Hayward.

CALL TO ORDER  
INTRODUCTIONS  
ROLL CALL

Vice Chairman John Hodkinson 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 Zillah at the Zillah Community Center. 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

Councilwoman Janice Gonzales welcomed everyone to the City of Zillah

BUSINESS

*Approval of Minutes*

Mr. Hodkinson entertained a motion to approve the Minutes of the March 16<sup>th</sup> General Membership meeting minutes. Ms. Gonzales, City of Zillah moved to approve the Minutes and Ms. Jimenez, City of Toppenish, seconded. The motion carried with corrections to the attendance list.

*Approve ICR and Certification*

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

YVCOG NEWS &  
ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Executive Director's Message*

Mr. Mattson, YVCOG Executive Director, announced to the membership that at each General Membership meeting we will now have a networking table. Mr. Mattson encouraged the group to please bring any marketing flyers about job opportunities, events, and news to share with City officials, staff, and government agencies. Also, any of these events that still have a valid date will be entered into the YVCOG newsletter.

Mr. Mattson also reported on the Pay for Success feasibility study. Mr. Mattson would be happy to meet with any cities to explain what the program looks like and how it might work in the Valley.

## PROGRAM

### *Staff Program Update*

Shawn Conrad, Senior Planner, reported that her typical job consists of community planning, long range planning, grant coordinating assistance, growth management act updates, regional training coordination, healthy communities work, among any other services that cities request of her. Currently, Shawn is working on Growth Management Act periodic updates which consist of updating comprehensive plans, developing regulations, and critical areas ordinances.

Brian Curtin, CTR Manager, reported that he works with large employers within the Urban Growth Area of Yakima which includes Selah, Yakima, Union Gap, and the City of Moxee. The CTR program encourages large employers to provide employees with additional commute routes using public transit, vanpools, bicycles, walking or any alternative way of getting to work other than single passenger vehicle. This helps with congestion and air quality in Yakima County.

Joseph Calhoun, Planner, reported on traffic counters and showed the membership how they work. Joseph announced that YVCOG just recently purchased 10 new traffic counters and brought this service back in house. He also reported on the Department of Health grant and is working on how 16 small water systems could be worked into Terrace Heights water system. Lastly, he's been working on park and recreation plans and RCO grants.

Tim Sullivan, Homeless Program manager, reported that he moved over to YVCOG from Yakima County in July of 2015. Tim reported that he is currently working on PHC and the PIT Survey. Project Homeless Connect (PHC) is one day of services for the homeless, done during an annual Point in Time (PIT) survey, which counts the homeless annually.

Jessica Hansen, Communications and Office specialist, reported on the new website, new social media resources, new user friendly calendars, and additional paths for members to find information.

Deb LaCombe, Transportation manager, the transportation program gets together with all the local jurisdictions and helps determine information for WSDOT's state wide freight plan. MPACT, which mobilizes public access to countywide transportation, committee has recently moved back to YVCOG this year which allows for better planning.

## OTHER BUSINESS

### LOCATION OF NEXT MEETING

City of Sunnyside – Sunnyside VFW (615 North Ave, Sunnyside, WA 98944) September 21st. The program will be Legislative Updates.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Leita invited all members to participate in DRYVE. One of the topics being discussed is restoring passenger rail to the Yakima Valley along with other issues worthy of members' attention. There will be a transportation symposium in August that Mr. Leita encourages the members to attend.

ADJOURN

With no further business, Mr. Hodkinson adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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John Hodkinson, YVCOG Vice Chairman

Date signed: 9/21/16

  
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Jessica Hansen, Office and Communication Specialist