

YVCOG GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES
September 21, 2016

PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

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

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

Attendees: Grandview: Santos Trevino, Gloria Mendoza, Joan Souders; Granger: Jose Trevino; Harrah: n/a; Mabton: Mario Martinez, Oping Hutson, Vera Zavala; Moxee: n/a; Naches: Wayne Hawver; Selah: Harmit Bedi; Sunnyside: n/a; Tieton: n/a; Toppenish: Lance Hoyt; Union Gap: Dan Olson, David Spurlock, Arlene Fisher; Wapato: Yakima: Zillah: **Others:** Ron Anderson; Marry Anderson; Joe Brusic (Yakima County Prosecuting Attorney); Patricia Byers; Madelyn Carlson (People for People); Tony Carr; Merry Daley; Raquel Ferrell Crowley (Patty Murray); John Hodkinson (Almon Realty); Sandee Hodkinson; Carol Hoyt; Jakki MacLean; DeLessa Restucci; Lliana Trevino; Kevin Wickenhagen **Speakers:** Norm Johnson, Curtis King, Gina McCabe, and Jim Honeyford; **YVCOG Staff:** Shawn Conrad, Jessica Hansen, Deb LaCombe, Larry Mattson, Crystal Testerman, Chris Wickenhagen

CALL TO ORDER
INTRODUCTIONS
ROLL CALL

Chairman Jim Restucci 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 Sunnyside at the Sunnyside VFW. 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

City Administrator Don Day welcomed everyone to the City of Sunnyside.

BUSINESS

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Restucci entertained a motion to approve the Minutes of the May 18th General Membership meeting minutes. Mr. Childress, City of Grandview moved to approve the Minutes and Ms. Jimenez, City of Toppenish, seconded. The motion carried.

YVCOG NEWS &
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Executive Director's Message

Mr. Mattson, YVCOG Executive Director, announced that several staff changes have been made. Joseph Calhoun has returned to the City of Yakima as a planner. Mr. Mattson also introduced Crystal Testerman, hired as the Grants Accountant. With the absence of a Homeless Program Manager, Crystal has taken on the role as interim Homeless Manager.

Mr. Mattson gave a brief update on the Homeless Program. He stated that we are moving slowly intentionally in order to identify concerns within the

program, determine the best solution, and rectify the situation so it doesn't continue to be an ongoing issue.

PROGRAM

Program - Legislative Update

Membership cities were given updates from the members of our 13th, 14th, and 15th Legislative Districts. Senator Jim Honeyford, Senator Curtis King, Representative Gina McCabe, and Representative Norm Johnson gave updates on their priorities, current issues, and future topics to watch for. After providing updates the members of the Legislative Districts opened the floor for a question and answer period.

OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Jimenez from the City of Toppenish, reported on the Mayor's meetings, that are typically held once a month in Wapato, and how there has been a lack of attendance. She discussed the importance of having all Mayor's attend so actual business can be conducted. She encouraged all cities to support their Mayor's attendance.

Mr. Trevino (City of Grandview/DRYVE Chair) also encouraged participation at the DRYVE-transaction meeting. Mr. Trevino encourage elected officials to push DRYVE Projects forward. Currently there are available positions for a Vice-Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary.

LOCATION OF NEXT MEETING

The town of Naches volunteered to host the October 19, 2016 meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURN

With no further business, Mr. Restucci adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



James A. Restucci, YVCOG Chairman

Date signed: 19 Oct 2016



Jessica Hansen, Office and Communication Specialist