

YVCOG GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

March 21, 2018

PRESENT:

Grandview: Norm Childress-M, Bill Moore-A
Granger: Maria Gonzalez-M, Lillia Villarreal-A
Harrah: Pat Krueger-M
Mabton: Sophie Sotelo-M
Moxee: Rob Layman
Naches: Kit Hawver-M, Wayne Hawver-A
Selah: N/A
Sunnyside: Jim Restucci-M, Julia Hart-A
Tieton: Matt Johnson-M
Toppenish: Clara Jimenez-M, Al Hubert-PC
Union Gap: N/A
Wapato: Juan Orozco-M, Robin Cordova-A
Yakima: Brad Hill-M
Yakima County: Ron Anderson-M
Zillah: Janice Gonzales-M, Ardele Steele-PC/A

ABSENT:

Grandview: N/A
Granger: Hilda Guzman-PC
Harrah: N/A
Mabton: N/A
Moxee: LeRoy Lenseigne-A
Naches:
Selah: Russell Carlson-M, Jacquie Matson-A, Lisa Smith -PC
Sunnyside: DeAnn Hochhalter-PC
Tieton: Fred Munoz-A
Toppenish: Elpidia Saavedra-A
Union Gap: Julie Schilling-M, Sandy Dailey-A, Mike Moore, PC
Wapato: N/A
Yakima: Carmen Mendez-A
Yakima County: Mike Leita-M, J. Rand Elliott-M
Zillah: Doug Stewart-A

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

Additional Attendees: Grandview: Harv Rodriguez, Marty Groom, Joan Souders, Gloria Mendoza; Granger: Jose Trevino; Harrah: N/A; Mabton: Vera Zavala; Moxee: N/A; Naches: N/A; Selah: Sherry Raymond, Jennifer Huber; Sunnyside: Francisco Guerrero, Don Day; Tieton: N/A; Toppenish: Lance Hoyt; Union Gap: Arlene Fisher, Dan Olson, John Hodkinson; Wapato: N/A; Yakima: N/A; Yakima County: N/A; Zillah: n/a; **Others:** Mary Anderson, Gary Ekstedt, Michelle Ekstedt, Sandee Hodkinson, Rich Maurer, Kevin Wickenhagen, DeLeesa Restucci, Larry Krueger, Norm Johnson, Iliana Trevino, Juan Aguilar
Speakers: Yami Cazorla-Lancaster, Kate Gottlieb
YVCOG Staff: Alan Adolf, Larry Mattson, Mike Shuttleworth, Jodi Smith and Chris Wickenhagen

CALL TO ORDER INTRODUCTIONS ROLL CALL

Chair Jim Restucci called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. (Dinner break from 6:30-7:00 p.m.) The meeting was hosted by the City of Sunnyside at Snipes Mountain Brewery & Restaurant. 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 Julia Hart welcomed everyone to the City of Sunnyside.

BUSINESS

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Hodkinson moved to approve the minutes from January 17, 2018 meeting. Ms. Gonzales (Zillah) seconded. The motion carried.

YVCOG Homeless Program RFP Scoring Committee Recruitment

Mr. Mattson presented information about the 2018 Request for Proposals for the Homeless Program, and the need for volunteers to score the submissions for funding. Qualifications include no conflict of interest. Homeless Program Manager, Crystal Testerman, will provide training. There were several elected officials and staff who volunteered.

Gary Ekstedt Recognition and Appreciation

Mr. Restucci recognized and thanked Mr. Ekstedt for his many years of service as the Yakima County Road Engineer. Mr. Ekstedt is retiring March 2018.

National Association of Regional Councils (NARC) National Board Nomination

Mr. Mattson presented information on NARC, and the value of area representation on this national board. Mr. Restucci's term as NARC Board Member is coming to an end. YVCOG is seeking nominations for NARC Board. Mr. Anderson nominated Mr. Brad Hill. Seconded by Mr.

Hodkinson. Motion to nominate Brad Hill as representative to the National Association of Regional Councils Board passed.

Healthy Cities, Healthy Valley

Mr. Mattson presented information on YVCOG's program that reduces costs for cities. Fiscally healthy cities is the goal with small projects that have a big impact on the quality of life of communities. For example, a crosswalk that was added near a school in Mabton helps those students feel safer and that the community cares about them. These are low cost, high impact projects that are a part of the Healthy Cities initiative.

PROGRAM

Blue Zones: Why not Yakima?

Dr. Yami Cazorla-Lancaster and Kate Gottlieb presented a program on Blue Zones Project for Yakima. Ms. Gottlieb provided statistics on how Yakima County ranks at or near the bottom of many different indicators for health and well-being. Dr. Yami presented information on what Blue Zones are, and how adopting and acting on Blue Zones initiatives will help change those dire statistics. We can unite our workplaces, stores, restaurants, schools and residents toward making healthy choices easier. Coming events include a Blue Zones Project Presentation by Tony Buettner on May 1st and Wine@5 at the State Fair Park. Lean more about this Project from expert staff.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

LOCATION OF NEXT MEETING

To be determined.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURN

With no further business, Mr. Restucci adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


James A. Restucci, YVCOG Chairman

Date signed: 5/16/18


Jodi Smith, Office Specialist