

YVCOG GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES
May 20, 2015

PRESENT:

Grandview: Bill Moore-A
Granger: Maria Gonzalez-M, Lilia Villarreal-A, Bruce Hall-PC
Harrah:
Mabton: Sophie Sotelo-M
Moxee:
Naches: Kit Hawver-M
Selah: Jane Williams-M
Sunnyside: Jim Restucci-M
Tieton: Felisa Cox-M, Stan Hall-A
Toppenish: Clara Jimenez -M,
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, Jack Wells-A
Mabton: Arturo DelaFuente-A Maria Rose-PC
Moxee: LeRoy Lenseigne-M, David Roy-A
Naches: Adam Kramer-A Vacant-PC
Selah: John Tierney-A, Willie Quinnell -PC
Sunnyside: Spencer Martin-A, DeAnn Hochhalter-PC
Tieton: Jenny Korens-PC
Toppenish: Derald Ortloff-A, Christina Kwan-PC
Union Gap: Roger Wentz-M, Michael Moore-PC
Wapato: Jesse Farias-M, Santos Valdez-A
Yakima: Rick Ensey-M, Bill Lover-A, Vacant-PC
Yakima County: Rand Elliott-M, Kevin Bouchey-M
Zillah:

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

Attendees: Grandview: Cus Arteaga, Santos Trevino; Granger: Jose Trevino; Harrah: n/a; Mabton: Mario Martinez, Oping Hutson; Moxee: n/a; Naches: Wayne Hawver, Rick Carney, Robert Weekes, Elvira Birrueta, and Paul Williams; Selah: n/a; Sunnyside: DeLeesa Restucci; Toppenish: Lance Hoyt; Tieton: n/a; Union Gap: Dan Olson, David Spurlock; Wapato: Peggge Gerred; Yakima: n/a; Zillah: n/a; **Others:** Dave McFadden, Anna Marie Dufault, Carmen Mendez, Madelyn Carlson, Tim Sullivan, Iliana Trevino, Carol Hoyt, Scott Miller, John Hodkinson, Sandee Hodkinson, Don Whitehouse, Kevin Wickenhagen, Bruce Williams, and Merry Daley; YVCOG Staff: Larry Mattson, Chris Wickenhagen, Brian Curtin, Deb LaCombe, Joseph Calhoun, and Tami Hayward.

CALL TO ORDER
INTRODUCTIONS
ROLL CALL

Chairman Restucci called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. (Dinner break from 7:07 – 7:48 p.m.) The meeting was hosted by the Town of Naches at the Naches Depot. 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 Rick Carney welcomed everyone to the Town of Naches.

BUSINESS

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Restucci entertained a motion to approve the Minutes of the March 18, 2015 General Membership Meeting. Ms. Jimenez, Toppenish, moved to approve the Minutes and Ms. Cox, Tieton, seconded the motion. The motion carried.

2015 YVCOG Budget Amendments

2015 YVCOG Budget Amendment #1 was presented to the Membership for approval. Amendment is primarily due to bringing the Homeless Network to YVCOG. Mr. Hall, Tieton, moved to approve YVCOG 2015 Budget Amendment #1. Mr. Carney, Union Gap, seconded the motion. The motion carried.

YVCOG NEWS &
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Larry Mattson, YVCOG Executive Director, provided a brief update on the progress being made on the Yakima County/YVCOG Homeless Inter-Local Agreement, and on the search for a solution to regional recreation program issues. He also informed the membership of an upcoming presentation by Patrick Ibarra – July 15th – at the Yakima Valley Museum. The presentation is being sponsored by YVCOG, AWC, and WCIA.

Mr. Calhoun reminded the Membership that all jurisdictions are required to go through the GMA update process by June 30, 2017. There is a lot involved in the update process, so please contact YVCOG as soon as possible if your jurisdiction will be in need of assistance.

PROGRAM

Anna Marie Dufault and Carmen Mendez, Safe Yakima Valley, provided an informative presentation on Safe Yakima Valley. They reviewed some of the history of Safe Yakima Valley (est. 2006), spoke about some of the organization's recent accomplishments related to reduction in crime rates (Coffee with a Cop, 100 Jobs for 100 Youth etc.), and discussed their efforts to create a safe and drug-free community for Yakima Valley youth. Crime rates have dropped from 188% over the average US national crime rate, to 118% in the last eight years – Safe Yakima Valley has had a hand in that.

Commissioner Leita reminded the Members that the 3/10 Initiative is coming up. The initiative went into effect in 2005 and generates about \$6 million annually – 40% of that money is proportionately distributed to our cities. Safe Yakima Valley, and other valuable organizations, are dependent on this funding. He asked Members to get the word out to their jurisdictions about how important it is that this initiative passes.

Dave McFadden, Yakima County New Vision, gave a brief presentation on the update of the two-county (Yakima-Kittitas) Comprehensive Economic Development Plan. This is the gateway plan to federal money. New Vision will be asking for projects that will advance our economy to list in the plan, along with the strategies we come up with to advance our economy. Will begin working on the plan this summer – should be complete in about 7 months. He passed a sign-up sheet around to invite people to join the planning strategy group.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

LOCATION OF NEXT MEETING

The City of Union Gap volunteered to host the September 16, 2015 meeting.

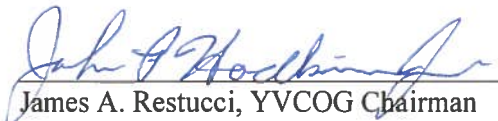
PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURN

With no further business, Mr. Restucci adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


James A. Restucci, YVCOG Chairman

Date signed: 9/16/2015


Tamara D. Hayward, Office Specialist