

YVCOG GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES
May 16, 2018

PRESENT:

Grandview: Norm Childress-M, Bill Moore-A
Granger: Maria Gonzalez-M, Lillia Villarreal-A
Harrah: Pat Krueger-M
Mabton: Sophie Sotelo-M, Arturo Delafuentes-A
Moxee: N/A
Naches: Kit Hawver-M, Wayne Hawver-A
Selah: Russell Carlson-M, Jennifer Huber-PC
Sunnyside: N/A
Tieton: N/A
Toppenish: Clara Jimenez-M, Al Hubert-PC
Union Gap: Julie Schilling-M
Wapato: N/A
Yakima: Brad Hill-M
Yakima County: Ron Anderson-M
Zillah: Ardele Steele-PC/A, Doug Stewart-A

ABSENT:

Grandview: N/A
Granger: Hilda Guzman-PC
Harrah: N/A
Mabton: N/A
Moxee: Rob Layman-M, LeRoy Lenseigne-A
Naches: N/A
Selah: Jacquie Matson-A, Lisa Smith -PC
Sunnyside: Jim Restucci-M, Julia Hart-A, DeAnn Hochhalter-PC
Tieton: Matt Johnson-M, Fred Munoz-A
Toppenish: Elpidia Saavedra-A
Union Gap: Sandy Dailey-A, Mike Moore, PC
Wapato: Juan Orozco-M, Robin Cordova-A
Yakima: Carmen Mendez-A
Yakima County: Mike Leita-M, J. Rand Elliott-M
Zillah: Janice Gonzales-M

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

Additional Attendees: Grandview: Cus Arteaga, Joan Souder; Mabton: Mayor Laura Vazquez; Selah: Mayor Sherry Raymond; Toppenish: Lance Hoyt; Union Gap: Karen Clifton, Linda DiLembo, Arlene Fisher, Dennis Henne, John Hodkinson, Dave Matson; **Others:** Mary Anderson, Mike Battle, Merry Dailey, Betsy Dunbar, Loren Dunbar, Sandee Hodkinson, Carol Hoyt, Larry Krueger, Terry Schilling, Todd Trepanier, Kevin Wickenhagen. Donna Rabe, Deb LaCombe, Ben Annen.
Speakers: Micaela Razo, Reema Griffith
YVCOG Staff: Alan Adolf, Brian Galloway, Tami Hayward, Larry Mattson, Mike Shuttleworth, Jodi Smith, Crystal Testerman and Chris Wickenhagen

CALL TO ORDER
INTRODUCTIONS
ROLL CALL

Vice Chair John Hodkinson called the meeting to order at approximately 7:07 p.m. (Dinner break from 7:15 to 7:45 p.m.) The meeting was hosted by the City of Union Gap at the Barn at Ahtanum Park. Jean's Cottage Inn catered the meal. 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

Arlene Fisher welcomed everyone to the City of Union Gap.

BUSINESS

Approval of Minutes

Ron Anderson moved to approve the minutes from the March 21, 2018 meeting. Bill Moore seconded. The motion carried.

*YVCOG "Better Together"
Regional Solution Conference
Recap*

Arlene Fisher spoke about the YVCOG Regional Solutions conference and the excellent information presented, as well as the great opportunity to share experiences. Steve Gorcester on lean government was particularly helpful. Laura Vazquez from Mabton spoke on how involved and useful the information presented. Joan Souders spoke on the networking and the information from Janice Corbin on Leadership. Great conference! We are looking forward to our next Summit in April 2019.

Homeless Program

Thank you to Arlene Fisher, Wayne Hawver and Clara Jimenez for making time to score the Homeless Program RFPs.

*Member Survey Newsletter &
Communication Preferences*

Please fill out newsletter survey.

*Budget Amendment –
Homeless Housing &
Assistance Local Filing Fee*

Larry Mattson presented information on resolution 2018-2, \$358,510 budget increase for 2163 funds budget line item to cover the new anticipated contracts. Local recording fees stay here to help reduce homelessness. Starting in July, we will have an increase in funds because of HB1570 passing. Motion to approve the amended budget made by Ron Anderson. Kit Hawver seconded. Motion carries.

PROGRAM

*Introducing the Latino
Community Fund to Our
Region*

Micaela Razo, Program Manager spoke briefly. They have recently opened an office in the Yakima Valley. Partnering to do more outreach and community building. Ecology engagement, knocking on doors in each city. How we can engage government to communities. Latino Community Fund finds out what issues are important to the community, then works for solutions. Not just Latinos.

*WSTC: Road Usage Charges,
Autonomous Vehicles & Other
Hot Issues*

Reema Griffith, Executive Director, Washington State Transportation Commission. What happens when gas tax expires? What will replace it? Demand is for non-gas vehicles. Electric and hybrid vehicles are the future. So, how or what should replace the gas tax? WSTC is studying Road Usage Charges are being studied. A monthly fuel tax, plus a road usage charge may be more equitable and levels the impact.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

**LOCATION OF NEXT
MEETING**

The next General Membership meeting will be held Wednesday, September 19th at the Zillah Civic Center.

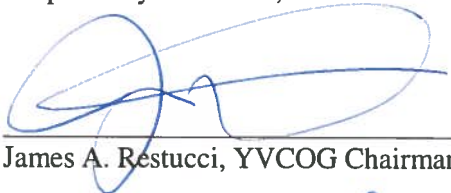
PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURN

With no further business, Mr. Restucci adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


James A. Restucci, YVCOG Chairman

Date signed: 18 SEP 2018


Jodi Smith, Office Specialist