

# BOARD OF YAKIMA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Special Meeting with Yakima City Council

Tuesday, June 29, 2021 at 5 pm

VIRTUAL

**5 p.m. meeting conducted via Zoom, live streamed at <https://www.yakimawa.gov/council/live-stream/> and telecast live on Y-PAC, Spectrum Cable Channel 194 or you may call in to listen by dialing 1-253-215-8782 or 1-971-247-1195. When prompted for the meeting ID enter 989 7126 5554#. When prompted for the participant ID enter #. When prompted for the meeting password enter 955882#. Public comments may be emailed to [ccouncil2@yakimawa.gov](mailto:ccouncil2@yakimawa.gov)**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Present:

2. JOINT MEETING WITH YAKIMA CITY COUNCIL

A. Yakima Community Care Campus (YCCC)

Document from Yakima County is attached.

Documents:

[COUNTY YCCC OPPORTUNITIES.PDF](#)

B. East West Corridor

Document from Yakima County is attached.

Documents:

[COUNTY\\_EAST\\_WEST\\_CORRIDOR.PDF](#)

C. Community Cleanup Partnership

Document from Yakima County is attached.

Documents:

[COUNTY CLEANUP PROGRAM.PDF](#)

D. Use Of 2163 Funds

No Documents Provided.

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# YCCC Informational Opportunities for the City of Yakima

Updated June 23, 2021

## Meeting to Discuss Options for YCC

Date: September 11, 2019

Action items:

- Sample zoning narrative developed.

City of Yakima Representative present: Sara Watkins

## YCCC Site Planning

Date: October 3, 2019

Action items:

- Continuation of the sample zoning narrative development.

City of Yakima Representative present: Cliff Moore, Sara Watkins

## November 2019 YHC General Membership Meeting

Date: November 19, 2019

Information presented:

- Homeless system needs that could potentially be addressed by the YCCC.
- Plans to approve the Mental Health Sales Tax.
- Plans to create the Mental Health/Chemical Dependency Charter.
- Initial concept proposal.

City of Yakima Representative present: Mayor Patricia Beyers, Councilmember Kay Funk, Sara Watkins, Joan Davenport

## January 2020 YHC General Membership Meeting

Date: January 21, 2020

Information presented:

- Update that Commissioner Baker was appointed as the Lead Commissioner on the YCCC.
- No other updates, as Commissioner Baker was working on getting up to speed with the project.

City of Yakima Representative present: None

## Zoning conversation

Date: Unknown

*I believe this was a phone call, the specific date of which was not documented. However, the conversation that took place between the County and City was referenced in the June 2020 YHC Executive Committee Meeting, as indicated below.*

Action items:

- Discussed zoning restrictions – both on the plot of land the YCCC is located on, and the district it is in.

City of Yakima Representative present: Joan Davenport, Sarah Watkins

## June 2020 YHC Executive Committee Meeting

Date: June 16, 2020

Information presented:

- YCCC project had mostly stalled, due to COVID.
- Received funds from the State for pre-design costs.
- Update that the City of Yakima in discussions had determined that there would be no zoning allowance for low-barrier shelter on that site.

City of Yakima Representative present: Councilmember Soneya Lund

## YCCC Concept Discussion

Date: June 22, 2020

Action items:

- Phone call to discuss zoning at the YCCC site.

City of Yakima Representative present: Joan Davenport

## YCCC Conversation

Date: August 24, 2020

Information presented:

- Overall concept.
- Potential floor plan considerations and supporting infrastructure.
- Sequential Intercept Model placement.
- 2017 Sequential Intercept Model.
- Overview of legislative packet used to secure predesign funds.
- Review of sample zoning narrative developed in 2019.
- Prospective funding opportunities.
- Next steps/timeline.

City of Yakima Representative present: Sara Watkins, Chief Murray, materials sent to Joan Davenport in a follow up email

## CoY YCCC Project Update

Date: November 23, 2020

Information presented:

- Overview of YCCC project concept and goals.

City of Yakima Representative present: Bob Harrison, Joan Davenport, Sara Watkins

## Yakima City Council Study Session

Date: March 9, 2021

Information presented:

- Overall concept
- Supporting infrastructure
- Prospective residential pod conversion options
- Floor plans
- Sequential Intercept Model placement
- Rationale for removal of the low-barrier shelter component
- Original and updated timeline

City of Yakima Representatives present: Mayor Patricia Byers, Councilmember Kay Funk, Councilmember Brad Hill, Councilmember Soneya Lund, Councilmember Eliana Macias, Joan Davenport, Sara Watkins, Sonya Claar Tee

## March 2021 YHC General Membership Meeting

Date: March 15, 2021

Information presented:

- Overview of the same information prepared for the Yakima City Council Session

City of Yakima Representative present: Joan Davenport

## April 2021 YHC Executive Committee Meeting

Date: April 20, 2021

Information presented:

- Homeless Response System Sequential Intercept Model design plans (to be used to inform the YCCC planning process, in tandem with the Criminal Justice SIM).

City of Yakima Representative: None

## May 2021 YHC General Membership Meeting

Date: May 18, 2021

Information presented:

- Homeless Response System Sequential Intercept Model design plans (to be used to inform the YCCC planning process, in tandem with the Criminal Justice SIM).

City of Yakima Representative: Sara Watkins, Joan Davenport, Sgt. Ritchie Fowler (present to discuss street outreach – not the YCCC)

## East-West Corridor Project

### Scope:

The City of Yakima and Yakima County are constructing a new corridor, Cascade Mill Parkway, from N. 1<sup>st</sup> Street in Yakima heading east underneath I-82 and over the Yakima River ending at Keys Road in Terrace Heights. The Washington State Department of Transportation will build additional lanes on I-82 from Nob Hill Blvd to the interchange with HWY 12 near Selah including access ramps to Cascade Mill Parkway.

### Status:

**Yakima County Phase 1** – Construct Cascade Mill Parkway from Keys Road to Butterfield Road in Terrace Heights including new round a bout at the intersection of Butterfield Road, Harford Road and Cascade Mill Parkway. This is currently under construction with completion anticipated later this summer.

**Yakima County Phase 2** – Construct Cascade Mill Parkway from Phase 1 round a bout to the east bank of the Yakima River. We are currently in Right of Way acquisition and environmental review. Construction scheduled for summer of 2022.

**Yakima County Phase 3** – This phase includes a new bridge across the Yakima River, an underpass on I-82 and the associated roadwork terminating at a new round a bout on the former Cascade Mill property in the City of Yakima. This phase is funded with Connecting Washington money. Construction will commence in the summer of 2023 and is anticipated to take three construction seasons to complete.

**WSDOT** – They are in the very early design and environmental review phases. Construction is scheduled to commence upon completion of the City/County work. This is also funded with Connecting Washington money. WSDOT is concerned that this project is underfunded and is working with local legislatures to secure additional funds.

# COMMUNITY CLEANUP PILOT PROGRAM REPORT

JUNE 2021



## Overview

- This Pilot program partners 14 agencies and jurisdictions to conduct public property cleanups along the Naches and Yakima Rivers, from the Selah Gap to Valley Mall Boulevard
- Yakima County serves as the coordinating jurisdiction, and provides free waste disposal at the Terrace Heights Landfill
- First partnership meeting held June 16, 2021 with 35 attendees: public property owners, local jurisdictions, fire districts and social service agencies

## Goals

- To eliminate illegal campsites, associated illegal activities and biohazards, and restore these public properties to their natural scenic beauty for the public to enjoy
- To provide safe, hazard-free access to the public

## How to Get It Done

- Invite ongoing commitment from public property owners and agencies to meet the goals
- Develop consistent “voice” and messaging among agencies
- Coordinate regular partnership cleanups of illegal campsites
- Conduct regular “sweeps” of properties to ensure they remain clean, safe, and inviting to the public

## **Accomplishments**

### **Most Recent Cleanups**

- June 24 (in progress): WSDOT, Yakima County, City of Yakima removed illegal camps and mowed brush between I-82 and Boise Cascade in Yakima
- June 23: WSDOT and Yakima County removed nearly 7 tons of garbage from WSDOT property at the end of North First Street in Yakima

### **Earlier 2021 Cooperative Cleanups**

- Partners removed over 30 tons of garbage, conducted 6 cleanups, and 25 site visits in March and April
- **Participating partners:** Cities of Yakima and Selah; Yakima County; Greenway Foundation; WSDOT, Camp Hope and Greenway Foundation

### **Next Steps**

- Prepare partner resource list
- Post properties with consistent signage (e.g., “Day Use Only,” “No Trespassing”)
- Continue organizing cleanups and sweeps