

2040 Strategic Facilities Plan Attendance Tally Sheet

Advisory Member	3/21/2019	4/18/2019	5/16/2019	6/20/2019	7/18/2019	8/15/2019	9/19/2019	10/17/2019	11/21/2019	12/19/2019
Jeff Garretson	+	+	-							
Vicki Baker	+	+	+							
Bruce Smith	+	+	-							
Jeff Louman	+	+	-							
Amanda McKinney	+	+	+							
Mike Leita	+	+	-							
Ron Anderson	+	+	+							
Norm Childress	+	+	+							
Bob Udell	-	+	+							
Joe Brusic	+	**	+	+						
Lisa Freund	+	-	+							
Ed Campbell	+	+	+							
Jessica Humphreys	+	+	+							
Brian Griff	+	+	+							
Jacob Clay	+	+	+							
Keely Rice	+	+	+							

** Joe Brusic represented at meeting by Deborah Clausing

2040 Strategic Facilities Advisory Team Meeting #3

Thursday, May 16, 2019

1:30 pm – 3:00 pm

First Street Conference Room

Attendance: See attendance log attached.

- Brian Griff, Facilities Services Director, greeted the team and opened the meeting with an overview of the agenda which included 3 presentations for the day from Bob Udell, Yakima County Sheriff, Ed Campbell, Director of Department of Corrections, and Joe Brusic, Yakima County Prosecutor.
- Bob Udell, Yakima County Sheriff, delivered a PowerPoint presentation on his department which covered current facility struggles and issues as well as future facility needs. Some key points from his presentation included:
 - o Their current location, 1822 South 1st Street in Yakima, is a leased building and property that has less than 5 years remaining on the lease. The building is in poor condition and does not meet the departments need for storage, meeting space, training space or office space. The outside land is large but is inefficient and does not provide any enclosed protection of vehicles. This includes the need for not only space, but the proper facilities to provide climate control, ventilation, air flow, etc.
 - o With crime rates escalating, the amount of evidence that is needing to be stored and secured, including vehicles, has overwhelmed their current capabilities. Making sure the evidence is safe, secure, and properly stored is mandatory.
 - o Training is a top priority for the Sheriff's Office. Currently, the availability and size of areas to be able to train in is vastly inadequate.
 - o Staffing for the Yakima County Sheriff's Office is showing signs of needing a major increase; not only due to rising crime rates but also because smaller town/cities are requiring more, and sometimes full-time, assistance in patrolling and handling their law and justice for their town/city.
 - o Public parking availability, ease of traffic flow and access to the freeway is also a major downfall and obstacle the Yakima County Sheriff's Office faces at their current location.
 - o Ron Anderson asked Bob Udell what his future needs are. Bob responded with saying they need a larger, more efficient, more reliable area to station and that he believes a Consultant should be brought in to assess and recommend solutions. Bob also commented that it would be extremely valuable to be housed with and/or very near the DOC and Court functions.
- The Director of Department of Corrections, Ed Campbell, delivered his PowerPoint next. Some key points from his presentation included:
 - o All the jail facilities are inefficient, highly over-crowded, worn down, and inadequate to serve the needs of the DOC and community.
 - o Not only is the inmate population high, the severity of the type of crimes the inmates are in for makes the inadequate facilities even more dangerous and difficult to function in.
 - o The rapidly growing need for better and increased mental health and medical services is also a dire concern.
 - o The separation of DOC and other law and justice functions make the transportation of and communication between inmates, lawyers, staff and the public difficult, inconvenient, more stressful, and more dangerous. For example,

on Superior Court sessions, there is no designated “holding” area that can be used to keep inmates out of view from jurors, the public, etc. during breaks and/or recesses.

- Ed Campbell stated they are mandated by the Federal Government which comes with many ever changing and stressed that the needs of the DOC are high and in all facets.
- Joe Brusic, Yakima County Prosecutor, presented next. Some key points of his presentation included:
 - The spaces that the Prosecutor’s Office (4 divisions; Felony, District Court, Juvenile, and Support) are working in are challenging, expensive, and in poor, degrading condition.
 - The lack of quality space and storage makes the functions of the Prosecutor’s Office much less efficient than desired.
 - All the divisions are scattered on different floors or buildings which impacts the ability to cross train, the communication and the work flow in a negative manner. Communication is key to success!
 - The physical separation of the DOC and the law and justice departments causes many obstacles and inadequacies. We need to be together!
 - Joe Brusic stated that our goal is to be successful, be more efficient and help improve the safety of the community.
 - Inefficiencies cause many stresses that hinder the ability of DOC, the Sheriff’s Office and the law and justice departments to do the best job they can do which impacts the community as well. This includes the facilities they are housed in and the location of said facilities.
- **All 3 handout presentations are available on the Yakima County website under Government – County Commissioners Office – 2040 Facilities Plan.**

Next meeting: Thursday, June 20, 2019 at 1:30 PM