

2040 Strategic Facilities Advisory Team Meeting #1

Thursday, March 21, 2019

1:30 pm – 3:00 pm

First Street Conference Room

Attendance: See attendance log attached.

- Public Services Director Lisa Freund welcomed the group, initiated self-introductions of the members and asked each member to briefly describe what they think about or what their opinions are on “County Facilities”
- Members offered the following critiques:
 - o County Facilities are too spread out, making business harder to conduct
 - o Inefficient for the public, county employees, the courts, and DOC
 - o Buildings are old, damaged, and out dated
 - o DOC facilities are difficult to use and raise many issues due to their dormitory style
 - o The cost to lease/rent buildings are high
- Lisa Freund gave an overview of the 2020 & 2030 plans via PowerPoint presentation and described the purpose of the 2040 Strategic Facilities Plan and Advisory Team
 - o Main difference between the 2030 Plan and the 2040 Plan, is that the 2040 plan will include ideas and plans for DOC and Sheriff’s office
- Facilities Director Brian Griff gave a presentation via PowerPoint overviewing and describing our current County Facilities and their functions
 - o During Brian’s presentation, DOC Director Ed Campbell talked about the difficulty with housing inmates in dormitory style house. He commented that inmates are much more violent than the inmates we housed 30 years ago who had much lesser charges such as drunk driving, etc.
 - o Ed stated that approximately 70% of inmates these days are associated with gangs. Norteno and Surenyo gangs having a large presence in the County jail.
 - o Ed stated that he is housing far more inmates charged with felonies than was the case years ago when the jail and annex facilities were built.
- During a roundtable 2040 priority discussion the following comments were made:
 - o Everything needs to be weighted by cost and practicality
 - o We need to affirm the real problem before we go forward finding a progressive solution
 - o Other facilities around the country who had similar problems and have made successful changes should be toured/looked at for ideas and reference
 - o Most issues are obvious because of age and known hurdles; cost of the solutions more influential
- An open Q & A session resulted in the following questions:
 - o Do we want to continue in the rental business? What luxuries do we want to keep?
 - o What are the revenue sources for the plan?
 - o Will we redo the facilities evaluations?
 - Commissioner Mike Leita commented that most facilities have not changed since the last evaluations were done
 - Advisory member Bruce Smith commented that new evaluations will be very time consuming and expensive

- Are we willing to accept the previous evaluation as a group and understand/accept the recommendations of it? Or do we start at the beginning?
- Next steps for Brian and Lisa:
 - Explore possible tours that we can physically or remotely assess for financial “laundry” lists of each building and determine if anything newly critical has occurred to change issue priorities
 - Lisa spoke about the 2040 Strategic Facilities Plan website on the Yakima County Commissioners page which will contain and be updated with meeting notes, presentations as well as the 2020 and 2030 Plans to help identify already known and discovered problems; “Don’t reinvent the wheel”.

Next meeting: Thursday, April 18, 2019 at 1:30 PM

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 Nunez	+									

** Joe Brusic represented at meeting by Deborah Clausing