Walla Walla County Council on Housing Meeting Minutes September 26th, 2019

Present:	Voting Board Members:	
	⊠Craig Volwiler- Finance Sector, Chair	□John Adams, VA
	⊠Mike Rizzitiello, City of College Place, Vice Chair	⊠Renee Rooker, WWHA
	□Jay Potts, City of Prescott	⊠Andrea Weckmueller-Behringer, Transportation
	⊠Byron Olson, City of Walla Walla	⊠Norrie Gregoire, Corrections/Safety
	⊠Randy Hinchliffe, City of Waitsburg	⊠Tyler Graber, Legal
	□Jim Johnson, BOCC	⊠Anne-Marie Zell-Schwerin, DV shelter
	⊠Juli Reinholz	☐Kathie Oreb, PSMMC
	⊠Kathy Covey	
Non-Voting Participants:		
Meghan DeBolt (DCH), Sierra Knutson (DCH secretary), Nikki Sharp		

Quorum Present – Yes

Welcome: Craig Volwiler, called the meeting to order at approximately 9:00 AM.

Approval of June 26th, 2019 Minutes: Review of notes by board, Renee Rooker motioned to approve minutes, Norrie Gregoire seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Housing Plan Review-

- Commerce sent new guidance which we need to incorporate.
 - Consensus that we need to focus on the objectives that Commerce sent, which are required and due to Commerce by December 2nd, 2019.
 - Will pause on work for the broader plan.
 - Homeless Action Plan will be an appendix in the larger Housing Plan.
 - Meghan will formally ask for an extension for March 1st, 2020.
- Comments on the Housing Plan:
 - Want to include drivers of homelessness Affordable Housing and Transportation
 - Local v. Regional Focus:
 - Discussion about the need to have a Walla Walla County focus.
 - However, will need to acknowledge that a lack of resources regionally, impacts our local efforts and capacity.
- HH Plan Taskforce
 - o Renee, Kathy, Craig, Meghan, Nikki, Sierra
 - o Thursday, October 3rd at 1:30 pm, and possibly additional times
 - Will report back in October

Communications Committee:

• Tyler reported that the committee has been discussing the difference between the HUD and McKinney Vento definitions of homeless – and that we need to adopt one.



New Business-

- Veterans Committee to report at October meeting.
- Consideration around Prescott presence Randy will reach out to Prescott Mayor.

Legislative Update: 2019 Legislative Session Wrap-Up (see attached)

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:55 AM