

NEWS RELEASE

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APPLICATIONS SOUGHT FOR CITY OF YAKIMA BOARDS & COMMITTEES

The City of Yakima is seeking applications for volunteers to serve on the Air Terminal Board, Board of Appeals, Downtown Yakima Parking Commission, City of Yakima Planning Commission, Community Review Board, Parks and Recreation, Public Facilities District Board, SE Community Center, Yakima Arts Commission and Yakima Historic Preservation Commission. Please see the City's website at www.yakimawa.gov or call the City Clerk's Office at 575-6037 to obtain additional information or request an application. Applications should be turned in to the City Clerk, 129 N. 2nd Street, Yakima, WA 98901.

CITY OF YAKIMA
CURRENT/UPCOMING VACANCIES
BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS
(as of 6/4/12)

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Vacancies</u>
Downtown Yakima Parking Commission	4

UPCOMING VACANCIES AS OF JUNE 30

Air Terminal Board	1
Board of Appeals	2
City of Yakima Planning Commission	2
Community Review Board	2
Parks and Recreation	2
Parks and Recreation youth position	1
Public Facilities District Board	1
SE Community Center	2
Yakima Arts Commission	3
Yakima Historic Preservation Commission	2

If you are interested in applying for a position on a City board, please submit a completed application form (available on-line) to the City Clerk's Office at 129 N. 2nd Street, Yakima, WA 98901.

For additional information, please check the City's website at www.yakimawa.gov or call the City Clerk's office (575-6000).

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS BRIEF DESCRIPTIONS

Air Terminal Board (2 City reps, 2 County reps, 1 Board rep)

Maintains, equips, operates, and regulates the Yakima Air Terminal. The Board also has the power to acquire property for, establish, construct, enlarge, and improve the Airport and other air navigation facilities and airport protection privileges. An annual budget of anticipated revenue from the Air Terminal operation and proposed expenditures will be prepared by the Board and submitted to the governing bodies of both the County and the City for approval. Must be a city resident.

Board of Appeals

The board consists of five members who are qualified by experience or training to pass upon matters pertaining to building construction and determines the suitability of alternate materials and methods of construction and provides for reasonable interpretations of the provisions of the Uniform Building Code. The members are appointed to the Board by the Mayor, with City Council approval. There is no set term for serving on this Board. The Board duties are to hear appeals from decisions of the Building Inspector, relating to building construction or on matters concerning alternate materials or methods of construction.

City of Yakima Planning Commission

Must be a city resident. Duties include: Long range planning issues within the city limits.

Community Review Board (must represent different aspects of the public as a whole including local residents, building industry, health community and business community and the residential rental community but not more than two from any of these). Duties: conduct administrative hearings and render decisions based upon written findings and do all things necessary and proper to carryout and enforce Chapter 11.10 of the Yakima Municipal Code.

Downtown Yakima Parking Commission

Members are recommended by the Committee for Downtown Yakima to the City Council.

Voting members shall include:

1. A business owner representing businesses between 7th Ave and 1st Ave.
2. A business owner representing the businesses on Front St.
3. Two business owners representing businesses between 1st and 9th Streets
4. Two property owners within the district boundaries.

5. A resident from within the district boundary

Parks and Recreation Commission

Advises the City Council and Director of Parks and Recreation concerning the formulation of policy, plans and programs to maintain and operate City parks and carry out recreation programs. Youth Commissioners shall be between the age of sixteen years of age through twenty-two years of age at the time of appointment. Must be a city resident.

Public Facilities District Board (Shall not be members of the legislative authority of the Cities of Selah, Union Gap, or Yakima at any time while serving on the Board. Have knowledge and/or experience in tourism, convention, and/or related business. Diversity of backgrounds, ethnicity, gender, education, cultures, industries, business experience, etc. desirable. Must be bondable.) Duties: To govern the affairs of the Public Facilities District including; approval of changes in the district's bylaws; oversee the general operation and structure of the district; interface with and advise the Yakima City Council, City Manager, and City staff on operation of the District; interface with the hotel/motel owners and other convention and tourism related businesses within the District. The District was established to lease and operate the Yakima Convention Center. This allows for a portion of the sales taxes currently collected and sent to the state to be directed back to the PFD. These funds will be used to finance the expansion of the Convention Center.

SE Community Center

To make recommendations to the Operator and City regarding Management policies, operations, maintenance, and capital improvement needs. Must be a city resident.

Yakima Arts Commission Voting members shall include: 2 working artists; 4-6 Community members (of which 3 must be city residents); 6 agency representatives: Yakima Symphony, Capitol Theatre, Allied Arts, The Seasons, Larson Gallery, Yakima Valley Museum. Duties:

- A. Encouraging public art, establishing procedures for selection and approval of art pieces, suggesting placement of public art and arranging for ongoing maintenance of public art in public places throughout the City of Yakima;
- B. Advise and assist city departments, commissions, and committees, as well as the City Council, regarding artistic components of all municipal government projects under consideration by the city. The Commission may also serve as a resource for artistic components of land use developments;

C. Develop relationships with existing organizations and community groups having a stake and interest in good building and public space design and development;

D. Encourage connections with regional, state, and national organizations with an interest in art, artistic values, and similar goals;

E. Pursue gifts and grants available to the City of Yakima for the purposes of cultural and artistic activities and enhancements of public spaces in the City of Yakima;

F. Promote and engage in activities that enrich the lives of the City of Yakima's residents through artistic education and expression;

G. Work with existing arts organizations, community groups, and artists in the delivery of programs and activities as well as assist in fostering collaboration and stability; and,

H. Serve as a voluntary advisory resource for the aesthetic review of private development.

Yakima Historic Preservation Commission

At least three professional with experience in identifying, evaluating and protecting historic resources and are selected from among the disciplines of history, architecture, architectural history, landscape architecture, historic preservation, planning, folklore, cultural anthropology, prehistoric and historic archaeology, American studies, curation, traditional building crafts, the practice of historic rehabilitation or restoration, finance and banking, law, and real estate, or related disciplines. Three members must be from specific disciplines. Must be a city resident unless granted exception by Council.