



**CITY OF YAKIMA  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

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**Date:** October 25, 2023  
**Time:** 5:30 p.m.  
**Place:** City Council Chambers  
**Staff:** Joseph Calhoun, Planning Manager

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| I.    | <b>Call to Order</b>                       | <b>Commission Chair</b>      |
| II.   | <b>Roll Call</b>                           | <b>Staff Liaison</b>         |
| III.  | <b>Approval of Meeting Minutes 9/27/23</b> | <b>Commission Chair</b>      |
| IV.   | <b>Staff Announcements</b>                 | <b>Staff Liaison</b>         |
| V.    | <b>Audience Participation</b>              | <b>Commission Chair</b>      |
| VI.   | <b>Old Business</b>                        |                              |
|       | A. Finalize Naches Fence Letter            | <b>Staff Liaison</b>         |
| VII.  | <b>New Business</b>                        |                              |
|       | A. Remaining year schedule                 | <b>Staff Liaison</b>         |
|       | B. 2024 work program/grant ideas           | <b>Commission Discussion</b> |
| VIII. | <b>Other Business</b>                      | <b>Commission Chair</b>      |
| IX.   | <b>Adjournment</b>                         |                              |

**Adjourn to next scheduled Historic Preservation Commission meeting \_\_\_\_\_, 2023/2024, at 5:30pm in the Council Chambers.**

**Commission Members**

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**I. Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order at approximately 5:30 P.M.

**II. Roll Call**

Commissioners Hall, Bussey, Edmondson, Mann and King were present.

**III. Approval of Meeting Minutes from 07/26/2023**

Minutes were approved unanimously.

- IV. Staff Announcements** – Planning Manager Calhoun announced the following:  
September 1, 2023 the Washington State Advisory Council on Historic Preservation held one of their quarterly meetings. Fruit Row was a topic at that meeting and Fruit Row was added to the Washington Heritage Register, and has been forwarded on for review at the national register level.

**V. Audience Participation**

Dave Schmitt came forward to state his opposition regarding the fence on Naches Ave, hoping for City Council to take his comment into consideration.

Lisa Beeson came forward to state her concerns regarding her opposition to the dwelling unit capacity. The concern was about the increase of the dwelling unit capacity from seven to twelve because it will negatively impact the parking situation, and the volume of people in that area according to Lisa.

**VI. Old Business**

**A. Naches Avenue Overlay Zone – Council Recommendation**

Joseph Calhoun, Planning Manager/ Historic Preservation Liaison reminded the commission and audience about the meeting that happened in July and the results of the comments that were made at that meeting readjusted to the proposed Historic Overlay zone standards. One of the changes was to allow mixed use as a compatible use within this overlay. Joseph also reassured that the dwelling unit capacity being set at 12 should

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not negatively impact the overlay because those lots would still have to maintain all the standards of parking and lot coverage and set back, there will still be limitations. Additional language to the parking was added that clarified off alley parking and existing driveways that are currently off of Naches will not be deemed non-conforming, but for any further developments to that property the existing driveways would have to conform with the implemented standards. Mixed use standards that are a part of the zoning ordinance have been incorporated into this overlay.

Minor word, format changes were made. Now a formal recommendation from the commission regarding this overlay to the council is pending. The recommendation would then be presented to City Council, if council wishes to move forward, then the proper steps would then be directed to go through the proper process. Commissioner Edmonson asked about the parking and Joseph answered that the focus is for alleyway parking rather than allowing any curb cuts from Naches and any increases on street parking would rely on what is going to happen developmental wise with the larger vacant lots. Joseph discussed and explained more about the mixed-use section of this overlay. Joseph explained what would happen if the commission decided to recommend this to the City Council. The Yakima Historic commission unanimously voted to move this recommendation of the Naches Avenue Overlay Zone to the City of Yakima Council. The commission also unanimously voted to sent a formal letter to city council stating the commissions objection of fencing off parts of the median on Naches Avenue. They also discussed the Naches Avenue overlay proposal clarifying what the commission would be proposing to council and the commission unanimously voted on revising the recommendation to include a statement about retaining public access to the medians because they are public parks. Joseph will be putting some language together for the commission to later review to move forward with the process of presenting their recommendation to City Council.

**VII. Other Business**

There is not a timeline when to expect updates regarding Fruit Row, Joseph will ask Spencer or someone at the state.

**VIII. Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn to October 25, 2023 was passed with a unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:05 P.M.

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**Date: October 25, 2023**  
**To: Yakima City Council**  
**From: City of Yakima Historic Preservation Commission**  
**Subject: Naches Avenue Fencing**

Greetings,

The city of Yakima Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) is tasked with actively encouraging the conservation of Yakima's historic resources. One of the many ways this is accomplished is through the review and recommendation to the Yakima City Council on municipal improvements undertaken by the city of Yakima.

The city of Yakima has been the recipient of grant funding from the Washington State Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP) which has included an inventory and recommended Historic Overlay Zone (HOZ) standards for the Naches Avenue corridor. On September 27, 2023 the HPC reviewed and recommended approval on the final draft of the HOZ standards, and modified the language to preserve access to the Naches Avenue medians.

The median is an integral part of the character of Naches Avenue, and unimpeded access to its green spaces has historically been the heritage of all citizens of Yakima. The HPC does not recommend fencing along the Naches Avenue median which would limit or restrict public access to this historic corridor. A motion to draft this letter was approved unanimously at the September 27, 2023 HPC meeting, with the letter being finalized for delivery to the Council on October 25, 2023

Respectfully,

Cynthia Hall,  
Historic Preservation Commission Chair

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