



**CITY OF YAKIMA
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

Date: September 24, 2025
Time: 5:30 p.m.
Place: City Hall Council Chambers
Staff: Connor Kennedy, Associate Planner

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| I. | Call to Order | Commission Chair |
| II. | Roll Call | Staff Liaison |
| III. | Approval of Meeting Minutes from 8/27/25 | Commission Chair |
| IV. | Audience Participation | Commission Chair |
| V. | New Business | Staff Liaison |
| VI. | Old Business
HPC Postcards | Commission Chair |
| VII. | Adjournment | |

Adjourn to next scheduled Historic Preservation Commission meeting October 22, 2025, at 5:30pm in the Council Chambers.

Commission Members

Cynthia Hall ▪ Clayton Bussey ▪ Paul Edmondson ▪ Joe Mann ▪ Dawn King



**CITY OF YAKIMA
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
Council Chambers, City Hall**

Date: August 27, 2025

Time: 5:30 P.M.

Place: Council Chambers, City Hall, 129, N. 2nd St.

Staff: Connor Kennedy, Associate Planner/ Historic Preservation Liaison

I. Call to Order

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

II. Roll Call

Commissioners Bussey, Edmondson, Hall, and Mann were present, with Commissioner King absent.

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes from 6/25/25

Commissioner Mann moves for approval of minutes, Commissioner Bussey seconds, passes unanimously

IV. Audience Participation

Mary Place of the Yakima Planning Commission spoke to HPC regarding new procedures for communication between HPC and the Planning Commission.

V. New Business

Senior Planner Jason Radtke is introduced to HPC

VI. Old Business

Staff Liaison shares update on Naches Ave HOZ progress

VII. Other Business

HPC discusses postcard / certificate of appreciation campaign

VIII. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn to September 24, 2025 was passed with a unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:30 P.M.

Commission Members

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**CITY OF YAKIMA
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
Yakima City Hall
129 N. 2nd St,
Yakima, WA 98901**

September 25, 2025

To the City Council of Yakima:

In its capacity as an advisory commission to the City Council on matters of Yakima history and historic preservation (YMC 11.62.040 D.10) and to fulfill its obligation to safeguard structures which reflect significant elements of Yakima history (YMC 11.62.010 A), the Yakima Historic Preservation Commission writes the following.

Recently, a number of comments have been made to Council citing concerns about the Yakima Valley Trolleys, their cost of operation, and the status of their application to become a National Historic Landmark. We urge Councilmembers to employ discernment when evaluating these comments for veracity and relevance.

The City has enjoyed a long and productive relationship with the volunteers of the Yakima Valley Trolleys organization. Their combined efforts have kept a truly unique element of Yakima's history alive, operating, and accessible to all the city's residents for decades. The future of trolley operations and a potential National Historic Landmark within our city limits hang in the balance. Now is the time to strengthen the collaboration and work together to preserve an historic icon for future generations, rather than be wedged apart and see that icon lost to us all.

We are fortunate to have the trolley as an heirloom of Yakima's heritage and a vibrant thread in our cultural tapestry. The trolley is irreplaceable and we hope the Council will recognize the importance of preserving its tremendous historic value.

Respectfully,

The Yakima Historic Preservation Commission

Cynthia Hall, Chair
Joe Mann
Dawn King

Paul Edmondson
Clayton Bussey

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