

**GRANDVIEW PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 29, 2025**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Gracie Sexton called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Planning Commissioners present were: Randy Tucker and Gracie Sexton

Planning Commissioners absent were: Kathy Gonzalez, Don Olmstead Jr., and Brenda Shephard

Staff present were: Land Use Planner Keelan Naasz with the Yakima Valley Conference of Governments, City Administrator Shane Fisher and City Clerk/Secretary Anita Palacios

2. MINUTE APPROVAL

Due to a lack of quorum, the minutes of the August 27, 2025 Planning Commission meeting were not considered for approval. The minutes would be placed on the next Planning Commission meeting agenda for consideration.

3. ACTIVE AGENDA

The schedule for updating the Comprehensive Plan was distributed. The scope of work and deliverables were as follows:

Tasks & Deliverables	Description – Year 2 Contract	End Date
Deliverable 7	Draft Comprehensive Plan Elements <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Administration Element• Physical Character Element	October 31, 2025
Deliverable 8	Draft Comprehensive Plan Elements <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Transportation Element• Capital Facilities Element• Utilities Element	December 31, 2025
Deliverable 9	Draft Comprehensive Plan Elements <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Housing Element• Land Use Element	June 12, 2026
Deliverable 10	Public participation report	June 12, 2026

Due to potential conflicts with holidays, the Commission considered rescheduling the December 31st meeting to January 28th.

A. Comprehensive Plan Update – Administration Element

The Commission reviewed the Administration Element which included the schedule change for review and adoption of the Comprehensive Plan from eight years to ten years in compliance with RCW 36.70A.130(5)(c). The only other changes dealt with formatting of the document.

B. Comprehensive Plan Update – Physical Character Element

The Commission reviewed the Physical Character Element, focusing on air quality, water quality and best available science. They reviewed changes to air pollution thresholds and monitoring stations, specifically animal emissions, noting that the Yakima Valley does not meet new EPA standards at certain times. Under the water quality section, information from the Yakima River Basin Integrated Resource Management Plan was included. Other notable changes included reference to the adoption of Yakima County's Critical Areas Ordinance, soil layer maps, urban growth areas, and climate-related content. The Commission also acknowledged recent annexations and urban growth area changes that would affect the plan's maps.

C. Comprehensive Plan Update – Critical Areas Ordinance

The Commission discussed the proposed adoption of Yakima County's Critical Areas Ordinance. YVCOG was encouraging cities to adopt Yakima County's Critical Areas Ordinance to allow for streamlined and consistent regulations, and reduce administrative burden. Statute allows cities with a population under 25,000 to adopt county critical areas regulations by reference.

4. ADJOURNMENT

The Planning Commission meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Commissioner Gracie Sexton

Anita Palacios, City Clerk