

**COUNCIL FOR THE VILLAGE OF YELLOW SPRINGS
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA:
HOUSING RETREAT**

Council Chambers: 8:30 A.M.

Thursday, April 9, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

REVIEW OF AGENDA

RETREAT TOPICS

8:40 Check-ins (5 min)

8:45 Reflections on Past Village Housing Efforts (30 min)

Johnnie, Judy, Carmen and Gavin will have up to 7 minutes to share and respond to any of the following prompts:

- a. What past efforts have been successful? What contributed to their success?
- b. What has been difficult about past efforts?
- c. What lessons have we learned for future efforts?

9:15 What do we believe is Council's role in directing housing and why (30 min)

- a. Review definitions of affordable and low income housing and discuss in relation to Yellow Springs (see memo)
- b. What is our working definition of affordable housing?
- c. What is the guiding principle of why we as Council are making this a priority topic?

9:45 Temp Check #1 on Topics (10 min)

- How the six topics were selected
- Parking lot for outstanding topics/issues
- Show everyone's initial rankings from Prioritization Worksheet
- Determine order of discussion of topics

9:55 Discuss Identified Priority Topics: (85 min.)

- * Zoning
- * Rentals
- * Lawson Place
- * Glass Farm
- * ZERH standards and conservation development practices
- * Protecting residential housing

11:20 BREAK FOR WYSO EVENT

Box lunches will be available starting at about 11:10 to provide the option of a working lunch.

1:00: Continue and Conclude Discussion re: Priority Topics (40 min.)

1:40 Temp Check #2 (10 min.)

- Everyone completes the worksheet again, and we tally everyone's responses
- Has discussion changed direction/priorities?

1:50: Outline Housing Goals (1 hour)

- Using the information from Temp Check #2, discuss what goals we want to identify for 2026-2027
- What are our housing goals?
- What do we need to realistically make progress on these goals?

2:50: Break (5 min)

2:55: What structure is best/format to address the above topics/priorities (30 min)

- Housing Commission/Housing Committee/Manager's Advisory Group

3:25: Review parking lot and next steps (15 min)

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