

# SAS STEERING COMMITTEE

## Minutes

*February 6, 2024*

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**Call to Order:** 5:30 pm

### **ATTENDANCE:**

*Steering Committee Members:* Chair Larry Luton, Sarah Burruss, Dave Garegnani, Brian Henning, Staci Maier, Rowena Pineda, Pragya Rai, Mindy Howard, Matt Hollon, Esther Angell, Michelle Howard, Naghmana Sherazi

*Not Present:* Jennifer Thomas

*Staff:* Kelly Thomas

## Agenda Items

### **ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:**

Larry reminded all that we are now recording these meetings, and that only Steering Committee members and presenting guests will be speaking.

Minutes of the January 2nd meeting was approved, without changes.

**Staff Report:** Kelly Thomas introduced the new AmeriCorps CivicSpark Fellow, Ruby Nelson. She will be preparing meeting agendas and minutes for the Steering Committee. Ruby is following Kelly from Council over to the Mayor's administration to continue sustainability work for the City.

**Chair's Report:** Larry Luton clarified that the Solar Panel Fee Waiver memo that was included on the original agenda is no longer necessary because City Council voted on the fees during their session the night before. Discussion ensued about how the memo had been drafted, who had seen it and why it had been written in the first place. Larry explained that Council had asked the Steering Committee to draft a memo on this proposed legislation, but moved ahead with the vote before the Committee was able to approve and submit the memo. Larry also explained that he had spoken during public comment at last night's session in support of the waiver as a private Spokane resident and was not representing the Steering Committee when he did so. Dave Garegnani asked in the Chat window to go on record that "the IBEW Local Union #77 was not in support of the proposal as it was one sided and opinionated". Dave respectfully disagreed [that the draft memo is now unnecessary].

## WORKSHOPS:

***Presentation by Marcia Davis from Integrated Capital Management (No public testimony taken during this workshop.)***

Marcia Davis presented to the Steering Committee on their new Comprehensive Plan. Slides from this presentation will be attached. After the presentation, the floor was opened to questions for Marcia. Questions revolved around how the Comprehensive Plan interacted with the growth management act, climate resilience considerations and incorporating nature-based and green solutions. [slides attached as part of these minutes]

### ***Memo to PIES regarding our priorities***

The Chair explained that he is the author of this current draft. He went through the Steering Committee members' priorities to represent everyone's ideas and narrowed it down to a few priorities. After feedback that these priorities did not address Green House Gas emissions, Larry pointed out that the tree canopy and waste diversion programs both reduce GHG. Other priorities that were flagged by members are listed, but many of them overlap with other programs addressing these issues.

Discussion ensued, after which Larry asked the Steering Committee members to declare whether they were prepared to vote.

Chair Larry Luton: Prepared to vote.

Pragya Rai: Pass.

Rowena Pineda: Prepared to vote.

Sarah Burruss: Pass.

Staci Maier: Not ready to vote.

Dr. Brian Henning: Would prefer to elevate BE 2.6 over BE 1.7 and would like to see how many people had supported each various recommendation.

Dave Garegnani: Wants the workgroups to see the [PIES memo] draft and give their feedback on the priorities.

Mindy Howard: Prepared to vote.

Matt Hollon: Does not see the workgroup feedback as a necessity. Would like to elevate built environment and transportation issues.

Sarah Burruss: Pass.

Esther Angell: Prepared to vote.

Nagmana Sherazi: Prepared to vote.

Michelle Howard: Pass.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, March 5, 2024 at 5:30 pm.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Meeting adjourned at 7:05pm.

**PREPARED BY:**

Ruby Nelson

**APPROVED BY:**