



# Spokane Plan Commission Agenda

Regular Meeting  
Wednesday, January 22, 2025  
2:00 PM

Hybrid - Council Briefing Center / Microsoft Teams  
808 W Spokane Falls Blvd, Spokane, WA 99201

**Virtual Meeting Link - See Below for Information**

**TIMES GIVEN ARE AN ESTIMATE AND ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

## Public Comment Period:

3 minutes each | Citizens are invited to address the Plan Commission on any topic not on the agenda.

## Commission Briefing Session:

2:00 – 2:20	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Roll Call</li> <li>2. Approve <a href="#">1/8/2025</a> meeting minutes</li> <li>3. City Council Liaison Report</li> <li>4. Community Assembly Liaison Report</li> <li>5. President Report</li> <li>6. Secretary Report</li> <li>7. Transportation Commission Liaison Report</li> <li>8. Approval of current agenda</li> </ol>	Planning Staff All CM Kitty Klitzke Mary Winkes Jesse Bank Spencer Gardner Ryan Patterson
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## Workshops:

2:20 – 3:20	1. <a href="#">Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update: Climate Planning</a>	Maren Murphy
3:20 – 3:40	2. <a href="#">Review of Attorney General Guidance on Unconstitutional Takings</a>	Tim Fischer

**Adjournment: The next regularly scheduled PC meeting will be Wednesday, February 12, 2025.**

\*Items denoted with an asterisk may include final action taken by the Commission. Written public comments will be accepted at [plancommission@spokanecity.org](mailto:plancommission@spokanecity.org) on these items up to one hour prior to the start of the meeting. Verbal testimony may also be accepted during the meeting.

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# Fourth Wednesday - Plan Commission Meeting Information

Wednesday, January 22, 2025

Plan Commission will be held in a hybrid in-person / virtual format. Members of the public are welcome to attend in person at City Hall or online using the following information.

## Microsoft Teams

Join on your computer, mobile app or room device

[Click here to join the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 292 403 242 162

Passcode: qN5WrW

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Meeting ID:  
292 403 242 162

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qN5WrW

## Join with a video conferencing device

[cityofspokane@m.webex.com](mailto:cityofspokane@m.webex.com)

Video Conference ID: 116 367 811 8

[Alternate VTC instructions](#)

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[+1 323-618-1887,595874912#](tel:+13236181887595874912) United States, Los Angeles

[Find a local number](#)

Phone Conference ID: 595 874 912#

[Find a local number](#) | [Reset PIN](#)

Please note that public comments will be taken during the meeting, but the public is encouraged to continue to submit their comments or questions in writing to: [plancommission@spokanecity.org](mailto:plancommission@spokanecity.org). Written public comments will be accepted on these items up to one hour prior to the start of the meeting.

**The audio proceedings of the Plan Commission meetings will be recorded and are available online.**

# Spokane Plan Commission - Draft Minutes

Wednesday, January 8, 2025

Hybrid Meeting in Council Briefing Center & Microsoft Teams Teleconference

Meeting Minutes: Plan Commission Workshop called to order at 2:00 pm by President Greg Francis.

**Public Comment:** Citizens are invited to address the Plan Commission on any topic not on the agenda. 3 Minutes each.

- None

## **Attendance for Plan Commission Workshop:**

- Board Members Present: Greg Francis, Ryan Patterson, Jesse Bank, David Edwards, Sandra Neperud, Carole Shook, Tyler Tamoush, Tim Williams, Jill Yotz
- Board Members Not Present: Amber Lenhart
- Non-Voting Members Present: Kitty Klitzke (Council Member Liaison)
- Non-Voting Members Not present: Mary Winkes (Community Assembly Liaison)
- *Quorum Present:* Yes
- Staff Members Present: Spencer Gardner, Tim Thompson, Angie McCall, Emily King, Della Mutungi, Brandon Whitmarsh, Tim Fischer, Teri Stripes, KayCee Downey, Maren Murphy, Colin Quinn-Hurst, Kevin Freibott, Tirrell Black, Jackie Churchill

**Minutes:** Minutes from 12/11/2024 approved unanimously.

## **Briefing Session:**

- **Transportation Commission Liaison Report - Ryan Patterson**
  - Ryan discussed the topics that were presented at the last Transportation Commission meeting. The Accelerated Mobility Playbook and Safe Streets project were both discussed. Additionally, there will be a community input survey for people to suggest places they want to see improvements. In early 2025, there will be more public outreach.
- **Commission President Report - Greg Francis/Jesse Bank**
  - President Francis discussed that he would not be renewing his term. Commissioner Neperud nominated Vice-President Patterson as president, Vice-President Patterson nominated Commissioner Bank as president. Each candidate discussed why they may be interested in the position.
    - Jesse Bank was nominated as Plan Commission President in a closed ballot vote, 5 to 4.
    - President Bank continued the election process for Vice President. Commissioner Francis nominated Commissioner Patterson as Vice-President. There were no other nominations.
      - President Bank announced Ryan Patterson as vice-president.
- **Secretary Report - Spencer Gardner**
  - Spencer mentioned that Transportation Commission formally added Plan Commission as a liaison group, and that Vice-President Patterson was approved as the liaison.
- **Council Liaison Report - Kitty Klitzke**
  - CM Klitzke mentioned that Council adopted a new budget.
  - CM Klitzke discussed that she will likely be on a committee that may conflict with the beginning of Plan Commission. She could join later or send CM Zappone in her place. It was

agreed upon that CM Klitzke could join when she can and give her report once she joins the meeting.

- Fire code is being updated; fire marshals want a five-foot gap between everything. CM Klitzke didn't have a lot of information, but it sounds like townhomes would not be legal and would go against updated fire codes. CM Klitzke wants the fire marshals to talk to other stakeholders about this.
- There are some concerns about parking in the Garland area. As this evolves, we may want to have a menu of options for solutions. This is something to keep an eye on as it goes on.

**Current Agenda:** The current agenda was approved unanimously.

**Workshop(s):**

- Division TOD Update
  - Presentation provided by staff member Colin Quinn-Hurst.
  - Questions asked and answered.
  - Discussion ensued.
- West Central Infrastructure Project Economic Impact Analysis Review
  - Presentation provided by Wende Wilbur, Principal, Kittleson & Associates.
  - Questions asked and answered.
  - Discussion ensued.
- Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update: Chapter Update Framework and EIS Check-In
  - Presentation provided by Tirrell Black.
  - Questions asked and answered.
  - Discussion ensued.
- Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update: Racially Disparate Impacts Analysis in Housing
  - Presentation provided by Maren Murphy.
  - Questions asked and answered.
  - Discussion ensued.

Workshop Adjourned at 4:00 PM.

The next regularly scheduled Plan Commission meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 22, 2025.

**BRIEFING PAPER**  
**City of Spokane**  
**Plan Commission**  
**Workshop**  
**January 22, 2025**

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**Subject**

The City of Spokane is embarking on climate planning under HB 1181 to enhance community resilience, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and prioritize environmental justice to avoid worsening environmental health disparities. Climate planning is part of the City’s general periodic update requirement for the comprehensive plan, which is due in June 2026.

The City and consultant team will provide an update on key project outcomes and engagement as part of Phase 1 climate planning. The workshop will focus on the overview of climate impacts and climate justice findings, and the climate policy audit that reviewed the City’s Comprehensive Plan, Spokane Shoreline Master Program, Spokane Parks Master Plan, Spokane Municipal Code Section 15.05 Climate Change, and City Council’s Spokane Sustainability Action Plan.

The community is also invited to participate in the **climate survey** that is currently open through the end of January 2025 in six languages: <https://my.spokanecity.org/planspokane/climate-planning/>. Additional project materials are available on the City website including background resources.



**Impact**

The climate element should result in reductions in overall GHG emissions, must enhance resilience to and avoid the adverse impacts of climate change, and must include efforts to reduce localized emissions and avoid creating or worsening climate impacts to vulnerable populations and overburdened communities. The climate element will be integrated throughout the comprehensive plan elements such as housing, transportation, land use, utilities, and natural environment.

**Funding**

The WA Dept. of Commerce has made available funding for climate planning for the 2023-2025 biennium, with the City of Spokane eligible for \$700,000 in legislative appropriation for climate planning through 2029. City Council accepted \$420,000 in WA Dept. of Commerce grant funds for Phase 1 of climate planning on February 26, 2024 (RES 2024-0142). The WA Dept. of Commerce climate planning grant is supported with funding from Washington’s Climate Commitment Act. The CCA supports Washington’s climate action efforts by putting cap-and-invest dollars to work reducing climate pollution, creating jobs, and improving public health. Information about the CCA is available at [www.climate.wa.gov](http://www.climate.wa.gov).

**Action:**

The Plan Commission will be engaged throughout the process and key phases, including integration into the comprehensive plan.

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Relevant Climate Planning Links:

<b>City of Spokane</b>	
Spokane Comprehensive Plan	<a href="https://my.spokanecity.org/shapingspokane/comprehensive-plan/">https://my.spokanecity.org/shapingspokane/comprehensive-plan/</a>
Spokane Climate Planning Project Page	<a href="https://my.spokanecity.org/climateplanning">https://my.spokanecity.org/climateplanning</a>
Spokane Climate Engagement Plan	<a href="https://static.spokanecity.org/documents/planspokane/climate-planning/climate-resilience-community-engagement-plan-august-2024.pdf">https://static.spokanecity.org/documents/planspokane/climate-planning/climate-resilience-community-engagement-plan-august-2024.pdf</a>
Spokane Community Climate Survey (open through Jan 31)	<a href="https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/spokaneclimateplanning">https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/spokaneclimateplanning</a>
Spokane Climate Planning Engage HQ	<a href="https://engage.spokane.gov/">https://engage.spokane.gov/</a>
Spokane Environmental Programs	<a href="https://my.spokanecity.org/publicworks/environmental/">https://my.spokanecity.org/publicworks/environmental/</a>
Spokane Parks Master Plan	<a href="https://my.spokanecity.org/parksrec/master-plan/">https://my.spokanecity.org/parksrec/master-plan/</a>
<b>WA Dept. of Commerce</b>	
Commerce Climate Planning	<a href="https://www.commerce.wa.gov/growth-management/climate-planning/">https://www.commerce.wa.gov/growth-management/climate-planning/</a>
Commerce Guidance for Climate Planning	<a href="https://deptofcommerce.box.com/s/fpg3h0lbwln2ctqjg7jg802h54ie19jx">https://deptofcommerce.box.com/s/fpg3h0lbwln2ctqjg7jg802h54ie19jx</a>
Commerce Menu of Measures	<a href="https://deptofcommerce.box.com/s/n34kivgzn9rfe74jfz2vvzxqlrv7j9m9">https://deptofcommerce.box.com/s/n34kivgzn9rfe74jfz2vvzxqlrv7j9m9</a>
Commerce Climate Policy Explorer	<a href="https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/dd012fae9fad4a309b0d89e3c13016e5/page/Basic/">https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/dd012fae9fad4a309b0d89e3c13016e5/page/Basic/</a>

**BRIEFING PAPER**  
**Spokane Plan Commission**  
**Review of Attorney General Guidance on Unconstitutional Takings**  
**1/22/2025**

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**Subject:**

Government actions relating to land use have the potential to raise issues about the taking of private property without just compensation. The Washington State Attorney General has published guidance on takings that the Plan Commission has a duty to review periodically.

**Plan Commission Action:**

All Commission members should review the Attorney General's memo. It can be found on the Attorney General's website. This link will take you there:

<https://www.atg.wa.gov/avoiding-unconstitutional-takings-private-property>