

Spokane Plan Commission

July 26, 2017

Meeting Minutes: Meeting called to order at 2:00 pm

Workshop Attendance:

- Board Members Present: Dennis Dellwo, John Dietzman, Christopher Batten, Patricia Kienholz, Michael Baker, Sylvia St.Claire, Carole Shooke, Community Assembly Liaison Greg Francis; Community Council Liaison Lori Kinnear
- Board Members not Present: Todd Beyreuther, Christy Jeffers
- Staff Members Present: Lisa Key, Darcie Jernberg, Mellissa Owen, Lori Kinnear, Brian McClathey, Nathan Gwinn

Public Comment:

- None

Briefing Session:

1. The July 12, 2017 meeting minutes approved unanimously.

2. City Council Report- Lori Kinnear

- City purchased two additional pot hole patch trucks
- City Council voted to put Railroad Coal Train Initiative on the ballot

3. Community Assembly Liaison Reports –Greg Francis

- No Community Assembly meeting, but they did have a Land Use Committee Meeting where they discussed the ecological impact within the urban growth area over the long term as density increases.
- Two Locations on South Hill are being considered for changing from greenspaces.
 - Grant Park- potentially converting the park into a parking lot for the Perry District.
 - Spokane School District is considering using the area north of Hamblen Elementary which is a wooded area for future expansion.
 - Grant Park discussion by Jonathan Mallahan- Director of Neighborhood and Business Services gave an overview about Grant Park after questions arose. 3 different alternatives to expand the existing parking lot. One option would occur off the south side of the park angled on street parking that might encroach in current parkland. Only one option would displace the baseball diamond that would need to be moved. All 3 options allowable under the restrictions of park land. They are reviewing which design makes the most sense for the neighborhood at the lowest cost.

4. President Report-

- Welcomed new Plan Commissioners Sylvia St. Clair and Carole Shook

5. Transportation Sub-committee Report –John Dietzman

- Participated in the meeting of the new Transportation Impact Advisory Board; they discussed adding an area in the west plains.
- Impact fee levels are being evaluated—the impact fees collected can only be used to improve capacity. Fee structure also under review.
- This new Subcommittee was established at the request of the City Council and Plan Commission. Any questions on transportation go through the Subcommittee, prior to Plan Commission and City Council review.

6. Secretary Report- Lisa Key

- Community Engagement Placemaking Workshop around the NSC corridor- being led by EWU and WSDOT- more information about these workshops looking for opportunities for placemaking.
- Plan Commission Transportation meeting on August, 1, 2017 was canceled.
- Plan Commission meeting on August 9, 2017 will include a public hearing to discuss the Parklets Ordinance, City wide Capital Improvement Program, Quality Housing Standards, Spokane Falls Building Height Report are also on the workshop agenda.
- August 23rd Plan Commission meeting canceled for summer sabbatical

Workshops:

The Yard Area Wide Plan Acceptance –Melissa Owen

Presentation and overview given
Questions asked and answered
Discussion ensued

A motion was moved by Chris Batten moved seconded by John Dietzman to recommend that the City Council recognize *The YARD Redevelopment Master Plan* as a record of the community's ongoing desire and effort to encourage and invest in development, job creation, and quality of life improvements in The YARD and surrounding area.

Demolition Ordinance- Lori Kinnear and Brian McClatchey

Presentation and overview given
Questions asked and answered
Discussion ensued

Infill Project Update- Nathan Gwinn

Presentation and overview given
Questions asked and answered
Discussion ensued

Meeting Adjourned at 3:38 P.M.