Spokane Plan Commission

August 9, 2017
Meeting Minutes: Meeting called to order at 2:00 pm

Workshop Attendance:
- Board Members Present: Michael Baker; Todd Beyreuther, Jacob Brooks, John Dietzman, Christy Jeffers, Patricia Kienholz, Sylvia St.Clair, Community Assembly Liaison Greg Francis; Community Council Liaison Lori Kinnear
- Board Members not Present: Dennis Dellwo, Christopher Batten, Carole Shook
- Staff Members Present: Lisa Key, Darcie Jernberg

Public Comment:
- None

Briefing Session:
1. The July 26, 2017 meeting minutes approved unanimously with corrections made to change “Granite Park” to “Grant Park” and “Prairie District” being “Perry District”.
2. City Council Report- Lori Kinnear
   - No Council Meeting- No Report Given
3. Community Assembly(CA) Liaison Reports –Greg Francis
   - At the August 3, 2017 CA meeting, Council President Stuckart asked for support for the Commercial Structures in the Residential Zones. The CA voted to support the proposed changes with a vote 20/0, with 1 abstension.
   - Sign Code Update Process- brief update
   - Conducted a Survey on how neighborhoods work with developers- survey results are back and they are working on developing a training on how neighborhoods can interact with developers.
   - Grant Park- potentionally expanding and reconfiguring the existing parking lot for the Perry District.
4. President Report-
   - No President Report
5. Transportation Sub-committee Report –John Dietzman
   - Next meeting Sept 5th will be cancelled, but will have meetings in October and November, with street standards updates being the major focus for those meetings.
6. Secretary Report- Lisa Key
   - Comp Plan is online it’s more accessible, graphically pleasing and interactive
   - Print copy $314.00 per/copy. Comprehensive Plan and Appendix 5 is included.
   - Online copy is in PDF it’s a full document with live links to each chapter that can be downloaded.
   - Patricia, John, Silvia, & Greg requested paper copies. If any members decide they want a paper copy, they can let Lisa know , and she will be happy to order a copy.
   - No meeting August 23, 2017 summer sabbatical
   - For the Spokane Falls Boulevard Building Heigts Report, Lisa ecommended that the Plan Commision allow comments from the working group members and the general public, with public comments limited to 3 minutes.
Workshops:

Spokane Falls Building Height Report out –Lisa Key
  Presentation and overview given
  Questions asked and answered
  Discussion ensued

Guest Speaker Mark Richard president CEO from the Downtown Spokane Partnership spoke on housing for the downtown and future construction. Recommended that, for towers above the 100 foot base, a floor plate of 18,750 sq. feet be allowed, with a minimum 50 foot separation between the 2 towerd. Also, spoke on his concern about the limitation of retail space mainly concerning banks.

  John Dietzman moved to recommend striking the sentence “corporate office, banks, and financial institutions do not qualify as retail space.” seconded by Patricia Kienholz.

  Motion Passed Unanimously (7/0)

  Patricia Kienholz made a motion to recommend replacing the X on page 23 item C to read. “Floor plate above 100 feet should not be larger than 18,750 sq. ft.” seconded by Christy Jeffers.

  Motion Passed Unanimously (7/0)

By a vote of 7-0, the Plan Commission recommended forwarding the report on top City Council.

Citywide Capital Improvement Program Update –Crystal Marchand
  Presentation and overview given
  Questions asked and answered
  Discussion ensued

Quality Housing Standards & Definitions –Alicia Ayers
  Presentation and overview given
  Questions asked and answered
  Discussion ensued

Hearing:

1. Parklet Ordinance –Tami Palmquist
  Presentation and overview given
  Questions asked and answered
  Discussion ensued

Public Comment:  No Public Comment

Deliberations:

  John Dietzan made a motion to recommend to the City Council the proposed changes to Section 10.55.060, Parklet Terms and Conditions, A.2 to state the applicant has the permission of the owner AND occupant, if different, of the property adjacent from the proposed parkelets area and ADD that
sentence to section 10.55.065, Streatery Terms and Conditions to be A.2 and MOVING 2 and 3 to be 3 and 4. Motion was seconded by

Motion Passed Unanimously (7/0)

John Dietzman made a second motion to recommend to the City Council the proposed change to Section 10.55.060, Parklet Terms and Conditions, Item A, to add a new item 5 which states that “no more than one Parklet or Streatery would be placed per block face.” And a change to 10.55.065, Item A, to ADD a new item 5 which states the same. Motion seconded by

Motion Passed Unanimously (7/0)

Conclusions read on the record:
With regard as to whether the proposed ordinance, as amended, meets the approval criteria of SMC 17G.025.010(F) for text amendments to the Development Code, although this Chapter is not located in the UDC, the Plan Commission made the following findings:

1. The proposed amendments are consistent with the applicable goals and policies of the City’s Comprehensive Plan.

2. The proposed amendments do bear a substantial relation to public health, safety, welfare, and protection of the environment.

Hearing Adjourned at 4:42 P.M.

Workshops Continued:

Comprehensive Plan Amendment Procedures (City Council Changes) – Tirrell Black
Presentation and overview given
Questions asked and answered
Discussion ensued

Meeting Adjourned at 5:17 P.M.