Spokane Plan Commission

September 13, 2017
Meeting Minutes: Meeting called to order at 2:00 pm

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

Public Comment:
- None

Briefing Session:
1. Community Assembly (CA) Liaison Reports - Greg Francis
   - City Council asked for the Community Assembly to submit a letter back to City Council recommending that the neighborhood plans become an official and binding part of the Comprehensive Plan.

Public Comment:
- None

1. The August 9th meeting minutes approved unanimously
2. City Council Report - Lori Kinnear
   - Administration and City Council launched a Give Real Change Program to direct funding to help vulnerable individuals.
   - Parking meters are painted bright orange and accept coins and credit cards. This is to take the place of people giving money to pan handlers. The City has directed $13 million dollars to help homelessness.
   - The City Council did not approve $150,000 for “rocks” to prevent people from sleeping under the freeway. A series of safety measures included additional lighting, signage, shrub removal and replacing rocks with shrubbery to prevent crime.
   - The Homeless forum will be held on September 26, 2017 in place of the regular City Council meeting. This will be an opportunity for people to come and share their concerns.
   - A draft of the Historic Preservation Demolition Ordinance is online posted to the City Website.
3. President Report -
   - No President Report
4. Transportation Sub-committee Report - John Dietzman
   - Transportation Subcommittee meeting October 3rd, 2017.
   - The agenda will include the Street Standard Update, the Downtown Core 100 Zone amendments and a Latah-Hangman trail overview.
5. Secretary Report - Lisa Key
   - Starting October 1, 2017 only City email addresses may be used, you can opt to forward your personal email, but your responses must be from your City email address only.
   - Open Public Meetings and Public Records Training needs to be completed by all Plan Commission Members. An email will be sent out with instructions.
• Sign code hearing and CIP hearing will be on October 25th. Anticipated Demolition Ordinance hearing is still tentative
• The Mayor’s Urban Design Awards is October 19th 5:30-6:30pm in the Saranac Commons
• The IT Department will be sending a brief step by step email to the Plan Commission Members regarding the 90 day email passcode reset.

A Motion was made to ratify the findings based upon the Amended Ordinance from the City Plan Commission to the City Council to APPROVE proposed new chapter to the Spokane Municipal Code, Chapter 10.55, Parklets and Streateries.

Motion was approved unanimously 6/0

Workshops:

Garrett Jones Manager of the Parks Department for The City of Spokane discussed system wide trail head improvements and introduces 12 new projects with goals on each. Looking at location and priority. Resurfacing paved trails, fixing pot holes, and revitalizing existing infrastructure. Also, discussed additional signage and wayfinding’s.

Heather Trautman Director of Neighborhood Services and Code Enforcement for the City of Spokane discussed enhancing the day to day operations with more functionality of the life of the City’s vehicles and day to day administration.

Scott Simmons from Public Works City of Spokane discussed streets, solid waste collection, solid waste disposal, water, and waste water.

Amy Mullerleile with Planning and Development from the City of Spokane discussed the update to the City’s Sign Code, SMC 17C.240. Title 17C Land Use Standards Sign Code 09-07-2017. More discussion will take place with a follow up on September 27, 2017 and a hearing on October 11, 2017.

Mike Tresidder & Carl Otterstrom with Spokane Transit Authority gave a project update on the policy framework to be finalized this fall. An Open house will be held on October 18, 2017 for the Central City Line focusing on design of the station locations starting at 7pm. Project timelines are dependent on federal funds. Construction is hoping to begin in 2021. November 8, 2017 will be the next recommendation meeting held at Gonzaga’s Cataldo Hall

Meeting Adjourned at 4:31 P.M.