

Spokane Plan Commission

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

Workshop Attendance:

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

Public Comment:

- None

Briefing Session:

1. The September 27, 2017 meeting minutes approved unanimously

2. City Council Report- Lori Kinnear

- Two moratorium extensions were given for 6 months
 - The Demolition Ordinance for Browns addition working on the historical preservation and demolition ordinance.
 - The Sign Ordinance around Hillyard. Signs are being relocated to the historic district and staff is working to get the Sign Code up to date.
- Councilman Fagan presented parameters and design for North Monroe. This will be delayed until it can be brought forward to the Innovative Infrastructure Committee.
- Administration and Council are working together on the Strategic Plan which coincides with the Comprehensive Plan resulting in a collaboration before items are brought forth to Council for review.

3. Community Assembly (CA) Liaison Reports -Greg Francis

- Colleen Gardner former Design Review Board Member spearheaded a neighborhood Q&A for how neighborhoods can interact with developers and steps they can take. Also, providing information on neighborhood rights vs. developer rights. The Q&A was released to the Neighborhood Council on 10.11.17 and can be forwarded to the Plan Commission for review.

4. President Report-

No President Report John Dietzman is not present

5. Transportation Sub-committee Report -Lisa Key filing in for John Dietzman

- Transportation Subcommittee meeting met October 3rd, 2017.
- Looking at the issue of Street Standard as a follow up to the Comprehensive Plan update and new Spokane Chapter. The Integrated Capital and Streets is working with staff on an update to Street Standards and Impact Fee Committee.

6. Secretary Report- Lisa Key

- Calendar items on 10.18.17 the Central City Line will have an open house held at Gonzaga's Cataldo Hall from 4:00-7:00pm
- On 11.2.17 Infill will be having an open house at the West Central Community Center from 4:00-6:00pm

Workshops:

Infill Code Revision- Nathan Gwinn

- Presentation and overview was given on phase 1 of the Infill Development Code Revisions being part of the Plan Commission's 2017 work program. The City expects to bring forward the first set of code revisions for City Council's consideration this year, beginning with the amendments to the Cottage Housing and Pocket Residential sections identified by the steering committee report recommendations.
- Questions asked and answered
- Discussion ensued

Demolition Ordinance- Lori Kinnear

- Presentation and overview was given on an ordinance enhancing protections for historic landmarks and districts, as well as providing increased incentives and new funding for historic preservation; repealing chapter 17D.040; enacting a new chapter 17D.100; amending sections 17G.010.210, 08.02.031, and 08.02.065, and enacting a new section 07.08.151 of the Spokane Municipal Code.
- Questions asked and answered
- Discussion ensued

DTC-100 Zone Amendment Scope & Charter- Kevin Freibott

- Presentation and overview given following direction given by Spokane Falls Building Heights Working Group, a subcommittee of the Plan Commission, who met in summer 2017 to review height limitations currently described in SMC 17C.124. The final report of this working group suggested some alternatives to adjust the code requirements for the DTC-100 zone to allow bonus height in some circumstances.
- Questions asked and answered
- Discussion ensued

Patricia Kienholz excused herself from the meeting

Hearing

1. Citywide Capital Improvement Program- Crystal Marchand

- Presentation and overview given
- Questions asked and answered
- Discussion ensued

Christy Jeffers moved to accept findings and facts A-F seconded by Michael Baker approved unanimously

Michael Baker moved to accept conclusions A and B to the Plan Commission seconded by Christy Jeffers approved unanimously

Christy Jeffers made a motion to recommend for adoption by City Council the 2018-2023 Six Year Citywide Capital Improvement Program (CIP) in conformance with the City of Spokane's Comprehensive Plan. Seconded by Christopher Batten

2. Sign Code- Amy Mullerleile

- Presentation and overview given-Updates to the City's Sign Code, SMC 17C.240.given Staff has been working on updates to the City's sign code since early 2017. This update has been given a limited scope in order to ensure timely completion. The scope is comprised of responding to a moratorium adopted by the City Council in April, ensuring content neutrality and compliance with a 2015 U.S. Supreme Court decision, and incorporating changes recommended by Current Planning staff
- Questions asked and answered
- Discussion ensued

Public Comment-

Neil Schreibeis with Lamar Advertising spoke in opposition to amend the sign code ordinance specific to the couplet and center corridor issue. He suggested a cap and replace system which puts a cap on the number of signs, but allows signs to be moved throughout the City.

Discussion ensued.

Christy Jeffers moved to approve findings and facts A-O seconded by Jacob Brooks approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Christy Jeffers to amend P that the definition of a couplet would be both directions of the roadway.

Lisa Key read aloud and clarified the definition for off-premise signs located on a couplet for purpose of the public works accepting the term roadway should apply to both directions of a couplet.

An amendment was made by Christopher Batten seconded by Christy Jeffers to separate P and name it Q. A motion was made to approve Q as a separate item and states for off premise signs located on a couplet for purpose of the public works accepting the term roadway should apply to both directions of a couplet. Seconded by Christy Jeffers.

Jacob Brooks respectfully disagrees with item Q because allowing to move a sign from one street to another street is contradictory to the Comprehensive Plan Policy.

Michael Baker is not in support of item Q without more detail surrounding centers and corridors.

Carol Shooke asked for clarification of the billboard couplet item Q. The definition of Q was defined and read aloud for a vote.

Lisa Key read aloud item Q for clarification for the Plan Commission.

The Plan Commission proposed the following amendment be incorporated clarifying for the purpose of off-premise signs be relocated under the public works acceptance the term roadway should apply to both directions of a couplet.

A roll call vote was taken the amendment passes 4/3

A motion to approve P as written Michael Baker moved Christy Jeffers seconded.

Motion approved unanimously

Jacob Brooks reiterated to the Board that the issue about the limited public works exception wasn't the focus of what they were doing, but instead the focus was on the content neutrality issue.

A motion to approve conclusion A 1 and 2 moved by Christy Jeffers seconded by Michael Baker approved unanimously.

The Plan Commission recommend to City Council the approval of the proposed amendments to The Spokane Municipal code, *Chapter 17C.240, Signs*. Motion moved by Christy Jeffers seconded by Jacob Brooks,

A roll call vote was taken and passed unanimously 7/0

Meeting Adjourned at 5:12 P.M.