

Spokane Plan Commission

January 10, 2018

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

Workshop Attendance:

- Commission Members Present: Michael Baker, Christopher Batten, Todd Beyreuther, Dennis Dellwo, John Dietzman, Patricia Kienholz, Sylvia St.Clair, Carole Shook, Community Assembly Liaison - Greg Francis, City Council Liaison - Lori Kinnear
- Commission Members Absent: Jacob Brooke
- Staff Members Present: Lisa Key, Darcie Jernberg, Jacqui Halvorson

Public Comment:

- None

Briefing Session:

1. The December 13, 2017 meeting minutes approved unanimously.
2. City Council Report- Lori Kinnear
Council will review the proposed changes to Infill at their study session on Thursday, January 11th at 3:30 p.m. Proposed Council amendments include changes to the tiny house regulations limiting the bonus density to ¼ mile radius from centers and corridor zoning, and discussing the community building provisions.
3. Community Assembly Liaison Report - Greg Francis
 - Planning Department presented on Downtown Height Restrictions along Spokane Falls Blvd. Inga Note discussed the proposed update to street standards.
 - Land Use Committee discussed the following three goals for the year:
 - Follow Comp Plan amendments through to completion.
 - Continue outreach- build up Land Use Committee - reaching out to the 25 non-participating neighborhoods for engagement.
 - Land Use 101 packet issue to be distributed to the neighborhoods - engagement and awareness and why it's important for neighborhood involvement.
4. Transportation Sub-Committee Report -John Dietzman
 - Reviewed and ranked the 20 year list of projects. They were ranked on how they met the Comprehensive Plan Chapter 4 goals.
 - The purpose was to select a few that would be added to the upcoming 2023-2024 6-Year Transportation Plan.
 - Staff proposed 17 for consideration.
 - Rebuilding of Wellesley from Freya to Havana took special consideration; it will be blocked off for construction near the North Spokane Corridor - this offers an opportunity to work with WSDOT to reduce cost and raise efficiency of construction. Strategic component to The Yard Economic Development Program.
 - Choose seven out of the 17 that will be brought forward to the Plan Commission.
 - The next PCTS meeting will be February 6, 2018.
 - Inga Note- Presented to the North Indian Trail Neighborhood Council about widening the road to address the traffic issue:
 - North Indian Trail, from Barnes to Kathleen Street, will be restriped. This has been through staff review and administration. The Neighborhood Council gave high approval.
5. Secretary Report- Lisa Key
 - Because of a Council conflict, the Threshold Review-Ad Hoc Committee meeting has been changed to Wednesday, February 7, 2018 from 2:00-5:00 P.M.
 - Carole Shook will be the alternate for the Ad- Hoc Committee.

- Lisa is planning a staff work program review.
 - The Joint Plan Commission City Council Study Session will be held on Thursday January 25th at 3:30pm.
 - WSDOT has launched their web page for NSC place making.
 - <https://wsdot.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=bab715226e3b4910b846ddcd67e53d2a>
 - In March and April - Louis Mueller, Charlene Kay, and Kerry Brooks will come to discuss with the Plan Commission charrettes planned for these meetings.
 - Building Heights Story Map will be up on the web soon. The story map will be used for public engagement.
 - Priest Lake Conference May 31st June 1st .
 - APA memberships have been renewed. The APA Regional Conference will be held in Spokane this fall. - No date has been given yet. Staff will forward more information as it becomes available.
6. President - Dennis Dellwo - The application for Greg Francis was reviewed for the vacancy on the Plan Commission Board. The Commission interviewed Greg Francis. Sylvia St. Clair made a motion to recommend that Greg Francis be appointed to the vacant Plan Commission position. The motion was seconded by John Dietzman, and passed unanimously.

Workshops:

Infill Code Revision - Nathan Gwinn

Nathan presented an overview of the strategic action plan for the next phases of proposed Infill Code Amendments.

- Presentation given.
- Questions asked and answered.

Impact Fee Revision – Inga Note:

Inga gave a presentation on the Impact Fee Study, and proposed amendments to the Impact Fee Ordinance.

- Presentation given.
- Questions asked and answered.

Hearings:

Historic Preservation Ordinance:

Commission President Dellwo indicated that Brian McClatchey, who helped draft the ordinance, was available via telephone, should the Commission have any questions for him.

Councilmember Lori Kinnear, project sponsor, gave a brief overview regarding the proposed ordinance. She presented a short video on historic preservation, followed by a brief presentation. Megan Duvall, the City/County Historic Preservation Officer, also gave a presentation regarding the provision contained in the proposed ordinance. Her presentation was followed by a brief presentation by Jonathan Mallahan

- Following the presentations, Plan Commission questions were asked and answer.
- The President then invited public testimony.
- A total of 19 people testified, with 18 in favor and 1 neutral.

- The Plan Commission President closed the record to oral testimony, indicating that written testimony could still be submitted through close of business on January 23, 2018.
- The President continued the hearing to a date definite of January 24, 2018 at 4 p.m. for deliberations,

The meeting adjourned at 5:23 p.m.