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:
     o Follow Comp Plan amendments through to completion.
     o Continue outreach - build up Land Use Committee - reaching out to the 25 non-participating neighborhoods for engagement.
     o 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.

- 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.