

Spokane Plan Commission - Minutes

March 13, 2019

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

Attendance:

- Board Members Present: Todd Beyreuther, Greg Francis, Christopher Batten, Michael Baker, Carole Shook, Diana Painter, Kate Burke (City Council Liaison); Patricia Hansen (Community Assembly Liaison)
- Board Members Not Present: John Dietzman, Sylvia St. Clair
- Staff Members Present: James Richman, Amanda Winchell, Heather Trautman, Kevin Freibott, Tirrell Black, Inga Note, Nathan Gwinn, Melissa Wittstruck

Public Comment:

None

Briefing Session:

1. Commission President Report - Todd Beyreuther

- Three additional applications have been received by the Plan Commission, all three applicants will be interviewed during the workshop portion of the meeting today. The Commission will formulate a recommendation to the Mayor at the end of the workshops.
- A hearing is scheduled for the March 27th meeting. This will require a quorum. Due to several commission vacancies it's important everyone that is available attend.

2. Transportation Subcommittee Report - John Dietzman

- None

3. Community Assembly Liaison Report - Patricia Hansen

- Expressed interest in participating in the Plan Commission Transportation Subcommittee
- Suggested that the Community Assembly and the Plan Commission coordinate a joint meeting.
- Noticed that the Plan Commission website hasn't had meeting materials uploaded since 2016. Patricia was advised that meeting materials have been combined with the agenda's and are now uploaded as agenda packets since 2016. Clerks in the Planning department have been working merging old meeting materials with agendas so that there is consistency on the website.
- Confirmed that the Plan Commission Transportation Subcommittee meets on the 1st Tuesday of every month at 9:00 am and expressed interest in participating on the committee.

4. City Council Liaison- Kate Burke

- Conducted a soft launch of the Envision Center on 3rd and Arthur. This center will be a good resource for the City of Spokane homeless community.
- Passed additional funding to provide bus passes to the homeless population so that they can utilize the resources the City has available to them.
- Hired Eric Paulson as the City Council Government Relations Director.

5. Secretary Report- Heather Trautman

- Requests that commission members communicate with staff as to whether or not they can attend the March 27th meeting. A quorum of the commission will be required at the March 27th meeting because there will be a hearing at 4pm on the TR12 Emergency Amendment.
- The March 27th meeting will also include the University District Master Plan Update.
- Presented the Agenda Management tool to the board and discussed the upcoming projects that the Commission members will be hearing in workshops in the next couple months.
- Chris Batten confirms he will not be present during the March 27th hearing.
- Plan Commission will not be consistently meeting in the briefing center this year. Meeting locations will be indicated on the agenda when it is distributed. The Council Chambers is managed by Channel 5 and thus limits our access to certain technology.

Minutes from the February 13, 2019 approved unanimously with one abstention and the minutes from the February 27, 2019 meeting approved unanimously.

Workshops:

1. Interview Plan Commission Applicants
 - Interviewed Asher Ernst, Andrew Butler, Darin Watkins.
 - Questions asked and answered
2. Comprehensive Plan Amendments Overview 2018/2019
 - Kevin Freibott presented an overview of the Comprehensive Plan Amendment procedures.
 - Questions asked and answered
3. TR12 Emergency Amendment (Z19-020COMP)
 - Tirrell Black and Inga Note presented the proposed emergency Comprehensive Plan Amendment.
 - Questions asked and answered

Board Business

Board members discussed the five applicants and their experience and qualifications.

Greg Francis made a motion to recommend Asher Ernst, Darren Butler, and Eric Cultum for consideration by the Mayor. Motion seconded by Michael baker. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:02 PM

Next Plan Commission Meeting is scheduled for March 27, 2019