

# Spokane Plan Commission - Draft Minutes

**March 27, 2019**

Meeting Minutes: Meeting called to order at 1:59 PM

## Attendance:

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

## Public Comment:

Fawn Schott with Volunteers of America, addressed the board regarding affordable housing and encouraged the board to open up zoning to multi-family and affordable housing throughout the community.

## Briefing Session:

Minutes from the March 13, 2019 approved unanimously.

### **1. City Council Liaison- Kate Burke**

- Introduced, Eric Paulson, The City of Spokane's new Government Affairs Director, provided a brief overview of the various bills that are in the legislative process.
- House budget proposals are projected to be voted on this next week during the legislative session.
- Working with community partners to bring the author of How to Kill a City on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. His visit will include a tour of the City, Attend the Plan Commission meeting, followed by a large event that will include several community stakeholders.

### **2. Community Assembly Liaison Report - Patricia Hansen**

- CA agenda packet has become very large so there has been discussion that the agenda be distributed via a web link instead of an email attachment.
- Community Assembly subcommittees are working on developing their goals.
- The Spring retreat is coming up, they will be using that time to look into the current bylaws and board policies.
- NUSA conference is coming up, 2-3 individuals from the community Assembly will be attending.

### **3. Commission President Report - Todd Beyreuther**

- Signed the recommendation letter to the Mayor for the three applicants that the board voted forward for appointment.

### **4. Transportation Subcommittee Report - John Dietzman**

- Met with city staff regarding the use of levy funds for City street projects and the associated matching grant money.
- Next Plan Commission Transportation Subcommittee meeting has been postponed to April 9, 2019 due to spring break.
- Presentation during the March 5<sup>th</sup> meeting regarding electric bikes and scooters and discussed the contract extension for the Lime scooters. Council clarified some laws surrounding the electric scooters and bikes Monday night. These rules include that they cannot be ridden on the sidewalks, bike helmets are required except when riding rented electric bicycles and scooters.

### **5. Secretary Report- Heather Trautman**

- Planning department has hired Colin Quinn as the new bicycle pedestrian coordinator. He will be working closely with shared mobility project and coordinating planning efforts with capital management and the planning department.
- Alley activation project is underway. The businesses and stakeholders are investing in this project to be able to clean up the public alley way and work with students and professionals to develop a plan through the upcoming Hack the Alley event. Flyer with all the details on the event will be emailed to the Commissioners.
- Thanked all participants that participated in the North River Bank Charrette.
- James Richman provided an overview of the role of a board and commission liaison during hearings.

## **Workshops:**

### **1. Comprehensive Plan Policy LU1.8 Review**

- Presentation provided by Tirrell Black
- Questions asked and answered
- Greg Francis, Sylvia St. Clair and Diana Painter volunteered to participate in a subcommittee to work on the Comprehensive Plan Policy LU1.8

### **2. University District Master Plan Update**

- Chris Green with the City of Spokane Planning Department and Lars Gilbert, CEO of the University District, presented an overview of the University District Master Plan.
- Questions asked and answered

Recess at 3:19

## **Hearing:**

### **1. Proposed Amendment to Map TR12, Comprehensive Plan Chapter 4, Relating to section of Crestline Street, File Z19-070COMP**

- Tirrell Black presented the proposed amendment to Map TR12, Comprehensive Plan Chapter 4.

## **Public Comment**

1. Paul Kropp provided public comment on behalf of the neighborhood alliance group whom are against the changes proposed.
2. Carol Tomsic spoke on behalf of the Lincoln Heights Neighborhood council in support of the proposed amendment.
3. Rick Van Orden spoke against the connection of Crestline to Southeast Blvd.
4. Charles Milani spoke in support of the proposed amendment.
5. Elizabeth Tellessen on behalf of Green Stone Homes spoke in support of the proposed amendment.
6. Kelly Pazio spoke in support of the proposed amendment.
7. Rick Dullanty spoke in support of the proposed amendment.
8. Kevin Edwards spoke against Crestline connecting to Southeast Blvd.

Public Testimony closed and discussion ensued.

Greg Francis made a motion to approve the Amendment to remove the minor arterial designation from the section of Crestline between 37<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Southeast Boulevard at 31<sup>st</sup> Avenue from the Arterial Network map (map TR12) in chapter 4 of the Comprehensive Plan. Motion seconded by Michael Baker.

Discussion ensued.

Questions asked and answered.

Motion passed unanimous (7/0)

## **Meeting Adjourned at 4:51 PM**

Next Plan Commission Meeting is scheduled for March 27, 2019