

# Spokane Plan Commission Meeting Minutes Draft

August 14, 2019

City Council Briefing Center

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

## Attendance:

- Board Members Present: John Dietzman, Sylvia St. Clair, Greg Francis, Carol Shook, Diana Painter, Todd Beyreuther, Christopher Batten, Kate Burke (City Council Liaison)
- Board Members Not Present: Michael Baker
- Staff Present: Heather Trautman, Renee Trapp, Stephanie Bishop, Dean Gunderson, Keith Friebott, Tirrell Black, Nathan Gwinn, Christopher Green, Danielle Olson, Melissa Wittstruck, Alicia Strieby, James Richman, Melissa Owen, Angel Spell, Giacobbe Byrd

## Public Comment:

None

## Briefing Session:

Quorum - Yes

Approval of the July 24<sup>th</sup> 2019 meeting minutes approved unanimously, with John Dietzman announcing one correction for the attendance roster, stating he was present.

1. **Community Assembly Liaison Report - Paul Kropp** (Community Assembly Committee Chair)
  - Update regarding assembly vacancy.
2. **Commission President Report - Todd Beyreuther**
  - Update regarding NSF sponsored 2-day workshop on global community and urban sustainability.
3. **Transportation Subcommittee Report - John Dietzman**
  - None
4. **Secretary Report - Heather Trautman** (Director, Neighborhood & Planning Services)
  - Reminder that the Joint City Council/Plan Commission quarterly study session will be held on Thursday, August 15<sup>th</sup> at 3:30PM, in the City Council Briefing Center, to discuss House Bill 1923.
  - Announcement of the Plan Commission annual retreat, scheduled for October 9<sup>th</sup>.
  - Reminder there is only one meeting Plan Commission meeting in August.
  - Questions and discussion ensued.
5. **City Council Liaison Report - Kate Burke**
  - Update regarding 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting between landlords and tenants pertaining to the draft policy on rental regulation.
  - Update on upcoming housing conferences.
  - Update on Walkability Conference attended in Georgia, and announcement of a future Council presentation to discuss the findings of a multi-modal transit analysis and a Health Impact Analysis, which will focus on communication between the City and public schools district and libraries, and accessibility.
  - Questions and discussion ensued.

## Workshops:

1. **Street Trees / Landscape 17C.200 Amendments**
  - Introduction to proposed amendments by Lori Kinnear, City Council
  - Presentation and overview provided by Melissa Owen of Development Services Center, Angel Spell of Urban Forestry, and Giacobbe Byrd of City Council
  - Questions asked and answered
  - Discussion ensued

## 2. Downtown Plan Update

- Presentation provided by Heather Trautman
- Questions asked and answered
- Discussion ensued

## 3. North Bank

- Presentation and overview provided by Melissa Wittstruck
- Continuance of Workshop and discussion scheduled for September 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Questions asked and answered
- Discussion ensued

President Beyreuther called for break at 3:53 PM while meeting was moved to City Council Chambers for Hearings.

## Hearings

City Council Chambers

Hearing called to order at 3:58 PM

President Beyreuther read the Plan Commission Hearing Procedures

### 1. Impact Fees

- Presentation and overview provided by Inga Note
- Questions asked and answered
- Public Comments:
  - a. Darin Watkins, of the Spokane Association of Realtors, spoke against implementation of Impact Fees, citing the increased cost and availability of the housing market in the Spokane area and stating that he believes the Impact Fees would dramatically increase the cost of housing development. He went on to suggest this is not the right time to implement fees during what he sees as a period of crisis for affordable housing.
  - b. Tom Hormel, a Spokane real estate broker, spoke in opposition to the Impact Fees, citing the need to focus on building more housing.
  - c. Kieran Sprague, of the Spokane Home Builders Association, spoke in opposition to the implantation of Impact Fees citing the increase of Spokane's population creating a decrease in available housing and the need to address housing for the Military base population(s), and the need to make areas such as West Plains, Airway Heights, and Fairchild Air Force Base more inviting and hospitable for prospective builders to provide housing for families in these areas.
  - d. Dick Edwards, a Citizen, spoke in opposition to the Impact Fees, citing the negative impact of these fees for residents in the West Plains region.
  - e. Todd Coleman, Executive Director of the West Plains/Airport Public Development Authority spoke in favor of implementing the Impact Fees with the caveat that the City provide detailed reporting on the calculation, utilization, and distribution of the fees, that the Impact Fees not exceed the cost of the building projects, and requests the implementation of an annual accountability review to disclose, in detail, the utilization of funds collected.
  - f. Public comment closed at 4:26 PM
  - g. Greg Francis Motioned to recommend to City Council the modification of SMC Chapter 17D-075 Title Transportation Impact Fees as proposed
  - h. Motion Seconded by John Dietzman
  - i. Questions asked and answered
  - j. Discussion ensued
  - k. Motion passed (6/1)
  - l. Hearing closed

## 2. Renaming of East Central Community Center

\*\* Carol Shook recused herself and left for the remainder of the meeting.

- Presentation and overview provided by Karin Janssen
- Questions asked and answered
- Public Comments: NONE
- Greg Francis makes a motion to recommend the renaming of East Central Community to the Martin Luther King Center
- Motion received no second and failed to pass
- Secretary Trautman inquired if there were any other Commission members who wished to present motion(s) for consideration
- John Dietzman made a motion to recommend to city council that the name of the East Central Community Center remain the same, motion seconded by Sylvia St. Clair
- Discussion ensued
- Motion to retain East Central Community Center name passed unanimously (6/0)
- Secretary Trautman announced that both recommendations will move ahead to the City Council, that the role of the Plan Commission is advisory, and the purpose of this hearing was to collect public testimony, and that citizens will again have the opportunity to present their recommendations and opinions on the renaming of ECCC before the City Council at a later date, as part of the public process.

**Meeting Adjourned at 5:07 PM**

Next Plan Commission Meeting is scheduled for September 11, 2019