

# Spokane Plan Commission - Draft Minutes

January 22, 2020

City Council Chambers

Meeting Minutes: Meeting called to order at 2:00 PM by Todd Beyreuther

## Attendance:

- Board Members Present: Todd Beyreuther (President), Carole Shook, Sylvia St. Clair, Greg Francis (Vice President), John Dietzman, Candace Mumm (City Council Liaison), Mary Winkes (Community Assembly Liaison to Plan Commission)
- Board Members Not Present: Michael Baker, Diana Painter,
- *Quorum Present: NO*
- Staff Members Present: Louis Meuler, Jackie Churchill

## Public Comment:

None

## Briefing Session:

Minutes from the December 11, 2019 meeting not approved because there was not a quorum.

### **1. City Council Liaison Report - Council Member Candace Mumm**

- Council Member (CM) Mumm introduced herself and went over her history with Plan Commission and mentioned that she has served on Plan Commission in the past.
- CM Mumm gave an update regarding the City Line (previously called the Central City Line). The city received 54.3 million from the Federal Government to build the City Line. There will be permanent stops between University District and Spokane Community College (SCC) and there is potential for high density housing around the stops.
- CM Mumm mentioned the newest Spokane City Council Member Betsy Wilkerson. CM Wilkerson has a background in non-profits, housing, and disabled services. She owns a business and been a long time Spokane resident.
- CM Mumm also stated that the Council is working on housing reforms and that they are working with the state legislature. They are trying to add affordable housing to the Tax Increment Financing (TIF).

### **2. Community Assembly Liaison Report - Mary Winkes**

- Mary Winkes introduced herself as the new Community Assembly Liaison to Plan Commission and stated that she is happy to be involved. She has 42 years of education experience and retired as Dean of the Community Colleges of Spokane. She also has a background as a sustainable building advisor.

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

- President Beyreuther discussed the Plan Commission's need for new members. There are a couple needs: John Dietzman and Michael Baker's terms will be over at the end of 2020 and the Commission is already down 3 members. He would like to have future Plan Commissioners to have a background in Planning, and/or Architecture, and Environmental Impacts. CM Mumm stated that there are candidates available and should be reviewed to see if there is someone who might fit.

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

- Mr. Dietzman stated that the Spokane Regional Transportation Commission (SRTC) is hosting a workshop on January 30th from 9-11 AM to explain the regional transportation effort.
- Citizens Transportation Advisory Board (CTAB) which recommends projects that should be funded by Transportation Benefit District (TBD) is on hold waiting until a funding source is decided.

- The Plan Commission Transportation Subcommittee (PCTS) will meet on February 4, 2020 and Kevin Picanco will replace Brandon Blankenagel on PCTS.

#### **5. Secretary Report - Louis Meuler**

- Mr. Meuler highlighted that the subcommittee that will be vetting the Comprehensive Plan Amendments will be meeting Thursday February 6th at 2:00 PM at City Hall. He also stated that a short course on Planning will be presented on April 16th at the Spokane Valley City Hall 6:15-9:15 PM for those who are new to Plan Commission and also for any citizens who are interested in learning more about Planning.
- Mr. Meuler also requested to swap item 2 and item 3 on this meeting's agenda to facilitate staff scheduling. The change was approved.

#### **Workshops:**

- 1. Renaming of East Central Community Center (Presented before the Briefing Session)**
  - Presentation provided by Council Member Lori Kinnear and Council President Breann Beggs via conference call
  - Questions asked and answered
  - Discussion ensued
- 2. Amendments to Building Code - Not Coming before Plan Commission**
  - Presentation provided by Dermott Murphy and Melissa Owen presented
  - Questions asked and answered
  - Discussion ensued
- 3. Plan Commission Rules of Procedure Change Regarding Number Required for Quorum**
  - Presentation provided by Louis Meuler and James Richman (City Attorney)
  - Questions asked and answered
  - Discussion ensued
- 4. Update to Downtown Plan Update Process/Consultant**
  - Presentation provided by Nate Gwinn
  - Questions asked and answered
  - Discussion ensued

#### **Hearing:**

#### **Public Comment:**

- Sharon Grant, a Social Worker at Canterbury Court Apartments, spoke about the difficulty to the residents to change their addresses and she has a petition that has been signed by many of the residents stating that they don't want the change. She stated that many of the residents haven't received notice about the change and are worried over the difficulty of the change.
- Diane Thors, a Canterbury Court Resident at 1010 S Rockwood Blvd, stated that she is against the street name change and that emergency services often come to Canterbury Court.
- Janice and Chad Clark, 7424 N Calkins Drive, brought a petition against the address change from N. Calkins Drive to E. Calkins Drive. Commented on the difficulty of changing addresses and also Mr. Clark commented that changing the address to E. Calkins would cause more confusion for first responders.

- Steve Hurd representing the Home Owners Association on N. Navaho Drive spoke against the street name change as well.
- Annette Ingham, 10411 N Navaho Drive, stated that it is unnecessary to change the street names and she believes that the cost associated with change is too great.
- Garrett Strom, 7423 Calkins Drive, he is concerned because changing from N to E is going to change house numbers as well.
- Shenelle Well, 7418 N Calkins Drive, wanted to know if costs and fees had been considered for businesses.
- Glen Hawking, 1010 S. Rockwood, believes that the work cost is too great and is concerned with Avista not being able to find the new addresses but he stated that in the long run the street name changed should happen.

**1. Request to Continue Street Name Change Package - Hearing Continued until 2/12**

- Presentation provided by Tami Palmquist and Joe Sacco(GIS)
- Questions asked and answered
- Discussion ensued

**Meeting Adjourned at 4:51 PM**

Next Plan Commission Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, February 12, 2020