

Spokane Plan Commission - Draft Minutes

February 26, 2020

City Council Briefing Center/Chambers

Meeting Minutes: Meeting called to order at 2:00 PM by Greg Francis

Attendance:

- Board Members Present: Greg Francis(Vice President), John Dietzman , Michael Baker, Carole Shook, Sylvia St. Clair, Diana Painter, Candace Mumm (City Council Liaison), Mary Winkes (Community Assembly Liaison), Carole Shook (Present for Hearing)
- Board Members Not Present: Todd Beyreuther
- *Quorum Present: YES*
- Staff Members Present: Louis Meuler, Jackie Churchill

Public Comment:

None

Briefing Session:

Minutes from the February 12, 2020 meeting not approved - no quorum in Briefing Session.

1. City Council Liaison Report - Candace Mumm

- CM Mumm reported that City Council will have a retreat to decide how to engage their new Research Analysts in analyzing housing, transportation, environment, and equity inclusion. They are also going to hire a Community Engagement Public Information Officer in order to engage the Community better. City Council is also working on the budget process in order to create a smoother budget process with the new Administration.

2. Community Assembly Liaison Report - Mary Winkes

- None

3. Commission President Report - Todd Beyreuther (not present)

- None

4. Transportation Subcommittee Report - John Dietzman

- Mr. Dietzman reported that Plan Commission Transportation Committee will meet on March 3rd and the workshops will be the 6 Year Plan and Railway Safety.

5. Secretary Report - Louis Meuler

- Mr. Meuler reported that the City has received the Housing Action Plan Grant from Commerce and they are working on accepting grant. There is also a meeting for 29th and Grand Streetscape on Feb. 27. He also reported that Downtown Plan has upcoming Steering Committee Meetings including one on 2/28.

Plan Commissioner Diana Painter added a correction to the receivership workshop from the previous meeting, she said that a Certificate of Appropriateness is not required and there is no formal review process for resiting a building into a historic district. She also expressed her wish to discuss the importance of integrating land use and transportation at a future Plan Commission meeting.

Workshops:

1. Design Guidelines Creation for Public Projects, PUD, Sky Buildings, etc.

- Presentation provided by Dean Gunderson and Consultant Marcy McInnelly of Urbsworks
- Questions asked and answered
- Discussion ensued

2. Grand Blvd. Transportation Study

- Presentation provided by Melissa Wittstruck and Inga Note
- Questions asked and answered
- Discussion ensued

- CM Mumm left at 3:30 PM.

Hearing Minutes: Meeting called to order at 4:00 PM by Greg Francis

- Carole Shook present for Hearing at 4:00 PM.

Public Comment:

Deputy Chief Atwood - Spoke in favor of the Street Name Change and commented on the necessity of a timely response from emergency responders and that the changes will aid in response time.

Diane Thors - A Canterbury Court Resident opposed the Street Name Change and she stated that the residents will have a difficult time getting their addresses changed on different forms of ID.

Sharon Grant - Social Services Coordinator at Canterbury Court opposed the Street Name Change and spoke about the difficulty that she knows will be coming if/when the residents have to change their addresses.

Hearing:

1. Street Name Change Package

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

***** John Dietzman moved to recommend to the City Council to approve these changes. Michael Baker seconded*****

*****John Dietzman moved that the Plan Commission's recommendation to the City Council be amended as follows:***

Recognizing that a street name change made for the public good to improve emergency response and public safety, through no fault of their own, puts a burden upon affected residents, the Plan Commission recommends that the City delay implementation of these changes for a reasonable time until ways of assisting the affected residents who have limited resources and abilities can be explored. Ideas on ways to ease this burden include: (1) Generating a guidance document to be issued along with the formal notices of the street name change detailing the procedures available for accomplishing the most common types of address change notifications that might be required. A draft could be economically produced for City Council approval by a working group made up of interested volunteers and one City staff, (2) have all the affected billing addresses for the City of Spokane water and waste disposal changed all at once by the City, (3) remind residents that a Library program to provide personal assistance to those residents who are not very computer literate, (4) establish a limited reimbursement program, funded by the City, to help residents pay for the postage and fees they incur in making the address changes, and (5) explore what other steps to ease this burden have been taken by other Cities, Counties, and States. **

******Friendly amendment by Michael Baker to strike items 1 through 5 ending with ideas to ease the burden. Motion seconded by John Dietzman *****

*****Amended amendment passed unanimously***

*****Amended Motion Passed unanimously (6-0)*****

Meeting Adjourned at 4:47 PM

Next Plan Commission Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, March 11, 2020