

Spokane Plan Commission Minutes

July 22, 2020

Webex Teleconference

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

Attendance:

- Board Members Present: Michael Baker, Todd Beyreuther(President), John Dietzman, Greg Francis(Vice President), Thomas Sanderson, Carole Shook, Sylvia St. Clair, Diana Painter, Clifford Winger, Jo Anne Wright, Candace Mumm (City Council Liaison), Mary Winkes(Community Assembly Liaison)
- Board Members Not Present:
- *Quorum Present: yes*
- Staff Members Present: Louis Meuler, Jackie Churchill, Tirrell Black, Maren Murphy, Inga Note, Logan Camporeale, Melissa Wittstruck, Chris Green

Public Comment:

None in Briefing Session.

Briefing Session:

Minutes from the July 8, 2020 meeting approved unanimously.

1. City Council Liaison Report - Candace Mumm

- CM Mumm reported on Division Connect, a project that is being done to decide what to do with Division Street as the North South Freeway is complete. They discussed how different regions along Division might be addressed differently, for example by creating a neighborhood focus near Gonzaga.

2. Community Assembly Liaison Report - Mary Winkes

None

3. Commission President Report - Todd Beyreuther

- President Beyreuther commented that it would be beneficial for the Plan Commission to take time at a future Plan Commission meeting to learn more about the Comp. Plan Amendments and about single family and multifamily housing.

4. Transportation Subcommittee Report - John Dietzman

- Plan Commission Transportation Subcommittee met on July 20th and reviewed Comprehensive Plan Amendments related to Bicycle Transportation and Railroad infrastructure and the Street Design Standards. Citizen Transportation Advisory Board (CTAB) will meet in August to prepare the 2019 Annual Report and to discuss the TBD fees that are still held up in court.

5. Secretary Report - Louis Meuler

- Mr. Meuler reported that a joint City Council/Plan Commission workshop is being planned for the end of August. He also reported that the Neighborhood and Business Services Division in the City is being reorganized and split into two divisions called Neighborhood, Housing and Human Services and Community and Economic Development.

****Motion by President Beyreuther to switch workshop items 3 and 4. Michael Baker seconded and motion passed. ****

Workshop(s):

1. Housing Plan Overview

- Presentation provided by Maren Murphy

- Questions asked and answered
 - Discussion ensued
2. **Street Standards Update**
 - Presentation provided by Inga Note
 - Questions asked and answered
 - Discussion ensued
 3. **North Foothills CC3 Overlay Zone Expansion**
 - Presentation provided by Tirrell Black
 - Questions asked and answered
 - Discussion ensued
 4. **Cannon Street Car Suburb Historic District - Design Standards and Guidelines**
 - Presentation provided by Logan Camporeale
 - Questions asked and answered
 - Discussion ensued

Question:

5. **Grand Boulevard Transportation and Land Use Study - Virtual Hearing Process Review**
 - Presentation provided by Melissa Wittstruck
 - Questions asked and answered
 - Discussion ensued

Hearing Continuation:

Public Comment:

Lars Gilbert, Spokane University District, voiced support for the South University District zoning changes.

6. **South University District Hearing Continuation**
 - Presentation provided by Chris Green
 - Questions asked and answered
 - Discussion ensued

Greg Francis moved to recommend approval of the South University District Subarea Plan to the city council as written and presented, to include the following:

Recognizing the South University District Subarea Plan as the subarea's desired future condition,

Amending the Comprehensive Plan Land Use Plan Map from General Commercial to Downtown land use as shown in Exhibit A,

Amending the Comprehensive Plan Zoning Map to change zoning from GC-150 to DTU as shown in Exhibit B,

Amending the Comprehensive Plan Downtown Plan map 5.1, titled "Streetscape Improvements" to design additional complete streets as shown in Exhibit C,

Amending the Surface Parking Limited Area map in SMC 17C.124-M1 to extend the surface parking limited area as shown in Exhibit D,

and Amending the Downtown Design Review Threshold Map in SMC 17G.040-M1 to include the newly designated DTU zoning within the area designated for design review as shown in Exhibit E

Seconded by Michael Baker

Greg Francis made a friendly amendment the original motion to include Optional DTU Extension #1 to extend DTU on Sherman from 2nd Ave to the medical district.

Motion seconded by Michael Baker. Motion passed (9,0,1)

Greg Francis added a friendly amendment to the original motion: I would like to amend the original motion to include the following changes to the Streetscape Improvements Map, to include the three changes on Page 13 of the Staff Report to Plan Commission, which include:

Designate Pacific Avenue west of Sherman (within DTU zone Optional Extension #2) as a Type I – Community Activity Street, consistent with the existing designation on Pacific west of Division Street –

Seconded by Thomas Sanderson. Motion passed unanimously

Designate the portions of 2nd and 3rd Avenues intersecting with Sherman (within DTU zone Optional Extension #1) as a Type III – City-Regional Connector, consistent with the existing designation on this couplet west of Pine Street

Seconded by Jo Anne Wright. Motion passed unanimously

Designate other block frontages leading to Sherman (1st Avenue and Pacific Avenue east of Sherman) as Type IV – Neighborhood Streets, anticipating that they will continue to carry relatively little through traffic and have less commercial activity than other primary routes.

Seconded by Diana Painter. Motion passed unanimously

Greg Francis made an amendment to the original motion to alter Exhibit D surface parking lot limited overlay to include the area of Extension 1 between 2nd Ave and I-90.

Seconded by Michael Baker. Motion passed unanimously

Final Vote (9,0,1) Motion Passed

Meeting Adjourned at 5:35 PM

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