

Spokane Plan Commission Minutes

September 9, 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), Candace Mumm (City Council Liaison), Diana Painter, Thomas Sanderson, Carole Shook, Sylvia St. Clair, Jo Anne Wright, Clifford Winger, Mary Winkes (Community Assembly Liaison)
- Board Members Not Present:
- *Quorum Present: yes*
- Staff Members Present: Louis Meuler, Jackie Churchill, Kevin Freibott, Tirrell Black, Colin Quinn-Hurst, Inga Note, Paul Ingiosi, Maren Murphy

Public Comment:

None in Briefing Session.

Briefing Session:

Minutes from the August 12, 2020 meeting approved unanimously.

1. City Council Liaison Report - Candace Mumm

- CM Mumm reported that the City Council is working on the budget. The City Council is interested in filling all of the positions in the Planning Department. The City has about \$400,000 to put towards affordable housing and the Council is looking into how to use the money. CM Mumm is exploring a new ordinance that will limit feeding of wildlife as there have been issues with this around the City.

2. Community Assembly Liaison Report - Mary Winkes

- Ms. Winkes reported that she gave the Plan Commission report to the Community Assembly letting them know about the Comprehensive Plan Amendment Hearings. Ms. Winkes will be acting as the Community Assembly Liaison to the Housing Action Plan Committee. She has also been working on a proposal regarding Neighborhood input on street maintenance.

3. Commission President Report - Todd Beyreuther

- President Beyreuther would like to facilitate a discussion about Preservation and how it relates to housing and equity. He hopes to examine these topic in greater depth with Historic Preservation, the Design Review Board, and the Plan Commission.

4. Transportation Subcommittee Report - John Dietzman

- Mr. Dietzman reported that the Plan Commission Transportation Subcommittee will meet on October 6. They will have an update on SRTC Division Street Study. He is also working on the proposal to have Neighborhood input on street maintenance.

5. Secretary Report - Louis Meuler

- Mr. Meuler spoke about the need to continue working on community engagement in the age of virtual meetings. The City needs to make sure that the technology doesn't leave portions of the population behind and that the public is able to engage with the City.

Workshop(s):

1. 6 Year City Wide Capital Program - Consistency Review Workshop

- Presentation provided by Paul Ingiosi
- Questions asked and answered
- Discussion ensued

2. Housing Plan Update

- Presentation provided by Maren Murphy
- Questions asked and answered
- Discussion ensued

Comprehensive Plan Amendment Hearing:

- Presentation provided by Kevin Freibott
- Questions asked and answered
- Discussion ensued
- Z19-499COMP:
 - Public Testimony:
 - Liam Taylor spoke representing the applicant.
 - Joe Spozanzie spoke in opposition of the proposed amendment changes. He wants the area to remain residential.
 - Kathy Fulley spoke in opposition of the proposed amendment changes. She is concerned about the increased traffic that will result from apartment buildings.
- Z19-501COMP:
 - Public Testimony:
 - Dwight Hume spoke representing the applicant.
 - Chris Bornhoft spoke in favor of the proposed amendment change. He stated that the proposed changes will attract more business to the area.
- Z19-502COMP:
 - Public Testimony:
 - Dwight Hume spoke representing the applicant.
 - Carol Tomsic spoke in opposition of the proposed amendment change. She said that the area is residential and should remain this way and stated that the city needs more affordable housing not more office space.
- Z19-503COMP:
 - Public Testimony:
 - Dwight Hume spoke representing the applicant.
 - Randy McCullum from the East Central neighborhood voiced concerns over the increase of traffic stemming from future apartment complexes that will be built on the site.
- Z19-504COMP:
 - Public Testimony
 - Dwight Hume spoke representing the applicant.
- Z19-505COMP:

- Public Testimony:
 - Dwight Hume spoke representing the applicant.
 - Milton Rowland spoke in opposition of the proposed amendment change.
 - Judy Madden spoke in opposition of the proposed amendment change. She is concerned about traffic, parking, and lack of maintenance of the property.
 - Seth Knutson, owner of property, spoke in favor of the proposed amendment change. He said that assisted living beds in very needed in Spokane. Addressed concerns about parking, property value, and the maintenance needs of the property.
 - Eileen Martin spoke in opposition of the proposed amendment change. She wants the property to be turned back to single residency.
 - Tom May, spoke in opposition of the proposed amendment change. Stated that the neighborhood already has a high number of group homes.
 - Laura Mincks, on the executive board of the neighborhood council, spoke in favor of the proposed amendment change. She thinks that assisted living is needed and thinks that Seth Knutson will follow through on promises.

- Z20-019COMP:
 - Public Testimony:
 - Randy McGlenn II voiced concerns that putting in bike lanes by reducing traffic lanes along Boone Avenue.
 - Linda Caroll spoke in favor of the proposed amendment change. She supports converting lanes on Boone to bicycle lanes.
 - Carol Tomsic spoke in favor of the proposed amendment change.

Motion to close testimony on the Comprehensive Plan amendments already covered and to continue Z20-042COMP and Z20-045COMP to 09/23. Motion approved unanimously.

- Z20-042COMP: Continued to Plan Commission meeting on Sept. 23
 - Public Testimony- Public record will remain open until 09/23
- Z20-045COMP: Continued to Plan Commission meeting on Sept. 23
 - Public Testimony- Public record will remain open until 09/23

Meeting Adjourned at 6:41 PM

Next Plan Commission Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, September 23, 2020