

# Spokane Plan Commission - Draft Minutes

October 28, 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, Jo Anne Wright, Candace Mumm (City Council Liaison), Mary Winkes (Community Assembly Liaison)
- Board Members Not Present: Clifford Winger
- *Quorum Present: yes*
- Staff Members Present: Tirrell Black, Jackie Churchill

## Public Comment:

None in Briefing Session.

## Briefing Session:

Minutes from the October 14, 2020 meeting approved unanimously.

1. **City Council Liaison Report - Candace Mumm**
  - Council Member Mumm reported that Emerson Garfield, West Central, and Riverside neighborhoods will be able to put 50% of Tax Incremental Financing funds towards Affordable Housing.
2. **Community Assembly Liaison Report - Mary Winkes**
  - Ms. Winkes reported that Community Assembly has not met since the last Plan Commission meeting.
3. **Commission President Report - Todd Beyreuther**
  - President Beyreuther reported that a Planning Forum on Local Historic Districts that will be held during an upcoming Plan Commission meeting.
4. **Transportation Subcommittee Report - John Dietzman**
  - Mr. Dietzman reported that Plan Commission Transportation Subcommittee is meeting December 1st at the earliest and prior to that meeting a new Chair will need to be appointed by the Plan Commission President. A Vice Chair may also be elected as well. He also reported that Citizen Transportation Advisory Board is starting again and is finalizing the project list for Residential Maintenance and Infill Sidewalks for 2021. Mr. Dietzman is continuing to work on the proposal to create an avenue for citizen input about arterial maintenance selection through the Citizen Transportation Advisory Board and the Neighborhood Councils.
5. **Secretary Report - Tirrell Black filing in for Louis Meuler**
  - Ms. Black reported that the Housing Action Plan will be a workshop item on November 11th. Furthermore, the Comprehensive Plan Amendments, that were previously brought before the Plan Commission, will be before City Council November 23rd. Ms. Black also stated that the hearing for Renaming Fort George Wright Drive will heard today but also continued to November 11.

## Workshop(s):

1. **SRTC Division Connects Study**
  - Presentation provided by Jason Lien
  - Questions asked and answered
  - Discussion ensued

## 2. Central City Line

- Presentation provided by Karl Otterstrom
- Questions asked and answered
- Discussion ensued

### Hearing:

#### 1. Renaming Fort George Wright Drive

- Presentation provided by Tami Palmquist, Carol Evans, and Margo Hill, CM Karen Stratton, CM Betsy Wilkerson
- Questions asked and answered
- Discussion ensued
- Public Testimony:
  - Carol Evans, Spokane Tribe Chairwoman - Ms. Evans discussed and explained the process of outreach that was involved in picking the proposed new name, Whist alks Way, of Ft. George Wright Drive
  - Margo Hill, Spokane Tribe member - Ms. Hill spoke about the process followed by the Spokane Tribe to choose a new name for Ft. George Wright Drive, including mailings that were sent out to Tribal Elders as a way to include them in the process and discussed the Spokane Tribe's reasons and for picking the name Whist alks Way and the name's historical background.
  - Rodney Cawston, Chairman for the Colville Confederated Tribes - Mr. Cawston spoke in favor of the name change.
  - Angel Tomeo Sam, Spokane resident, member of Colville Tribe, TNAAPA member, and the Bail Project - Ms. Tomeo Sam spoke in support of the name change of Ft. George Wright Drive, recounted some of the history between Native Americans and settlers in the Spokane area, and voiced concerns over the inclusivity of the name change process.
  - Jenny Slagle, member of Yakama Nation, Spokane resident, TNAAPA member - Ms. Slagle read a letter from The Native American Alliance for Policy and Action into the record that voiced questions about the inclusivity of the process of the name change, and she voiced support in favor of the name change.
  - Toni Lodge, CEO NATIVE Project - Ms. Lodge spoke in favor of name change and voiced concerns over the inclusivity of the policy and practices included in the name change.
  - Karen Dorn Steele, member of Unitarian Universalist Church of Spokane and of Spokane Alliance - Ms. Dorn Steele spoke in favor of the name change.
  - Maureen Rosette, Spokane resident and COO NATIVE Project - Ms. Rosette voiced support for the name change and asked for confirmation that the hearing would be continued for two more weeks so that additional comment can be included.

***Greg Francis made a motion to continue the hearing of the Renaming of Fort George Wright Drive to November 11<sup>th</sup>. Seconded by Jo Anne Wright. Motion Passed unanimously.***

**The hearing will be continued until November 11<sup>th</sup>. Public record will remain open until that date.**

**Meeting Adjourned at 5:13 PM**

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

*Note: Minutes are summarized by staff. A full recording of the meeting can be found on the City of Spokane's Vimeo page.*