

Spokane Plan Commission - Minutes

February 24, 2021

Webex Teleconference

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

Attendance:

- Board Members Present: Todd Beyreuther (President), Greg Francis (Vice President), Michael Baker, Thomas Sanderson, Carole Shook, Clifford Winger
- Board Members Not Present: Sylvia St. Clair, Jo Anne Wright
- Non-Voting Members Present: Council Member Kinnear, Community Assembly Liaison Mary Winkes
- *Quorum Present: yes*
- Staff Members Present: Louis Meuler, Jackie Churchill, Maren Murphy, Melissa Wittstruck, Tirrell Black, Giacobbe Byrd, Amanda Beck, Chris Green, Colin Quinn-Hurst

Public Comment:

None

Briefing Session:

1. City Council Liaison Report - Lori Kinnear

- Council Member Kinnear reported that the docketing process for Comprehensive Plan Amendments is completed and all but 2 applications to go forward to Council for approval.
- Council Member Kinnear also reported that the City of Spokane has reached an agreement with Police Guild and the contract has been moved forward to approval. City Council also approved a full-time employee for the Historic Preservation Department.

2. Community Assembly Liaison Report - Mary Winkes

- Ms. Winkes reported that Community Assembly has not met since the last meeting.

3. Commission President Report - Todd Beyreuther

- Mr. Beyreuther reported that there are a couple important Bills that are being considered in State Legislature including Bill 1220 which further defines HUD Area Median Income (AMI) levels. And Bill 1099 which adds a requirement to Growth Management Act (GMA) that requires an Environmental section. City of Berkeley passed resolution which would allow multifamily in all zones across the City.
- Mr. Beyreuther also reported that the City of Berkeley passed a Resolution which would allow multifamily housing to be built in all zones across the City.

4. Transportation Subcommittee Report - Clifford Winger

- Mr. Winger reported that Integrated Capital Management will provide a presentation regarding the Transportation Prioritization Matrix at the next Plan Commission Transportation Subcommittee meeting.

5. Secretary Report - Louis Meuler

- Mr. Meuler reported that the Plan Commissioners on the interview panel will be meeting with Plan Commission applicants within the next few weeks.

Workshop(s):

1. Housing Action Plan Update

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

2. Division Connects - Transit Corridor Development Study

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

Hearing(s):

1. Shoreline Master Program Periodic Update (SMC 17E)

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

Greg Francis moved to recommend that City Council approve the Shoreline Master Periodic Review as written and presented. Seconded by Carol Shook. Motion carried unanimously (6,0).

2. 5th Avenue Initiative

- Presentation provided by Maren Murphy
- Questions asked and answered
- Discussion ensued
- Public Testimony:
 - Rev. Lonnie Mitchell spoke in favor of the approval of the 5th Avenue Initiative and recommends that the Plan Commission advance the work of the 5th Ave. Initiative by recommending approval to Council.
 - Betsy Wilkerson spoke in favor of the approval of the 5th Ave. Initiative and spoke of her history and the history of the area and gave her support in recommending approval to Council.

Greg Francis moved to recommend that City Council adopt the 5th Avenue Initiative as written and presented. Seconded by Michael Baker. Motion carried unanimously (6,0).

3. Code Maintenance, SMC Various Sections

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

Greg Francis moved to recommend that City Council approve Phase I of SMC Code Maintenance updates as written and presented. Seconded by Michael Baker. Motion Carried unanimously (6,0).

Meeting Adjourned at 4:57 PM

Next Plan Commission Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, March 10, 2021