

Spokane Plan Commission - Minutes

March 10, 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, Carole Shook, Sylvia St. Clair, Jo Anne Wright, Clifford Winger, Thomas Sanderson
- Board Members Not Present:
- Non-Voting Members Present: Council Member Kinnear, Community Assembly Liaison Mary Winkes
- *Quorum Present: yes*
- Staff Members Present: Louis Meuler, Jackie Churchill, Tirrell Black, Shauna Harshman, Amanda Beck, James Richman, Giacobbe Byrd, Chris Green, Colin Quinn-Hurst, Brian McClatchey, Kevin Picanco

Public Comment:

None

Briefing Session:

Minutes from the February 24, 2021 meeting approved unanimously.

1. City Council Liaison Report - Lori Kinnear

- Council Member Kinnear reported that Scott Simmons is leaving his position as Director of Public Works and Interim City Administrator to work for Spokane County. Marlene Feist is taking over as Director for Public Works. City Officials will be meeting with City Administrator Candidates and hope to fill that position soon.
- Council Member Kinnear also reported that business owners along the Division Corridor would like to form their own neighborhood council in order to address homelessness in that area.
- Ms. Kinnear also reported that City Council will start a series of equity trainings.

2. Community Assembly Liaison Report - Mary Winkes

- None

3. Commission President Report - Todd Beyreuther

- Mr. Beyreuther reported that the Plan Commission Subcommittee met with Plan Commission Applicants and forwarded their recommendations to the Mayor for nominations and the Council to appoint.
- Mr. Beyreuther reported that State Bills 1220,1099, and 1232 are still moving through State Legislature.

4. Transportation Subcommittee Report - Clifford Winger

- Mr. Winger reported that the Plan Commission Transportation Subcommittee (PCTS) made minor changes to their rules and procedures and they will be presented for approval at the March 24 Plan Commission meeting.
- He reported that Integrated Capital Management introduced 4 projects on the 6 Year Street Program at the last PCTS meeting: paving a section of 44th Ave near Crestline, Strong Road improvements, 3 hybrid pedestrian beacons on North Division, and a bikeway on the Boone in the North Bank area.
- He also suggested that the planned traffic study on the North Bank should be conducted soon.

5. Secretary Report - Louis Meuler

- Mr. Meuler reported the Downtown Plan has an open survey on its webpage asking for feedback on the draft plan. He also reported that the Housing Action Plan stakeholder meetings have been wrapped up and the draft document is being written.
- 6. Downtown Plan Subcommittee - Chair Greg Francis, Todd Beyreuther, Michael Baker**
- Mr. Francis reported that the Subcommittee gave input about how to clarify some of the action items and discussed adding additional images that could further demonstrate possible options for streetscapes.
 - The subcommittee recommended that the plan should go before the Design Review Board before it is presented to Plan Commission.
 - The Subcommittee also suggested that the style and fonts could better reflect the branding of the City.

Workshop(s):

1. Plan Commission Work Program

- Presentation provided by Louis Meuler
- Questions asked and answered
- Discussion ensued

Greg Francis made a motion to amend the work plan to review and potentially implement items from Infill Ordinance changes that were passed in 2019. Seconded by Jo Anne Wright. Motion Carried (7,1)

Michael Baker made a motion to amend the work plan to add a priority plan item to address Center Planning around Northtown Mall. Seconded by Sylvia St. Clair. Motion Carried Unanimously (8,0)

Greg Francis made a motion to recommend forwarding the 2021 PC Workplan as presented and amended to City Council for approval. Seconded by Michael Baker. Motion Carried Unanimously (8,0)

2. DivisionConnects - Transit Oriented Development

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

Meeting Adjourned at 4:23 PM

Next Plan Commission Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, March 24, 2021