

# Spokane Plan Commission - Minutes

March 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), Thomas Sanderson, Carole Shook, Sylvia St. Clair, Jo Anne Wright, Clifford Winger, Michael Baker
- Board Members Not Present:
- Non-Voting Members Present: Community Assembly Liaison Mary Winkes, Council Member Lori Kinnear
- *Quorum Present: yes*
- Staff Members Present: Louis Meuler, Jackie Churchill, Nathan Gwinn, Tirrell Black, Giacobbe Byrd, James Richman, Colin Quinn-Hurst,

## Public Comment:

## Briefing Session:

Minutes from the March 10, 2021 meeting approved unanimously.

### 1. City Council Liaison Report - Lori Kinnear

- Council Member Kinnear reported that the Mayor has hired a City Administrator, Johnnie Perkins, from San Diego. He will start in April.
- The Council Member also reported that the East Sprague Business Association has concerns about mixed use zones, specifically residential and industrial uses that might clash with each other and that each type needs to be appropriately accommodated for.
- CM Kinnear reported that Police IT developed an app that will give police real time shelter availability.

### 2. Community Assembly Liaison Report - Mary Winkes

- Ms. Winkes reported that she met with CM Wilkerson and discussed appropriate options and how to clarify what would be possible for the Division business leaders who are petitioning to form a Neighborhood Council.

### 3. Commission President Report - Todd Beyreuther

- Mr. Beyreuther proposed having a workshop on the Plan Commission agenda for the next meeting regarding Landuse 1.3 and exclusionary housing practices and to discuss the possibility of proposing action in the form of a Comprehensive Plan Amendment.

### 4. Transportation Subcommittee Report - Clifford Winger

- Mr. Winger reported that the Plan Commission Transportation Subcommittee will meet on April 6.

### 5. Secretary Report - Louis Meuler

- Mr. Meuler reported that the Plan Commission Work Program Resolution will soon go before the Council for approval.
- Mr. Meuler also stated that senior City Staff have started a discussion with City Council about their subcommittees and how to integrate and improve communication.

## Workshop(s):

### 1. Downtown Plan Update

- Presentation provided by Nate Gwinn
- Questions asked and answered

- Discussion ensued
- Public Comment: Susan Horton, CEO of Wheatland Bank: Stated that she agreed with having a walkable downtown and transparency on the lower level of buildings, but that the City needs to focus on criminality and homelessness that would disrupt business workings.
  - Commissioner Tom Sanderson joined the meeting at 3:00 pm.
  - Council Member Kinnear left the meeting at 3:30 pm.

**Call the question:** Todd Beyreuther motioned to include the Downtown Plan Subcommittee suggestion that the City “should” explore performance-based design solutions that enhance the public realm, as alternatives specific to each parcel, if the 2018 recommendations are reconsidered. Seconded by Greg Francis. Motion carried unanimously.

**Greg Francis made a motion to include two diagrams recommended by the Downtown Plan Subcommittee that show Active Street Edge Recommendations. Seconded by Todd Beyreuther. Motion carried unanimously.**

### **Board Business**

- 1. 2020 Plan Commission Year in Review**
  - Presentation provided by Jackie Churchill
  - Questions asked and answered
  - Discussion ensued
- 2. PCTS Rules and Procedures**
  - Presentation provided by Louis Meuler
  - Questions asked and answered
  - Discussion ensued

**Call the question: Todd Beyreuther motioned to adopt the Plan Commission Transportation Rules of Procedures as amended. Seconded by Sylvia St. Clair. Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**Meeting Adjourned at 4:14 PM**

Next Plan Commission Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, April 14, 2021