

Spokane Plan Commission - Minutes

April 28, 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, Sylvia St. Clair, Thomas Sanderson, Carole Shook, Clifford Winger, Jo Anne Wright
- Board Members Not Present:
- Non-Voting Members Present: Mary Winkes (Community Assembly Liaison), Council Member Lori Kinnear
- *Quorum Present: yes*
- Staff Members Present: Louis Meuler, Jackie Churchill, Chris Green, Giacobbe Byrd, James Richman, Kevin Freibott, Tirrell Black, Amanda Beck, Cupid Alexander, Nate Gwinn

Public Comment: Citizens are invited to address the Plan Commission on any topic not on the agenda. 3 Minutes each.

None

Briefing Session:

Minutes from April 12 meeting approved unanimously.

1. City Council Liaison Report - Lori Kinnear

- Council Member Kinnear reported that Council is looking at State Legislation regarding police accountability and the Council President will provide an overview at the Public Safety Committee. The Mayor's Office and Council Members met to discuss the process to prioritize American Rescue Plan funds the City will receive over the next two years. Council Member Kinnear is advocating to use the money to get City Departments back to pre-Covid operations.
- Council Member Kinnear met with new City Administrator Johnny Perkins and discussed the critical staffing needs in Planning Services.

2. Community Assembly Liaison Report - Mary Winkes

- Ms. Winkes reported that she spoke with Human Resources about being on the interview panel for the new Planning Director.

3. Commission President Report - Todd Beyreuther

- President Beyreuther reported that Washington State Commerce is looking at alternative ways to fund affordable housing. Energy retrofit strategies at scale for city, still waiting on bills to finish up in state legislature.
- President Beyreuther reported that Bill 1220 has moved through state legislature to Gov. Inslee to sign and it is expected to go through.

4. Transportation Subcommittee Report - Clifford Winger

- Mr. Winger reported that Plan Commission Transportation Subcommittee is not going to meet in the month of May.

5. Secretary Report - Louis Meuler

- Mr. Meuler reported that the Mayor has approved two new Plan Commission members and the next step is for Council to be approve them.
- Mr. Meuler reported the Plan Commission will likely hold a special meeting on May 19 to continue to deep dive into housing action plan in order to meet June deadlines.

- Mr. Meuler also reported that there will be a joint City Council - Plan Commission meeting to discuss the Work Program as it was not approved by City Council due to last minute amendments by the Council.

Motion to suspend agenda to discuss work plan amendments by Jo Ann Wright. Seconded by Carole Shook. Motion passed unanimously.

Workshop(s):

1. Comprehensive Plan Amendment - Docket Introduction

- Presentation provided by Kevin Freibott
- Questions asked and answered
- Discussion ensued

2. Work Plan Amendment Discussion

- Presentation provided by Plan Commission
- Questions asked and answered
- Discussion ensued

3. History of the Plan Commission 1918 to 1945

- Presentation provided by Chris Green
- Questions asked and answered
- Discussion ensued

4. CHHS Division Director

- Presentation provided by Cupid Alexander
- Questions asked and answered
- Discussion ensued

Meeting Adjourned at 4:00 PM

Next Plan Commission Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, May 12, 2021