

# Spokane Plan Commission - Draft Minutes

May 12, 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), Lori Kinnear (City Council Liaison)
- *Quorum Present: yes*
- Staff Members Present: Louis Meuler, Jackie Churchill, Giacobbe Byrd, Amanda Beck, Tirrell Black, Kirstin Davis, Hannahlee Allers, Shauna Harshman, Chris Green, Maren Murphy, Colin Quinn-Hurst, Shae Blackwell, Alex Gibilisco, Dean Gunderson

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

None

**Approve Minutes:** Minutes from April 28, 2021 meeting approved unanimously.

## Briefing Session:

- 1. City Council Liaison Report - Lori Kinnear**
  - Council Member Kinnear reported that police accountability bills were passed in State Legislature.
  - Council Member Kinnear reported that American Rescue Funds for Covid-19 relief will be received in two installments over the next two years and the dollars will be directed to community needs following public input.
  - Council Member Kinnear also reported that the City Council is looking at creating a water conservation plan as this summer is projected to be a drought year.
- 2. Community Assembly Liaison Report - Mary Winkes**
  - Ms. Winkes reported that she was able to take part in interviews for the next Planning Director.
- 3. Commission President Report - Todd Beyreuther**
  - President Beyreuther reported that he took part in Planning Director interviews. He also reported that House Bill 1220 was scheduled to be signed by Governor Inslee on May 12th.
- 4. Transportation Subcommittee Report - Clifford Winger**
  - Mr. Winger reported that the PCTS did not meet in the month of May.
- 5. Secretary Report - Louis Meuler**
  - Mr. Meuler reported that City Council approved appointment of two new Plan Commission members, Jesse Bank and Tim Williams.

## Workshop(s):

- 1. Joint City Council / Plan Commission workshop on Work Program**
  - Presentation provided by City Council / Plan Commission
  - Questions asked and answered

- Discussion ensued
- Council Members present: Karen Stratton, Lori Kinnear, Kate Burke, Breean Beggs, Michael Cathcart, Betsy Wilkerson, Candace Mumm

## 2. Draft Housing Action Plan Overview

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

### Hearings:

#### 1. Draft 6 Year Transportation Program Consistency Review

- Presentation provided by Kevin Picanco
- Questions asked and answered
- Discussion ensued
- Public Testimony: Citizens are invited to address the Plan Commission about the 6 Year Program Consistency Review. 3 Minutes each.
  - Carol Ellis - She stated that the Boone Bicycle plan should be extended west of Howard to Monroe to create greater pedestrian access to the North Bank.

**Motion: Greg Francis motioned to recommend to City Council to adopt the 2022-2027 6 Year Transportation Program. Motion seconded by Michael Baker. Motion carried unanimously (7,0)**

#### 2. Downtown Plan Update

- Presentation provided by Nate Gwinn, Jeff Arango, Andrew Rolwes
- Questions asked and answered
- Discussion ensued
- **Public Testimony:** Citizens are invited to address the Plan Commission about the Downtown Plan Update. 3 Minutes each.
  - Mark Howard - He stated that drivers and parking should still be a considered emphasis in the Downtown Plan.
  - Thomas Bassler, Jr., MD - He stated he believes that the draft plan does not address homelessness in Spokane and spoke against approving the Downtown Plan until this issue, as well as other issues, are addressed.
  - Carol Ellis- She stated that green spaces and public spaces need to be considered in the Downtown Plan. She also wanted to know more about how the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) categorizes the Bosch Lot as it is included as part of Riverfront Park and wants that to be clearly stated.
  - Chris Batten - He stated that he supports W01.5 of the Downtown Plan and that the Downtown Plan needs to address homelessness.
  - Susan Horton, CEO of Wheatland Bank - She spoke in support of the Downtown Spokane Partnership.
  - Pablo Monsivais - written comment in Q&A: Thank you for the opportunity to learn and contribute. I just want to express my support for all modes of travel, especially pedestrian, bicycle, and mass-transit, to help make this city cleaner, healthier, and more livable. Stated that he works downtown, in the University District.
  - Dwight Hume, representing the owners of the Ruby River Hotel - He stated that the Ruby River Hotel would like to be included in the downtown parking waiver.

- Roy Koegen, Chair of Downtown Spokane Partnership Board - He stated that the Downtown Plan needs to address homelessness in Spokane.

**Motion: Greg Francis moved to recommend to City Council to adopt the Downtown Plan as written and presented. Seconded by Carole Shook. Motion Carries (6,0,1)**

**Greg Francis motioned to amend the Downtown Spokane Plan to include the Downtown Spokane Partnership additions PS1.3 action and WO1.5 Action as presented by Andrew Rolwes. Seconded by Michael Baker. Amendment to the motion carries unanimously.**

Meeting Adjourned at 6:10 PM

A Special Meeting of the Plan Commission Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, May 19, 2021