

Spokane Plan Commission Minutes

June 9, 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, Jesse Bank, Sylvia St. Clair, Thomas Sanderson, Carole Shook, Tim Williams, Clifford Winger, Jo Anne Wright
- Non-Voting Members Present: Present: Mary Winkes (Community Assembly Liaison), Council Member Lori Kinnear
- *Quorum Present: yes*
- Staff Members Present: Louis Meuler, Jackie Churchill, Maren Murphy, Tirrell Black, Giacobbe Byrd, Kirstin Davis, James Richman, Chris Green, Tate Andrie, Ted McDermott, Amanda Beck Melissa Morrison

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

None

Minutes: Minutes from May 26 meeting approved unanimously.

Briefing Session:

1. City Council Liaison Report – Lori Kinnear

- Council Member Kinnear reported that on Monday, Council passed a resolution to encourage citizens to cut back on water usage by watering every other day.
- Council Member Kinnear reported that she is working on a suite of development incentives which would apply to residential or mixed use development within a designated Center or Corridor with the exception of affordable up to 250K residential single family development.
- Council Member Kinnear reported that the Spokane Transit Authority is issuing 15,000 free bus passes for children 18 and under. Bus passes will be available for pick up at the Library on June 15th.
- Council Member Kinnear reported that the draft sustainability plan is now available for public review and feedback. The updated plan put Spokane in compliance with state level greenhouse gas reduction requirements.
- Council Member Kinnear sent the Plan Commission her list of prioritized housing action items.

2. Community Assembly Liaison Report – Mary Winkes

- Ms. Winkes reported that Maren Murphy presented the Housing Action Plan at the last Community Assembly meeting.

3. Commission President Report – Todd Beyreuther

- Mr. Beyreuther reported that he, Greg Francis, Louis Meuler and Kris Becker had an opportunity to meet with Mayor Woodward and discussed ways that the Commission could positively contribute to recruiting for the Plan Commission.

4. Transportation Subcommittee Report – Clifford Winger

- Mr. Winger reported that the Plan Commission Transportation Subcommittee did not meet in the month of June.

5. Secretary Report – Louis Meuler

- Mr. Meuler reported that three Plan Commission members' terms are set to expire at the end of the year and more recruiting may be needed if they do not renew for another term.
- Mr. Meuler also reported that the Plan Commission 2021 workplan was adopted by City Council on June 7. One item was added regarding housing density and zoning standards.
 - Council Member Kinnear left the meeting at 2:24 pm

Hearing

1. Continued Housing Action Plan Deliberations

- Presentation provided by Maren Murphy
- Questions asked and answered
- Discussion ensued
 - **Michael Baker joined the meeting at 3:20 pm**

Original Motion and amendments put forth on May 26, 2021:

Greg Francis motioned to recommend the Draft Action Housing Plan to City Council as written and presented. Seconded by Jesse Bank

Todd Beyreuther motioned to make an amendment to the motion as the Plan Commission finds that some stakeholders disagree with the Housing Needs Assessment conducted as a part of the Housing Action Plan regarding housing growth and current underproduction models. The Plan Commission recommends that a sensitivity analysis on current underproduction and future growth be conducted during strategy prioritization to better understand scenarios appropriate for both planning activities and development activities. Seconded by Greg Francis. Amendment to the motion carried unanimously.

Greg Francis motioned to amend strategy A1 in Table 1 to include an additional first step that states, "Form a joint Plan Commission/City Council led task force to conduct a complete review of all residential-focused zones to develop a set of specific actions that could include both Comprehensive Plan revisions and development code changes. Seconded by Thomas Sanderson.

Greg Francis made a friendly amendment to the amendment to strike the "complete" from the language. Tom Sanderson concurred with the friendly motion.

Michael Baker called the question. Amended motion carried (8,1)

Vote on June 9th meeting regarding the above motion and amendments.

Motion Carries (9,0,1)

Meeting Adjourned at 3:24 PM

Next Plan Commission Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, June 23, 2021