

# Spokane Plan Commission Minutes

July 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, Jesse Bank, Sylvia St. Clair, Carole Shook, Tim Williams, Clifford Winger, Jo Anne Wright
- Board Members Not Present: Michael Baker
- Non-Voting Members Present: Mary Winkes, Community Assembly Liaison, Council Member Lori Kinnear
- *Quorum Present: yes*
- Staff Members Present: Tirrell Black, Jackie Churchill, Kevin Freibott, Colin Quinn-Hurst, Lance Dahl, Giacobbe Byrd, Tate Andrie, Nate Gwinn, Melissa Morrison, Chris Green, James Richman, Inga Note

**Public Comment:** Citizens are invited to address the Plan Commission on any topic not on the agenda. 3 Minutes each. **NONE**

**Minutes:** July 14 minutes approved unanimously.

## Briefing Session:

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

- Council Member Kinnear reported that the Shelter Ordinance was amended at the last City Council meeting. The amendment is meant to ensure the collection and publication of real time shelter capacity and unsheltered population data. The changes were an emergency due to the large amounts of unsheltered people and extreme fire danger.
- CM Kinnear reported that the Housing Action Plan passed in City Council. They also added an implementation plan to the appendix meant to create actionable next steps.
- CM Kinnear reported that the Downtown Plan also passed Council on Monday. The Downtown Plan prioritizes livability, walkability and creates places for businesses to thrive.
- Council Member Kinnear reported that Council President Beggs will be taking a two month medical leave and that Council Member Mumm will be leading the Council during that time.

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

- Ms. Winkes reported that she participated in interviews for the Community and Economic Development Director and gave a recommendation to Mayor. She also reported that the Planning Director position is open and being advertised.

### 3. Commission President Report - Todd Beyreuther

- President Beyreuther shared that there are many discussions at the state level, in the Washington State Department of Commerce, about Housing Trust Fund initiatives, the Growth Management Act, and how affordable housing is impacting land use planning and development feasibility studies.
- Mr. Beyreuther stated his desire to form an informal work session for Plan Commission members to deep dive on relevant topics and to study the Spokane's Comprehensive Plan. The intent is to have short informal meetings to bring forward ideas and develop knowledge.

#### **4. Transportation Subcommittee Report - Clifford Winger**

- Mr. Winger reported that since Plan Commission member Thomas Sanderson resigned, his position on the Plan Commission Transportation Subcommittee (PCTS) is also vacant now. In order to fill the vacancy, the Plan Commission will need to nominate a Plan Commissioner or recruit someone.

#### **5. Secretary Report - Tirrell Black reporting for Louis Meuler**

- Ms. Black reported that the Housing Action Plan and Downtown Plan passed Council on the previous Monday.
- Ms. Black also reported that an Assistant Planner II job is posted through Civil Service.
- Ms. Black reported that the agenda for the August 11 includes Associate Transportation Planner Kylee Jones from Spokane Regional Transportation Council speaking about their Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update, and Planner Amanda Beck will present more on the Floodplain Code changes.
- Ms. Black reported that the August 25 Plan Commission meeting will be cancelled.
  - Carole Shook joined meeting at 2:15pm.

#### **Workshop(s):**

##### **1. Wildland Urban Interface Code changes to SMC 17F.080.010**

- Presentation provided by Lance Dahl, Spokane Fire Department
- Questions asked and answered
- Discussion ensued

##### **2. Comprehensive Plan Amendment - Z21-208COMP (W. Sinto Ave.)**

- Presentation provided by Kevin Freibott, Dwight Hume (Applicant's agent)
- Questions asked and answered
- Discussion ensued

##### **3. Comprehensive Plan Amendment - Z21-022COMP (Proposed Bike Network Map)**

- Presentation provided by Colin Quinn-Hurst
- Questions asked and answered
- Discussion ensued

##### **4. Overall Review of proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendments**

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

**Meeting Adjourned at 4:23 PM**

Next Plan Commission Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, August 11, 2021