

Spokane Plan Commission Minutes

October 26, 2022

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, Ryan Patterson, Carole Shook, Clifford Winger, Christopher Britt, Tim Williams
- Board Members Not Present: Kris Neely, Michael Baker
- Non-Voting Members Present: Mary Winkes (Community Assembly Liaison), Council Member Lori Kinnear
- *Quorum Present: yes*
- Staff Members Present: Spencer Gardner, Maren Murphy, Jackie Churchill, Kevin Freibott, Ryan Shea, KayCee Downey, Brandon Whitmarsh, James Richman, Amanda Beck, Tim Thompson

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

NONE.

Minutes: Minutes from 10/12/2022 approved unanimously with edits.

Current Agenda: The current agenda was approved unanimously.

Briefing Session:

1. City Council Liaison Report -Lori Kinnear

- Council Member Kinnear reported that on Monday, the City Council held a hearing regarding the proposed redistricting map. There are 2 weeks left before the final map will be decided.
- CM Kinnear is meeting with State Senator Andrew Billig next month to discuss the state law that incentivizes parking lot redevelopment which requires 50% of a development's units to be affordable. This incentive is not being used because the 50% and Kinnear wants to ask that the percentage be modified.
- Additionally, Council is looking into capping Doordash and Grubhub fees to 15% because these are prohibitive to small restaurants.
 - Tim Williams arrived at 2:06 PM.

2. Community Assembly Liaison Report - Mary Winkes

- Mary Winkes stated that she testified at the City Council meeting that the districts should keep neighborhood councils together.

3. Commission President Report - Todd Beyreuther

- President Beyreuther stated that the Wild and Urban Interface code needs design standards.

4. Transportation Subcommittee Report - Clifford Winger

- Clifford Winger stated that the PCTS will meet in November. Phase 2 of the DivisionConnects project and equity considerations in SRTC's regional call for projects will be presented during the meeting.

5. Secretary Report - Spencer Gardner

- Spencer Gardner introduced new hires to the Planning Department: Assistant Planner II Ryan Shea and Assistant Planner I Brandon Whitmarsh.
- Additionally, the Plan Commission work plan 2022-2023 was adopted by Council. There were some tweaks to the code regarding Airport overlay to prevent an increase in density in the

airport overlay area. Code was also changed for design standards relating to parking areas. The change clarified that parking should be behind the house not in front of the house.

- Comprehensive Plan amendments will be heard at Council on Nov. 21st.
- Mr. Gardner thanked the Plan Commission for taking time to participate in Plan Commission and committing to that process. He stated that Nov. 23 and Dec. 28 will be cancelled for Thanksgiving and Christmas.
- Todd Beyreuther and Spencer Gardner mentioned that the Housing Work Group subcommittee was cancelled for today, but Todd will present something in at a future meeting.

Workshop(s):

1. Housing Action Plan

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

2. Building Opportunities in Housing Public Engagement

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

Meeting Adjourned at 3:45 PM

Next Plan Commission Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, November 9, 2022