

# Spokane Plan Commission Minutes

**April 12, 2023**

Hybrid Meeting format

Meeting called to order at 2:00 PM by Greg Francis

## **Attendance:**

- Board Members Present: Greg Francis (President), Ryan Patterson (Vice President), Michael Baker, Jesse Bank, Carole Shook, Clifford Winger, Christopher Britt, Kris Neely, Tim Williams, Todd Beyreuther
- Board Members Not Present: NONE
- Non-Voting Members Present: Mary Winkes (Community Assembly Liaison), Council Member Zack Zappone
- *Quorum Present: yes*
- Staff Members Present: Spencer Gardner, Tirrell Black, Jackie Churchill, Kevin Picanco, Della Mutungi, Katie Kosanke, KayCee Downey, Brandon Whitmarsh, Maren Murphy Kevin Freibott, James Richmond

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

NONE

**Minutes:** Minutes from 3/22/2023 approved unanimously. Motioned by Clifford Winger. Seconded by Michael Baker

**Current Agenda:** The current agenda was approved unanimously.

## **Briefing Session:**

### **1. City Council Liaison Report -Zack Zappone**

- Council Member Zappone reported that the Spokane Transit Authority is looking for input about the CityLine promotional length. During the promotion time tickets could be free. Ryan Patterson suggested a shorter timeline than 1 year - perhaps through December. Mary Winkes suggested that the operational costs should be considered before making a decision. Kris Neely suggested that surplus monies could be spent on messaging to increase ridership.

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

- Mary Winkes reported that she is now able to send notices directly to Community Assembly and can use the email distribution lists.

### **3. Commission President Report - Greg Francis**

- Greg Francis reported that House Bill 1110 - Middle Missing Housing bill has been passed in State Legislature.
  - Kris Neely arrived at 2:07 PM

### **4. Transportation Subcommittee (PCTS) Report - Clifford Winger**

- Clifford Winger reported that PCTS met on Tuesday, April 11th and Kevin Picanco presented the 2024-2029 Six-Year Comprehensive Street Program draft: new projects and Comprehensive Plan consistency and the PCTS recommended it to the Plan Commission for their consideration.
- Clifford Winger also mentioned the ongoing discussion about snow removal in Spokane. The Municipal Code states that property owners must clear pedestrian walkways, but this hasn't been happening. Possible solutions were discussed.
- Finally, Lime bikes were also discussed, and the accessibility issues caused when they are improperly parked.

#### **5. Secretary Report - Spencer Gardner**

- Spencer Gardner reported that Building Opportunities in Housing outreach is currently underway throughout Spokane as well as outreach for the proposed Short Term Rental Code update.
- Additionally, the Centers and Corridors project contract has been approved and the study will start soon. The study will be an evaluation of the policies around Centers and Corridors and an examination of whether they are working. This study will set the direction for changes in the 2026 Comprehensive Plan Update.
- The Northeast Subarea Planning contract is going to Council soon for approval.
  - Carole Shook arrived at 2:15pm
  - CM Zappone arrived at 2:16pm

#### **Suggested Future Agenda Items:**

- Tim Williams suggested that the allowed Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) size could be readdressed, and that East Sprague could use rezoning to allow for residential use in addition to commercial use.
- Michael Baker would like to discuss North Town Mall and its possible reuse as housing.
- Todd Beyreuther suggested discussing development and design review standards as passed at the State Level.

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

##### **1. 2024-2029 Six-Year Comprehensive Street Program draft: new projects and Comprehensive Plan consistency review**

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

##### **2. Building Opportunity in Housing**

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

### **3. Urban Trees and Utility Impacts**

- Presentation provided by Katie Kosanke
- Questions asked and answered
- Discussion ensued

### **Hearing:**

#### **4. Bike Parking Code Update - Continued Hearing**

- Presentation provided by Tyler Kimbrell
- Questions asked and answered
- Discussion ensued
- Motions
  - Ryan Patterson moved that to adopt the proposed minimal bike parking standards in SMC17C.230.200 Bicycle Parking and the updated definition to Bike Parking SMC 17C.230.200. Seconded by Tim Williams. Main motion carries unanimously (10,0)
  - Greg Francis made a friendly amendment to amend SMC 17C.230.110.B3 to include the sentence that up to 10% of overall substituted vehicle parking can be used for bicycle parking. Seconded by Kris Neely.
  - Kris Neely motioned to amend based on language written by Spencer Gardner as follows:  
Bicycle parking may substitute for up to twenty-five (25) percent of required vehicle parking. For every four (4) ~~nonrequired~~ short-term bicycle parking spaces, the motor vehicle parking requirement is reduced by one space. For every one (1) ~~nonrequired~~ long-term bicycle parking space, the motor vehicle parking required is reduced by one space. Vehicle parking associated with residential uses may only be substituted by long-term bicycle parking. Existing parking may be converted to take advantage of this provision. Required bicycle parking spaces may be used to substitute. Seconded by Greg Francis

Greg Francis called the question to vote on the amendment to the motion.

-Amendment to the amended motion carries unanimously (10,0)

- Greg Francis made a friendly amendment to the main motion to 17C.230.200.B3 Change of Use to: when the use of an existing building changes, bicycle parking shall be provided to meet the standards set

forth in this section, except where the new number of required spaces is within ten percent of the existing number of spaces.

**Seconded by Kris Neely.-Motion carries (6,4)**

- **Greg Francis made a friendly amendment to the main motion to strike 17C.230.200.D10, which states that residential long term parking does not fulfill the requirement of long term parking. Jesse Bank seconded. Motion failed (5,5)**

Meeting Adjourned at 6:00 PM

Next Plan Commission Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, April 26, 2023