

# Spokane Plan Commission Minutes

April 26, 2023

Webex Teleconference

Meeting Minutes: 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 Freibott, Amanda Beck, Donna deBit, Brandon Whitmarsh, Della Mutungi

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

**Minutes:** Minutes from 2/22/2023 and 3/22/2023 and 4/12/2023 approved unanimously.

**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 (STA) promotional period for the CityLine bus route will run from July until Labor Day. Connect cards will have a 5 dollar fee to acquire but will come loaded with 5 dollars.

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

- none

### 3. Commission President Report - Greg Francis

- Greg Francis reported that he is part of a committee that is reviewing General Facilities Charges (GFC). There will be 2 Plan Commission GFC workshops in September and the workshops will be extended until 5 pm on non-hearing days.
- Greg Francis gave an update on WA State Legislature. House Bill 1110 passed, this bill allows 4-plexes to be built in all residential zones and up to 6-plexes near major transit stops. Other bills of note to pass included: Senate Bill 5258 which increases the supply of condos and townhouses as homeownership options, House Bill 1181 which instigates climate change planning.
- During the next Housing Work Group meeting, Joe Tovar from Washington State Commerce will be speaking about WA Legislative Bills related to housing.
  - CM Zappone arrived at 2:07.

### 4. Transportation Subcommittee Report - Clifford Winger

- Clifford Winger reported that the Plan Commission Transportation Subcommittee will meet next Tuesday, May 2nd.

### 5. Secretary Report - Spencer Gardner

- Spencer Gardner reported that the Short Term Rental Code update and 6-Year Transportation Program will be heard on the May 10th Plan Commission Hearing. Plan Commission members can submit items for amendments to staff prior to the hearing.

- Michael Baker asked if there are budget funds to send Commission members to the Priest Lake conference, but there isn't budget for this; however, there may be funds for the State American Planning Association conference in the fall.
  - Spencer Gardner announced that the "tentative upcoming agenda ideas" will be removed from the agenda and instead will be a quarterly agenda item.
- Todd Beyreuther and Jesse Bank joined the meeting at 2:03 pm

#### **Tentative Upcoming Agenda Items:**

Todd Beyreuther wants to explore opportunities for the Housing Work Group to propose amendments to the Spokane Municipal Code.

Todd Beyreuther would like to explore the powers of the Plan Commission.

- Kris Neely arrived at 2:15PM

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

##### **1. Building Opportunity in Housing**

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

##### **2. Short Term Rental Code Update**

- Presentation provided by Donna deBit and Amanda Beck
- Questions asked and answered
- Discussion ensued

**Meeting Adjourned at 4:00 PM**

Next Plan Commission Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, May 10, 2023