

Spokane Plan Commission - Minutes

January 10, 2024

Webex Teleconference

Meeting Minutes: Meeting called to order at 2:00pm by Greg Francis

Attendance:

- Board Members Present: Greg Francis (President), Ryan Patterson (Vice President), Jesse Bank, Clifford Winger, Tim Williams, Todd Beyreuther, Carole Shook, Kris Neely
- Board Members Not Present: Michael Baker
- Non-Voting Members Present: Council Member Kitty Klitzke, and Council Member Paul Dillon
- Non-Voting Members Not present: Mary Winkes (Community Assembly Liaison)
- *Quorum Present: Yes*
- Staff Members Present: Spencer Gardner, Ryan Benzie, Angie McCall, Tirrell Black, Tim Thompson, Brandon Whitmarsh, James Richman, Jackie Churchill, Maren Murphy, Della Mutungi, Marcia Davis, Kirstin Davis

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

- None

Minutes: Minutes from 12/13/2023 approved unanimously.

***Kris Neely joined at 2:15pm**

Briefing Session:

1. **City Council Liaison Report** - CM Kitty Klitzke, CM Paul Dillon also present.
 - Kitty Klitzke gave a brief introduction of herself.
2. **Community Assembly Liaison Report - Mary Winkes**
 - Absent
3. **Commission President Report - Greg Francis**
 - President Greg Francis reported that Plan Commissioner Michael Baker is still in recovery.
4. **Transportation Subcommittee Report - Clifford Winger**
 - Cliff Winger reported that the PCTS met on 01.02.24 and the bicycle advisory network is working with a consultant to survey current bicycle use and pathways. Spokane Reimagined also presented to the subcommittee regarding walkability, environmental, and bicycle orientation in the city. Ryan Patterson added that Eric Lowe's (Spokane Reimagined) proposal is a private proposal to have a bond that would fund this. She also mentioned that the WSDOT representative, Char Kay, shared regarding the land bridge project, and is one step closer to planning as they received some matching grants.
5. **Secretary Report - Spencer Gardner**
 - Spencer Gardner reported that some of the Plan Commissioners are terming out and he has reached out to the Mayor's office about how they would like to proceed in regard to filling those vacancies and interviews will be proceeding in the near future. There will be a need for a few current Plan Commissioners to volunteer their time for the aforementioned interviews.
 - He stated as a reminder that on Thursday, February 22, 2024, there is a scheduled joint Plan Commission and City Council meeting (during the Study Session) at 11:00am. Dave Anderson from the Washington State Department of Commerce will be present.

Current Agenda: The current agenda was approved unanimously.

Workshop(s):

- **Water System Plan**
 - Presentation provided by staff member Marcia Davis
 - Questions asked and answered.
 - Discussion ensued.
- **Comp Plan Amendment Docketing Overview**
 - Presentation provided by Kevin Freibott
 - Questions asked and answered.
 - Discussion ensued.
 - Volunteers to be a part of the Docketing Committee for the Comp Plan include: Tim Williams, Carole Shook, Cliff Winger, Alternate VP Ryan Patterson.

Workshop Adjourned at 3:27 PM.

Plan Commission Hearing:

Meeting called to order at 4:00pm by Greg Francis

Attendance:

- Board Members Present: Greg Francis (President), Ryan Patterson (Vice President), Jesse Bank, Clifford Winger, Tim Williams, Todd Beyreuther, Carole Shook, Kris Neely
- Board Members Not Present: Michael Baker
- Non-Voting Members Present: None
- *Quorum Present: Yes*
- Staff Members Present: Spencer Gardner, Ryan Benzie, Angie McCall, Tirrell Black, James Richman, Brandon Whitmarsh
- **Centers & Corridors Pedestrian Street Designation (SMC 17C.120.030) for a portion of 29th Avenue, Martin St to Fiske St (Lincoln Heights)**
 - Presentation by Tirrell Black
 - Questions asked and answered.
 - Discussion ensued.

Public Testimony

- Chris Cheeley
- Dwight Hume
- Jeff Johnson
- Shawn Terjeson
- Carol Tomsic
- Chris Bell
- John Beckius
- Deanna Malcom
- Robert Queen

Public Testimony closed by President Greg Francis at 4:53pm.

Motion: *I [VP Ryan Patterson] move that we [Plan Commission] support the designation of 29th as a pedestrian corridor from Fiske Street to Martin as well as the updates to SMC 17C.122 that are related to the pedestrian street designation as outlined in the staff report. Cliff Winger seconded.*

Deliberation:

- Discussion ensued.
- Questions asked and answered.

Amendment: *I [VP Ryan Patterson] would like to move to make an amendment to the existing motion to amend SMC 17C.122.030, the map in question, to read East 29th between South Martin Street and 100 feet east of South Fiske Street right of way. Jesse Bank seconded.*

- Questions asked.
- Discussion ensued.

Amendment fails 3-5-0.

- Questions asked and answered.
- Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Kris Neely made a motion to call to question. Call to question passes unanimously.

Final Motion passes 5-3-0.

Hearing Adjourned at 5:41 PM.

Next Plan Commission Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 24, 2024