

Spokane Plan Commission - Minutes

Wednesday, May 8, 2024

Webex Teleconference

Meeting Minutes: Plan Commission Workshop called to order at 2:01 pm by President Greg Francis.

Attendance for Plan Commission Workshop:

- Board Members Present: Greg Francis (President), Ryan Patterson (Vice President), Tim Williams, Sandra Neperud, Carole Shook, Jesse Bank
- Board Members Not Present: *None*
- Non-Voting Members Present: Kitty Klitzke (Council Member Liaison), Mary Winkes (Community Assembly Liaison)
- Non-Voting Members Not present: *None*
- *Quorum Present: Yes*
- Staff Members Present: Spencer Gardner, Angie McCall, KayCee Downey, Tyler Kimbrell, Tim Thompson, Jackie Churchill, Amanda Beck

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

None

Minutes: Minutes from 4/24/2024 approved unanimously.

Briefing Session:

- **City Council Liaison Report - CM Kitty Klitzke**
 - Council did move forward with the Work Plan that the Plan Commission has already seen. She stated that they are still hopeful that the [Wildland/Urban Interface](#) (WUI) would be looked at and considered as it relates to zoning, stressing the importance of focusing on whether it poses as a human safety threat. Council is also looking at a moratorium again in Latah (looking at possible TIF's, tax increment financing, and other funding mechanisms).
- **Community Assembly Liaison Report - Mary Winkes**
 - The Community Assembly Liaison reported that at their last meeting there was a discussion about the proposed Transportation Commission. The CA will be compiling a considered proposal of recommendations regarding the proposed Transportation Commission.
- **Commission President Report - Greg Francis**
 - President Greg Francis reported about a training he attended on managing meetings via Jurassic Parliament. The main takeaways that he wanted to share are: a) The conduct of the meetings need to be respectful of everyone (all meetings are open to the public and recorded for availability online), b) All members have equal rights, privileges, and obligations, c) No one can speak a second time until everyone else has had an opportunity to speak, d) Members need to be recognized by the chair prior to speaking (this includes not interrupting others). You may ask the presenter a question and if the speaker calls upon you (in a workshop setting and *not* a hearing), this is considered being recognized by the group. If the chair is speaking you may raise your hand, the chair will call on you thereby also meeting this requirement. e) Remarks must be always courteous and respectful, and f) Personal remarks about others are not allowed. Greg stated that he is going to try and be better at calling things out when he sees them.

- Greg mentioned that a new book came out last week regarding housing that would be highly recommended. The book is titled, “Escaping the Housing Trap: The Strong Towns Response to the Housing Crisis, 1st edition”.
- **Transportation Subcommittee Report - Ryan Patterson (in Mary Winkes’ absence)**
 - Ryan Patterson reported for the PCTS as Mary Winkes was absent for the meeting.
 - The Centers and Corridors Study Open House is available [online](#).
 - The [South Logan Transit-Oriented Development](#) is going to be at Arctos Coffee & Roasting Co. for open houses and to get community feedback.
 - For [Bike Everywhere](#) month, Bike to Work week begins next week. Monday, May 15, 2024 begins with a [kick-off breakfast](#) at Riverfront Park. Wednesday, May 17, 2024, is the [ride of silence](#) also meeting at Riverfront Park. Friday there is a [bike ride with elected officials](#) beginning at Corban Park. The [next Bicycle Advisory Board meeting](#) is a field trip with a bicycle ride through the East Central neighborhood to look at infrastructure. They are meeting at Grant Park at 5:30pm on Tuesday, May 21, 2024.
 - The Citizens Transportation Advisory Board is continuing to meet while discussions are still in flux with the proposed Transportation Commission. They are going to begin implementing QR code signs at the project locations.
 - WSDOT has selected a consultant, Jacobs Engineering, for the land bridge project. They are also continuing community engagement.
 - The [West Central Infrastructure Project](#) background is that it began in 2007 but really came into effect in 2013. They are currently working on community outreach and the next phase will focus on a feasibility analysis. They are identifying priorities and which order to put those priorities in so that the funding can be leveraged with grants efficiently. There is a [survey online](#) available.
 - The proposed Transportation Commission currently does not have a Plan Commission Liaison position. However, Ryan did ask that this be considered as a non-voting member.
- **Secretary Report - Spencer Gardner**
 - Spencer Gardner reported that there is a Hearing in two weeks, Wednesday, May 22, 2024, on the Six-Year Street plan.
 - Spencer also shared that there was some discussion on the moratorium that is currently in City Council’s hands. It would only impact new plat applications. Anything that is already in the pipeline would not be affected. That is going through the normal council process so no action would be happening for at least a couple of weeks.
 - Spencer will be at Council tomorrow for Study Session talking about the Latah Valley TIF, tax increment financing, conversation that has been going on at the County.

Current Agenda: The current agenda was approved unanimously.

Workshop(s):

- BOH Follow Up/Lessons Learned
 - Presentation provided by Spencer Gardner.
 - Questions asked and answered.
 - Discussion ensued.
- South Logan TOD Implementation Drafts (SMC 17A.20.160, 17C.111.205, 17C.111.230, 17C.111.420, 17C.120.220, 17C.122, 17C.122T, 17C.123, 17C.230, 17C.300, 17C.415)
 - Presentation provided by staff member KayCee Downey.
 - Questions asked and answered.
 - Discussion ensued.

Workshop Adjourned at 4:04 PM.

Next regularly scheduled Plan Commission Meeting is on Wednesday, May 22, 2024.