

Spokane Plan Commission - Minutes

Wednesday, June 12, 2024

Hybrid Meeting Teams Teleconference

Meeting Minutes: Plan Commission Workshop called to order at 2:00 pm by President Greg Francis.

Attendance for Plan Commission Workshop:

- Board Members Present: Greg Francis (President), Ryan Patterson (Vice President), Tim Williams, Saundra 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, Amanda Kiehn, Amanda Brown, Ryan Benzie, Kim Kuchlenz, James Richman, Megan Kapaun, Della Mutungi, Tyler Kimbrell, Kevin Freibott, Tim Thompson

Minutes: Minutes from 5/22/2024 approved unanimously with one minor clerical error correction.

Briefing Session:

- **City Council Liaison Report - CM Kitty Klitzke**
 - Council Member Klitzke asked when Findings are available after a Plan Commission Hearing. Spencer stated that within the rules it is approximately ten days, but we try to get them out within a couple of days if able to be signed by the Plan Commission President. They are then included in any Council agenda items that are on the upcoming agendas. She is asking because Council has now begun reporting on any committee/commission/boards that they are a part of at the monthly Urban Experience meetings.
 - She stated that Council adopted a new cooling ordinance that will go into effect in approximately one month's time. Landlords will be required to allow their tenants to have air conditioners except in a few unusual extenuating circumstances (i.e., not having the correct amperage or it interferes with the integrity of the building).
 - She has a SRTC (Spokane Regional Transportation Council) tomorrow where she believes they will be discussing modeling. She stated that some staff have some concerns about the regional model regarding modeling traffic impacts at the micro level that is needed in order to approve projects. She feels that staff is putting in all of the right data, but the model is not using it. She believes that we need to see what works as a regional model versus what works as a specific model for the planners in the jurisdictions to use to analyze projects and maybe there needs to be a separate tool where you can plug data into to run the model more efficiently.
- **Community Assembly Liaison Report - Mary Winkes**
 - Mary reported that the Community Assembly passed a letter that went to City Council with their concerns about the draft for the city ordinance for the proposed Transportation Commission.
 - The Community Assembly passed a resolution asking for a moratorium in the Latah area.
 - She also stated that a resolution from the CA was sent to City Council regarding Traffic Calming.
- **Commission President Report - Greg Francis**

- President Greg Francis reported that it was his understanding that the Lime scooters have speed limitations within certain boundaries (as he witnessed a Lime scooter accident of which the rider was hurt and sent to the hospital).
- **Transportation Subcommittee Report - Mary Winkes**
 - Mary reported that they met on June 4th of which there were two workshops. One was on climate planning and the integration of it into the Comprehensive Plan and the other was on safety data regarding bicyclists and pedestrians.
- **Secretary Report - Spencer Gardner**
 - Spencer Gardner reported that there was some confusion related to a conditional use permit (specifically on Mansfield) that some thought would be heard at Plan Commission. He clarified that Plan Commission does not deal with conditional use permits.
 - He introduced a new attorney, Megan Kapaun, that we are beginning to work with.
 - He has an update from the Mayor's office regarding Plan Commission appointments. They are planning on bringing forth two new appointments on June 24th.
 - Spencer spoke with President Francis about considering bringing in the group Strong Towns to do a public presentation. They recently just came out with a new book about housing.

Current Agenda: The current agenda was approved unanimously.

Workshop(s):

- 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.
- Comp Plan Amendment Z24-105COMP Workshop
 - Presentation provided by staff member KayCee Downey.
 - Questions asked and answered.
 - Discussion ensued.

Workshop Adjourned at 3:35 PM.

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

None.

Next regularly scheduled Plan Commission Meeting is on Wednesday, June 26, 2024.