

Spokane Plan Commission - Minutes

Wednesday, August 28, 2024

Hybrid Meeting Teams Teleconference

Meeting Minutes: Plan Commission Workshop called to order at 2:03 pm by President Greg Francis.

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

None

Attendance for Plan Commission Workshop:

- Board Members Present: Greg Francis (President), Ryan Patterson (Vice President), Jesse Bank, David Edwards, Jill Yotz, Amber Lenhart, Carole Shook, Sandra Neperud
- Board Members Not Present: Tim Williams
- Non-Voting Members Present: Mary Winkes (Community Assembly Liaison)
- Non-Voting Members Not present: Kitty Klitzke (City Council Member Liaison)
- *Quorum Present: Yes*
- Staff Members Present: Spencer Gardner, Maren Murphy, KayCee Downey, Kevin Freibott, Brandon Whitmarsh, Tim Thompson, Tirrell Black, Logan Callen, Della Mutungi, Megan Duvall, Ryan Shea, Logan Camporeale, Megan Kapaun

Minutes: Minutes from 7/24/2024 approved unanimously, save for an abstention by Jesse Bank as he was not in attendance at that meeting.

Briefing Session:

- **City Council Liaison Report - CM Kitty Klitzke**
 - The Councilmember was not in attendance. No report given.
- **Community Assembly Liaison Report - Mary Winkes**
 - Mary stated that the last Community Assembly meeting primarily concerned internal matters and did not have much to share.
- **Commission President Report - Greg Francis**
 - President Greg Francis shared his recommendation that Members consider reading the newest Strong Towns book.
- **Transportation Subcommittee Report - Mary Winkes**
 - Mary stated that the last meeting of the Transportation Subcommittee concerned the closing down of the subcommittee and that the standing agenda item on the Plan Commission agenda could be removed.
 - Discussion ensued regarding the new Transportation Commission.
- **Secretary Report - Spencer Gardner**
 - Spencer Gardner reported on the new access badges that most members received at the meeting. He stated that he did not know the status of the missing badges but would follow up.
 - He then reported that the South Logan TOD Code Amendments have been passed on August 12, 2024, by City Council with one change to parking, which he would discuss later in the agenda.
 - Finally, Spencer mentioned that the City had recently allocated funds for a wildfire modeling software package that would allow the City to model both wildland fire and evacuation scenarios. He reported that the software would primarily be for the Emergency Management

department's use but that the Planning Department hoped to use it when considering Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) hazards.

Current Agenda: The current agenda was approved unanimously.

Workshop(s):

- Climate Planning Update Workshop
 - Presentation provided by staff member Maren Murphy and the Consultant team contracted for this work, including:
 - i. Lisa Grueter (BERK)
 - ii. Mary Anne Rezance (Cascadia)
 - iii. John Mankowski (Kaufman Associates)
 - Questions asked and answered.
 - Discussion ensued.
 - No action was taken.

- SB5290 Permitting Code Updates
 - Presentation provided by staff member Tim Thompson.
 - Questions asked and answered.
 - Discussion ensued.
 - Jesse Bank moved to approve the item for a hearing, seconded by Sandra Neperud, passed unanimously.

- Protection of Historic Buildings in Downtown and Center and Corridor Areas (SMC 17D.100.230)
 - Presentation provided by staff members Megan Duvall and Logan Camporeale.
 - Questions asked and answered.
 - Discussion ensued.
 - Plan Commission requested that staff return for an additional workshop.

- BOH Follow-Up (SMC 17C.111.205, 17C.111.210, 17C.111.310, 17C.111.315, 17C.111.320, 17C.111.325, 17C.111.335, 17C.111.450, 17A.020.060, 17G.080,040, 17G.080.065)
 - Presentation provided by staff member Spencer Gardner.
 - Questions asked and answered.
 - Discussion ensued.
 - This presentation will continue at a future workshop.

Workshop Adjourned at 4:02 PM.

Next regularly scheduled Plan Commission Meeting is on Wednesday, September 11, 2024.