

# Spokane Plan Commission - Minutes

Wednesday, September 11, 2024

Hybrid Meeting in Council Briefing Center & Microsoft Teams Teleconference

Meeting Minutes: Plan Commission Workshop called to order at 2:00 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, Amber Lenhart, Saundra Neperud, Tim Williams, Jill Yotz
- Board Members Not Present: Carole Shook (excused absence)
- Non-Voting Members Present: Mary Winkes (Community Assembly Liaison)
- Non-Voting Members Not present: Kitty Klitzke (Council Member Liaison)
- *Quorum Present: Yes*
- Staff Members Present: Spencer Gardner, Angie McCall, Kevin Freibott, Brandon Whitmarsh, Ryan Shea, Jackie Churchill, Ryan Benzie, Logan Camporeale, Megan Kapaun

**Minutes:** Minutes from 8/28/2024 approved unanimously with one abstention from Commissioner Williams due to absence from the last meeting.

## Briefing Session:

- **City Council Liaison Report - CM Kitty Klitzke**
  - Council Member Klitzke was absent.
- **Community Assembly Liaison Report - Mary Winkes**
  - Mary stated that she has nothing to report today.
- **Commission President Report - Greg Francis**
  - President Greg Francis stated that he has nothing to report.
- **Secretary Report - Spencer Gardner**
  - Spencer Gardner made sure that everyone has received their badges. Commissioner Lenhart stated that she has not received hers because she has not attended a meeting in person to attain it although, it is ready and available for her.
  - Update on the Transportation Commission: They have concluded with the interviews and the Mayor's office is making decisions as to who to bring forward to the City Council. The expectation is to have it on the council agenda for September 23, 2024. The date may change to September 30, 2024, as some city council members want more time to consider names for the commission. Regardless, the first meeting is slated for October. They still have not finalized a time as they want to work with the new Transportation Commission members on this. They are potentially looking at the third Wednesday of the month (meeting once a month).
  - Spencer also wanted to draw attention to the upcoming agenda items with proposed hearings scheduled for the next two meetings. There is a slight change to the schedule that is currently on the agenda as there was a change since the agenda was sent out a week ago. Some of the hearings have been shifted around.
    - The Centers and Corridors Study hearing is planned to be on September 25, 2024.
    - The 2024 Comprehensive Plan Amendments are planned to be on October 9, 2024.
    - He wanted to highlight some of the items coming up today because they could be going towards hearings over the next couple of meetings. Specifically, the Historic

Preservation code (which you will hear later today). If the group decides that it is ready for hearing, then there will be a motion to do so. Just be aware that you already have hearings scheduled. You could add it to an existing hearing, or you can put it on a different date just to spread things out a bit and to not have a lengthy hearing if that is what you choose. This will be up to you all and to just be aware that you have a lot of hearings coming up.

**Current Agenda:** The current agenda was approved unanimously.

**Workshop(s):**

- Citywide CIP – Request motion for hearing
  - Kevin Freibott came to ask, respective of the Plan Commission rules, for a request for motion for hearing.  
The CIP draft came out just a few days too late to be on the schedule that they wanted because they are running up against a time crunch as it has to be adopted prior to the budget cycle for the city.
  - The link to the document was in the agenda for your consideration.
  - The list of projects that may concern capacity that were talked about a few months ago have not changed.
  - There is a workshop for the CIP changes scheduled for the next Plan Commission meeting on September 25, 2024. However, due to noticing requirements, we are asking for a motion to take this to hearing even though you have not had your workshop yet on this item. The Workshop is the next meeting where the Plan Commission will be able to voice concerns, ask questions, have discussion, and get those questions answered.
  - Questions asked and answered.
  - Discussion ensued.
  - Motion was as follows: I [Ryan Patterson] would like to move that we [the Plan Commission] put the Citywide CIP on the hearing for October 9<sup>th</sup>. Jesse Bank seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
  
- Protection of Historic Buildings in Downtown and Center and Corridor Areas (SMC 17D.100.230)
  - Presentation provided by staff member Logan Camporeale.
  - Questions asked and answered.
  - Discussion ensued.
  
- BOH Follow-Up (affects the following SMC sections:  
17A.020.060  
  
17C.111.205, 210,220, 310, 315, 320, 325, 335, 420, 450  
  
17C.230.020, 100, 110, 120, 130, 140  
  
17G.080.040, 065  
  
17H.010.040)
  - Presentation provided by staff member Colin Quinn-Hurst.
  - Questions asked and answered.
  - Discussion ensued.

Workshop Adjourned at 4:08 PM.

Next regularly scheduled Plan Commission Meeting is on Wednesday, September 25, 2024.