

# Spokane Plan Commission - Minutes

Wednesday, September 25, 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, Sandra Neperud, Carole Shook, Jill Yotz
- Board Members Not Present: Tim Williams (Excused)
- Non-Voting Members Present: Kitty Klitzke (Council Member Liaison), Mary Winkes (Community Assembly Liaison)
- Non-Voting Members Not present:
- *Quorum Present: Yes*
- Staff Members Present: Spencer Gardner, Angie McCall, Kevin Freibott, Brandon Whitmarsh, Ryan Shea, Tyler Kimbrell, Jackie Churchill, Megan Kapaun, Colin Quinn-Hurst, Tim Thompson

**Minutes:** Minutes from 9/11/2024 approved unanimously.

## **Briefing Session:**

- **City Council Liaison Report - CM Kitty Klitzke**
  - CM Klitzke mentioned that City Council voted to pause annual amendments to the Comprehensive Plan for the 2025 and 2026 cycles.
  - She also stated that regarding the Comprehensive Plan update coming up, the concepts of bodegas, convenience stores and neighborhood businesses, they are getting pushback from some of the neighborhoods. She does not know if they should consider regulating the types of businesses that come in under conditional use permits (CUP's) or not. They have received pushback regarding one that was recently approved in the Emerson-Garfield neighborhood (approximately seventy oppositional comments).
  - CM Klitzke also mentioned that they have received some pushback regarding design standard regulations.
- **Community Assembly Liaison Report - Mary Winkes**
  - Mary stated that she wanted to make note that some of the CA (Community Assembly) members do not understand why they are getting notices and that potentially the distribution list (Community Assembly Liaisons and Representatives) is not up to date. Kevin Freibott stated that the list is compiled and kept by ONS (Office of Neighborhood Services) and that ONS then distributes it to other departments (ie. DSC, Long-Range Planning).
- **Commission President Report - Greg Francis**
  - President Greg Francis stated that he has nothing to report.
- **Secretary Report - Spencer Gardner**
  - Update on the Transportation Commission:
    - City Council has interviewed some of the nominees that the Mayor's office has brought forward.
    - They have delayed action until October 7, 2024. At that time the council will consider all the Transportation Commission members.

- The first Transportation Commission meeting would then commence on Wednesday, October 16, 2024.
- Spencer also wanted to draw attention to the upcoming hearings including today, in two weeks, and potentially some at the end of October.

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

**Workshop(s):**

- Citywide CIP Workshop
  - Presentation provided by staff member Kevin Freibott
  - Questions asked and answered.
  - Discussion ensued.
- Comprehensive Plan Review and Periodic Update
  - Presentation provided by staff member Tirrell Black.
  - Questions asked and answered.
  - Discussion ensued.

Workshop Adjourned at 3:50 PM.

Hearing Minutes: Plan Commission Hearing called to order at 4:00 pm by President Greg Francis.

**Hearing(s):**

- SB5290 Permitting Code Updates
  - Presentation provided by staff members Tim Thompson and Jackie Churchill
  - Questions asked and answered.
  - Discussion ensued.
  - No Public Testimony.
- Motion
  - *I [VP Ryan Patterson] move that we [Plan Commission] recommend the SMC code changes to come into compliance with SB5290 [Senate Bill 5290] as presented by staff. Seconded by Commissioner Jesse Bank.*
  - Deliberation ensued.
  - ***Motion passes unanimously, 8-0.***  
*Voted for by name: President Greg Francis, Vice President Ryan Patterson, Jesse Bank, David Edwards, Sandra Neperud, Amber Lenhart, Carole Shook, Jill Yotz.*
- Centers and Corridors Study Update
  - Presentation provided by staff member Colin Quinn-Hurst
  - Questions asked and answered.
  - Discussion ensued.
  - No Public Testimony.
- Motion
  - *I [VP Ryan Patterson] move that we [Plan Commission] recommend the Centers and Corridors Update Study to City Council as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Jill Yotz.*
  - Deliberation ensued.  
***Motion passes unanimously, 8-0.***  
*Voted for by name: President Greg Francis, Vice President Ryan Patterson, Jesse Bank, David Edwards, Amber Lenhart, Sandra Neperud, Carole Shook, Jill Yotz.*

Hearing Adjourned at 4:34 PM.

Next regularly scheduled Plan Commission Meeting is on Wednesday, October 9, 2024.