

# Spokane Plan Commission - Minutes

Wednesday, January 22, 2025

Hybrid Meeting in Council Briefing Center & Microsoft Teams Teleconference

Meeting Minutes: Plan Commission Workshop called to order at 2:02 pm by President Jesse Bank.

**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: Jesse Bank, Ryan Patterson, David Edwards, Greg Francis, Amber Lenhart, Tyler Tamoush, Jill Yotz, Carole Shook
- Board Members Not Present: Sandra Neperud, Tim Williams
- 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, Tim Thompson, Angie McCall, Della Mutungi, Brandon Whitmarsh, Tim Fischer, KayCee Downey, Maren Murphy, Colin Quinn-Hurst, Kevin Freibott, Tirrell Black, Jackie Churchill, Logan Callen, Sarah Sirott

**Minutes:** Minutes from 1/8/2025 approved unanimously.

## **Briefing Session:**

- **Transportation Commission Liaison Report - Ryan Patterson**
  - The Transportation Commission passed a unanimous resolution to support the Bicycle Priority Network.
  - There was an ongoing discussion about adding a crossing along Francis, mostly on the far west end of Francis. City Council is doing neighborhood outreach on this. This project will also tie into the 27 by 27 project.
  - There was a project review for some updates at Maxwell and Pettet which is in early stages. It will be bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure, there will be some crossings to get to and from the park. It will go to BAB first, then will come back to the Transportation Commission.
  - The Federal grant for Safe Streets involved a discussion and scoring for prioritization.
  - There was a presentation for the local Safe Streets projects about what has been done in 2024 and what will be coming in 2025 including: leading pedestrian intervals, speed limits, no turn on red, and bike lockers. There was short recap on the adaptive design projects includes bump-outs and narrowing of streets.
- **Commission President Report - Jesse Bank**
  - President Bank discussed a few things he is keeping tabs on. Legislature is kicking off in Olympia, there are a few planning and zoning things of interest moving through. Most notably is a conversation on parking mandates statewide. The goal is to eliminate or severely limit mandates statewide to allow more flexibility at the local level.
  - Something Jesse has been tracking with respect to the wildfires in Los Angeles, and the conversations around planning and zoning considerations, is the causes of that fire. One of the weather folks he follows stated that the primary fuel that made the fires as bad as they were, was houses, which is squarely a planning and zoning issue.

- **Secretary Report - Spencer Gardner**
  - Spencer had three things to discuss:
    - The BOH updates from a couple months ago are now finally at hearing at City Council.
    - The Historic Preservation demolition changes and design review changes are working their way through the City Council process. There was a delay in the hearing due to a noticing issue.
    - We have our survey out right now related to the climate planning work we're doing. If you have not had the chance to fill that out, please do so. The survey closes on the 31<sup>st</sup>.
  
- **Council Liaison Report - Kitty Klitzke**
  - CM Klitzke discussed what she has been hearing out in the community. One thing being that there is work to be done on educating people about speed cameras and red-light cameras. This includes police officers. It would be helpful for them to be seen as enforcement tools. This is something that CM Klitzke is hoping to address better.
  - Additionally, CM Klitzke mentioned that there is an intern working in the City Council office that is doing data collection. For some traffic calming decisions, he is going door to door interviewing people on their preferences.
  - CM Klitzke also discussed that as police officers move into different areas, they have been doing some self-inquiring. They have been asking neighborhoods what their top priorities are, some form of traffic safety has been coming up for each neighborhood.
  
- **Community Assembly Liaison Report - Mary Winkes**
  - Mary Winkes discussed the upcoming Public Safety Committee forum on the 29<sup>th</sup>. This relates to all sorts of Public Safety.

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

**Workshop(s):**

- Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update: Climate Planning
  - Presentation provided by staff member Maren Murphy.
  - Questions asked and answered.
  - Discussion ensued.
  
- Review of Attorney General Guidance on Unconstitutional Takings
  - Presentation provided by staff member Tim Fischer.
  - Questions asked and answered.
  - Discussion ensued.

Workshop Adjourned at 4:00 PM.

The next regularly scheduled Plan Commission meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 12, 2025.