

Spokane Plan Commission - Minutes

Wednesday, February 12, 2025

Hybrid Meeting in Council Briefing Center & Microsoft Teams Teleconference

Meeting Minutes: Plan Commission Workshop called to order at 2:00 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.

- Todd Beyreuther

Attendance for Plan Commission Workshop:

- Board Members Present: Ryan Patterson, David Edwards, Greg Francis, Amber Lenhart, Carole Shook, Tyler Tamoush, Tim Williams
- Board Members Not Present: Jesse Bank, Sandra Neperud, Jill Yotz
- Non-Voting Members Present: Mary Winkes (Community Assembly Liaison), Kitty Klitzke (Council Member Liaison)
- Non-Voting Members Not present:
- *Quorum Present:* Yes
- Staff Members Present: Spencer Gardner, Angie McCall, Tim Fischer, Sarah Sirott, Emily King, Tim Thompson, Maren Murphy, Jackie Churchill, Della Mutungi

Minutes: Minutes from 1/22/2025 approved unanimously.

Briefing Session:

- **Community Assembly Liaison Report - Mary Winkes**
 - Mary reported that Tirrell Black came and gave an abbreviated presentation about the Comprehensive Plan. There were a few requests to have her back to further discuss the neighborhood chapters.
- **Transportation Commission Liaison Report - Ryan Patterson**
 - The Transportation Commission won't be meeting until later this month, so there was nothing to report.
- **Commission President Report - Vice President Patterson**
 - Vice President Patterson wanted to note that her neighborhood was one of the business communities chosen for an ARPA grant along with a few other neighborhoods. They are in the community input section of planning how to use the money. Some people were concerned because this is a federal grant, but the city did confirm that the federal government has already released the funds to the City. This will be happening over the next eighteen months, as the money needs to be spent by September 2026. Each neighborhood will receive \$450,000.
- **Secretary Report - Spencer Gardner**
 - Spencer had a few items to discuss:
 - During the Urban Experience Committee on Monday, Spencer gave a presentation on a proposal related to the interim zoning ordinance to remove height limits in downtown zones for development. We anticipate there will be a lot of discussion about downtown during the Comprehensive Plan updates.
 - All Plan Commission members are now up to date on their OPMA training.
 - The Six Year Streets Plan Update is coming up. With the new Transportation Commission, he thought it might make sense to have a joint meeting with them to discuss this topic. His proposal is to schedule that for April 9th. That is already a Plan

Commission meeting day, and the meeting would take place during the regular meeting time of Plan Commission.

- With the Comp Plan work that is taking place, Planning staff will be out in the community doing Visioning Workshops with the community. There are four dates scheduled; an email went out with the dates. We would love for Plan Commission members to be present during these meetings.
- With our chapter reviews, there is lots of information to digest and process as a commission. Some chapters may have more substantial changes. We thought it may be helpful as a commission to divide and conquer. The commission could form subcommittees focused on specific chapters or groups of chapters.
- **Council Liaison Report - Kitty Klitzke**
 - CM Klitzke discussed a few items:
 - Council received a presentation on land capacity analysis during Monday's Urban Experience meeting.
 - To follow up on the parking discussion, CM Klitzke met with STA, Luis, and some other department heads. They are going to draft up some educational materials for addressing the issue. The other part would be trying to figure out pilot projects for solutions or potentially emphasis patrols. The issue we're running into with Garland is that they don't want metered parking, but the City can't afford to enforce parking times if there is no income stream there. They are going to prepare a menu of options to help mitigate their concerns.

Current Agenda: The current agenda was approved unanimously.

Workshop(s):

- Hillyard Subarea Plan Update
 - Presentation provided by staff member Tim Thompson.
 - Questions asked and answered.
 - Discussion ensued.

Honorary Naming of Post Street Bridge

- Presentation provided by staff member Tim Thompson.
- Questions asked and answered.
- Discussion ensued.

5th Avenue Community Plan Overview

- Presentation provided by staff member Maren Murphy.
- Questions asked and answered.
- Discussion ensued.

Workshop Adjourned at 3:53 PM.

The next regularly scheduled Plan Commission meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 26, 2025.