

Spokane Plan Commission - Minutes

Wednesday, June 25, 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:

- Commission Members Present: President Jesse Bank, VP Ryan Patterson, David Edwards, Greg Francis, Amber Lenhart, Carole Shook, Tim Williams, Jill Yotz
- Commission Members Not Present: Tyler Tamoush
- *Quorum Present:* Yes
- Non-Voting Members Present: Mary Winkes (Community Assembly Liaison)
- Non-Voting Members Not present: Kitty Klitzke (Council Member Liaison)
- Staff Members Present: Angie McCall, Spencer Gardner, Tirrell Black, Maren Murphy, Kevin Freibott, KayCee Downey, Logan Callen, Sarah Sirott, Jackie Johnsen, Brandon Whitmarsh, Tim Thompson, Tim Fischer

Minutes: Minutes from 6/11/2025 approved 7-0-1.

Briefing Session:

- **Commission President Report - Jesse Bank**
 - Jesse stated that there are several applications for the open position on the Plan Commission. He asked if any current commissioners would be willing to volunteer to work with staff to interview candidates and make recommendations that then go to the Mayor's office. Greg Francis, Amber Lenhart and Jesse Bank volunteered.
- **Transportation Commission Liaison Report - Ryan Patterson**
 - Ryan mentioned that at the last meeting they received an update on the Sharp Avenue Permeable Pavement pilot project that was five years ago. It was a study into whether it worked, how much it cost, and whether it filtered water. They will also be presenting the study results to the Department of Ecology. It compared regular asphalt, permeable asphalt, and permeable concrete all interspersed along various blocks of Sharp Avenue. Her takeaway was that it could be a viable solution if you could not put a swale in.
 - They also went over the TBD (Transportation Benefit District) residential projects. Each Transportation Commissioner are going to work on surveying those projects by district and rating them to give helpful feedback.
 - They also presented the 2025 adaptive projects, the ones that are going to use non-permanent structures (i.e. bump outs, armadillos, candle separators, concrete separators). There are trials of these various types throughout the city.
 - There are some updates to the Bicycle Master Plan that may require an emergency amendment because they are not doing a Comprehensive Plan Update this year to get some projects on the books.
 - Finally, there was a presentation regarding Right-of-Way Vacation and the process for someone wanting to vacate a street. It is on a case-by-case basis.
- **City Council Liaison Report - Kitty Klitzke (Absent)**
 - No report as CM Klitzke was absent.

- **Community Assembly Liaison Report - Mary Winkes**
 - Mary had no report as there was not a CA meeting since the last PC meeting.
- **Secretary Report - Tirrell Black in lieu of Spencer Gardner**
 - Tirrell stated that Spencer is here and will be speaking to a couple of workshop items and will be asking for those to be considered to go to hearings. He needs to leave early hence she is stepping in as secretary today.
 - Tirrell also noted that as far as PlanSpokane 2046 goes there will be a climate planning presentation today and the chapter review, so they are continuing to work on that big project.
 - City Council passed the interim zoning ordinance allowing commercial uses in a PUD (Planned Unit Development). Per Greg's request, Spencer elaborated and clarified some items regarding this ordinance.
 - We have one job posted in our department on the city's website for a principal planner to help fill that vacancy.

Current Agenda: The current agenda was approved unanimously.

Workshop(s):

- Climate Planning Phase 1 Wrap-Up
 - Presentation provided by staff member Maren Murphy.
 - Questions asked and answered.
 - Discussion ensued.
- Addressing Code Revisions, Request for Hearing: [SMC 17D.050A.040](#), [SMC 17D.050A.050](#), [SMC 17D.050A.100](#), [SMC 17D.050A.160](#)
 - Presentation provided by Planning Director Spencer Gardner.
 - Questions asked and answered.
 - Discussion ensued.
 - **Motion:** I [Commissioner Francis] move that we take this item [Addressing Code Revisions] to hearing. Seconded by Vice President Patterson. Passed unanimously, 8-0-0.
- Streets, Alleys, and Driveways Adjustments: [SMC 17A.020.030](#), [SMC 17A.020.040](#), [SMC 17A.020.120](#), [SMC 17A.020.160](#), [SMC 17G.010.130](#), [SMC 17H.010.015](#), [SMC 17H.010.090](#)
 - Presentation provided by Planning Director Spencer Gardner.
 - Questions asked and answered.
 - Discussion ensued.
 - **Motion:** I [Commissioner Francis] move that we advance this [Streets, Alleys, and Driveways Adjustments] to hearing. Seconded by Vice President Patterson. Passed unanimously, 8-0-0.
- PlanSpokane 2046: Chapter Review Update
 - Presentation provided by staff member Kevin Freibott.
 - Questions asked and answered.
 - Discussion ensued.

Workshops Adjourned at 3:48 PM.

The next regularly scheduled Plan Commission meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 9, 2025.