

Spokane Plan Commission - Minutes

Wednesday, October 22, 2025

Hybrid Meeting in Council Briefing Center & Microsoft Teams Teleconference

Meeting Minutes: Plan Commission Workshop called to order at 2:01 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, Greg Francis, Amber Lenhart, Kyle Madsen, Tim Williams, Jill Yotz
- Board Members Not Present: David Edwards, Carole Shook, Tyler Tamoush
- Non-Voting Members Present: Mary Winkes (Community Assembly Liaison), CM Kitty Klitzke (Council Member Liaison)
- Non-Voting Members Not present: None
- *Quorum Present:* Yes
- Staff Members Present: Spencer Gardner, Angie McCall, Kevin Freibott, KayCee Downey, Emily King, Sarah Sirott, Tirrell Black, Tim Thompson, Emily King, Megan Kapaun, Maren Murphy, Inga Note

Minutes: Minutes from 10/8/2025 approved unanimously.

Briefing Session:

- **Community Assembly Liaison Report - Mary Winkes (Absent)**
 - Mary had nothing to report.
- **Transportation Commission Liaison Report - Ryan Patterson**
 - Ryan mentioned the following items:
 - a. SRTC's new plan is now available and is up for public comment through the first week of November.
 - b. Spokane Transit Authority (STA) did a presentation on 26 service revisions. One of the highlights was that they analyzed over the last couple of years people taking the bus (including Peaceful Valley with low ridership) so they are changing part of that route. They are also increasing routes in Hillyard. They are also building some new shelters and light optimization. They will officially be publishing their 2035 initiative on November 5th.
 - c. There was a presentation on some upcoming street projects that are in the contemplation not yet designed phase.
 - d. The TBD (Transportation Benefit District which is the \$20 fee that you pay when you register your car, of which has been the same fee for 20 years), has an exemption that was written into the bill for vehicles that are over 6,000 pounds. The council will have to send this off to the state level if they want this changed.
 - e. There was another paring down of the Traffic Calming project list. Currently the list has 8 million dollars' worth of projects and only 5 million dollars' worth of funding.
 - f. There was a hearing about the Shared Street Ordinance that was deferred until next month.
- **Commission President Report - Jesse Bank**

- President Bank mentioned the open house for the Parking to People incentive/possible expansion with Senator Riccelli is tomorrow at the Central Library (all of this information was sent out via email). This could be a very powerful incentive to open up housing construction/activate vacant parcels citywide. He encouraged anyone that is interested to attend.
- **Secretary Report - Spencer Gardner**
 - Spencer mentioned that Commissioner Edwards has resigned from the Plan Commission. They are hoping to get the position filled soon and are working with the Mayor's office on getting applications for not only this position but to also replace those whose terms are ending soon.
 - Spencer introduced the new Plan Commissioner Kyle Madsen.
 - Those commissioners who expressed interest in the Transportation and/or Capital Facilities group(s) for the subcommittee should have received an email asking for you to provide input on the dates and times that you could meet. Please respond asap so that we can get these scheduled. Spencer mentioned that Commissioner Madsen, himself and President Bank could catch up afterwards regarding this.
 - They wanted to highlight the [Climate Explorer Tool](#) and encourage everyone to take a quick look at that. It is basically a collection of guiding policies that should be considered by cities to meet climate goals. A lot of these policies will be discussed as we are working through the climate element of the comp plan.
 - There is a joint special meeting scheduled next week with the Climate Resilience and Sustainability Board on Wednesday, October 29, 2025, at 2:00pm in the Briefing Center.
 - The Cannon Hill Historic District came forward to City Council at the Urban Experience committee meeting on Monday. It is working its way through the council process. CM Cathcart brought forward a resolution that is related to the consideration of historic districts. He was interested in the discussion that was had at your hearing on the topic and the dissenting voter that submitted their opinion. His resolution has to do with future designations of historic districts. The language around that resolution is somewhat still in flux but the goal is that there would be a higher level of scrutiny in the early stages of a historic district being considered. CM Klitzke added that the goal of this body is to think of it more comprehensively and how it impacts the entire city, future growth, and coordination with the comp plan. If you have feedback feel free to email CM Klitzke or CM Cathcart. Spencer also mentioned that the resolution talks about a desire for a Historic Preservation plan to help guide the decision making.
- **Council Liaison Report - Kitty Klitzke**
 - No report at this time. CM Klitzke instead gave comments in the other reports as noted.

Current Agenda: The current agenda was approved unanimously.

Workshop(s):

- PlanSpokane 2046: Review of Alternatives, Status Report on Draft EIS which is expected in December 2025.
 - Presentation provided by staff member Tirrell Black and consultant BERK
 - Questions asked and answered.
 - Discussion ensued.
- PlanSpokane 2046: Discussion of Potential Land Use Category Changes
 - Presentation provided by Kevin Freibott.
 - Questions asked and answered.
 - Discussion ensued.

Workshop Adjourned at 3:49 PM.

Hybrid Meeting in City Hall Council Chambers & Microsoft Teams Teleconference for Plan Commission Hearing

Plan Commission Hearing called to order at 4:00 pm by President Jesse Bank.

Attendance for Plan Commission Hearing(s):

- Commission Members Present: Jesse Bank, Ryan Patterson, Greg Francis, Amber Lenhart, Kyle Madsen, Tim Williams, Jill Yotz
- Commission Members Not Present: David Edwards (resigned), Carole Shook, Tyler Tamoush
- *Quorum Present: Yes*
- Non-Voting Members Present: Mary Winkes (Community Assembly Liaison)
- Non-Voting Members Not Present: None
- Staff Members Present: Angie McCall, Spencer Gardner, Kevin Freibott, Brandon Whitmarsh, Jessica Stratton, Megan Kapaun, Inga Note

Hearing:

- Z25-499COMP – Capital Improvement Program
 - Presentation provided by staff members Kevin Freibott.
 - No questions were asked.
 - There was no public testimony therefore President Bank moved past it.
 - Motion stated below and seconded.
 - No deliberation.

Motion

- *I [Ryan Patterson] move that we recommend Z25-499COMP to the City Council. Seconded by Greg Francis.*
 - No deliberation.
 - Motion passes unanimously 7-0-0.
 - Co-Living SMC Update
 - Presentation provided by staff member Brandon Whitmarsh.
 - Questions asked and answered.
 - There was no public testimony therefore President Bank moved past it.
 - Motion stated below and seconded.
- #### Motion
- *I [Ryan Patterson] move that we update the SMC to adopt the Co-Living as presented by staff to City Council. Seconded by Jill Yotz.*
 - Deliberation ensued.
 - Motion passes 7-0-0.

Plan Commission Hearing called to order at 4:24 pm by President Jesse Bank.

The next special Plan Commission meeting with the Climate Resilience and Sustainability Board is scheduled for Wednesday, October 29, 2025.