

Spokane Plan Commission - Minutes

Wednesday, February 11, 2026

Hybrid Meeting in Council Briefing Center & Microsoft Teams Teleconference

Meeting Minutes: Plan Commission Workshop called to order at 2:05 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: Jesse Bank, Ryan Patterson, Amber Lenhart, Kyle Madsen, Jill Yotz
- Commission Members Not Present: Tim Williams, Tyler Tamoush
- Non-Voting Members Present: Community Assembly Liaison Linda Carroll
- Non-Voting Members Not present: CM Kitty Klitzke (Council Member Liaison)
- *Quorum Present:* Yes
- Staff Members Present: Spencer Gardner, Emily King, Kevin Freibott, KayCee Downey, Tirrell Black, Della Mutungi, Brandon Whitmarsh, Sarah Sirott, Tim Thompson, Tyler Kimbrell

Minutes: Minutes from 1/28/2026 approved unanimously.

Briefing Session:

- **Commission President Report - Jesse Bank**
 - President Bank is continuing to monitor land use related items in legislature. He encouraged everyone to follow along as legislature moves into the final stretch.
- **Secretary Report - Spencer Gardner**
 - Spencer first welcomed Linda Carroll, the new Community Assembly Liaison for Plan Commission. Linda introduced herself to the Plan Commission. She grew up in Spokane, has degrees from Princeton and Harvard, and taught at Gonzaga and Tulane. She moved back to Spokane and now lives near Corbin Park.
 - City Council passed an ordinance on Monday to dissolve the Design Review Board and send those powers to Plan Commission. As adopted, the Plan Commission would convene a Design Review subcommittee on an ad hoc basis in response to applications. The subcommittee would be composed of three Plan Commission members and a Design professional from around the city who would like to serve. The ordinance also excludes some projects from design review altogether. Specifically childcare centers and conversions of commercial buildings to residential buildings would be excluded. Depending on the scope and size of a project, it may also be determined that only an administrative review is necessary.
 - Spencer is planning to bring the Plan Commission workplan forward to City Council.
 - City Council voted on Monday to change the regular meeting dates of their legislative meetings. They voted to move the meetings to Wednesday evenings. This may impact Plan Commission hearings that run long, one option would be to hold hearings here in the Briefing Center rather than moving to Chambers.
- **Transportation Commission Liaison Report - Ryan Patterson**
 - Vice-President Patterson had nothing to report.

Current Agenda: The current agenda was approved unanimously.

Workshop(s):

- PlanSpokane 2046: Land Use Strategy
 - Presentation provided by Kevin Freibott and KayCee Downey.
 - Questions asked and answered.
 - Discussion ensued.

Workshop Adjourned at 4:02 PM.

The next regularly scheduled Plan Commission meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 25, 2026.