

# Spokane Plan Commission - Minutes

Wednesday, February 25, 2026

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.

- None

## **Attendance for Plan Commission Workshop:**

- Board Members Present: Jesse Bank, Ryan Patterson, Amber Lenhart, Kyle Madsen, Tim Williams, Jill Yotz
- Board Members Not Present: Tyler Tamoush
- Non-Voting Members Present: Linda Carroll (Community Assembly Liaison), CM Kitty Klitzke (Council Member Liaison)
- Non-Voting Members Not present:
- *Quorum Present:* Yes
- Staff Members Present: Spencer Gardner, Emily King, Tirrell Black, Maren Murphy, KayCee Downey, Sarah Sirott, Kevin Freibott, Brandon Whitmarsh, Tyler Kimbrell, Tim Thompson, Colin Quinn-Hurst

**Minutes:** Minutes from 2/11/2026 approved unanimously.

## **Briefing Session:**

- **Council Liaison Report - Kitty Klitzke**
  - CM Klitzke discussed that legislature is in session and they have several priority bills, which is keeping Council very busy.
  - Council is hearing a lot about neighborhood commercial, which may come up with the Plan Commission in the future. Changes could be made before the Comprehensive Plan is updated.
- **Community Assembly Liaison Report - Linda Carroll**
  - Community Assembly has not met since the last Plan Commission meeting.
- **Commission President Report - Jesse Bank**
  - President Bank discussed that we are working through chapter review subcommittees. Many commissioners just came from the Land Use Chapter Review Subcommittee meeting, which had a robust conversation.
- **Secretary Report - Spencer Gardner**
  - Spencer is taking the version of the Plan Commission workplan that has been discussed here to City Council during the March Urban Experience meeting.
  - We will be at the Council study session tomorrow presenting on the Comprehensive Plan. You are welcome to watch the meeting on City Cable 5 tomorrow at 11am.
  - The first Plan Commission meeting in April is on April 8<sup>th</sup>, which is during spring break. We can leave it as is, or we could look at rescheduling. There may be a hearing on during that meeting as well. There is still some time to decide, so we can keep tabs on it.
- **Transportation Commission Liaison Report - Ryan Patterson**
  - SRTC noted that they are updating their Public Participation Plan.
  - WSDOT is moving forward with the design phase of the Liberty Park Land Bridge project.

- There was a presentation on the Thorpe Road tunnel study that consultants completed. There are two tunnels being looked at - one has the Fish Lake Trail above it, the other has an active BNSF line above it that is South-bound traffic for 19 trains a day. They've identified some alternatives to just making the existing tunnel bigger. They have a matrix that identifies pros, cons, costs, and access.
- There was a presentation on the local commercial parking tax, as well as some public comment about where the exceptions are for long term parking, and input from downtown and parking lot owners.
- There was an update on Shared Streets, which worked in feedback from the previous meeting. That will likely be going to hearing at the next meeting.
- There was also a hearing on the Grand Blvd restriping. This does not go to City Council next, it is a recommendation to staff, because a project is already planned for the repaving of the road. Unanimously the commission voted to adopt the option that is a three-lane road. There was a lot of public comment and staff gave a very detailed presentation. This project will likely be built in 2027.

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

**Workshop(s):**

- Conveyance of Climate Resilience and Sustainability Board policy package to meet Climate Element requirements
  - Presentation provided by: Tirrell Black & Maren Murphy
  - Questions asked and answered.
  - Discussion ensued.
- PlanSpokane 2046: Preferred Alternative
  - Presentation provided by: Tirrell Black
  - Questions asked and answered.
  - Discussion ensued.

Workshop Adjourned at 3:46 PM.

The next regularly scheduled Plan Commission meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 11, 2026.