

Spokane Plan Commission - Minutes

Wednesday, March 11, 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:

- Commission Members Present: Jesse Bank, Ryan Patterson, Kyle Madsen, Tim Williams, Jill Yotz
- Commission Members Not Present: Amber Lenhart, 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, Tim Thompson, Tyler Kimbrell, Tirrell Black, KayCee Downey, Kevin Freibott, Lorena Croucher, Sarah Sirott, Kevin Picanco, Brandon Whitmarsh, Maren Murphy

Minutes: Minutes from 2/25/2026 approved unanimously.

Briefing Session:

- **City Council Liaison Report - Kitty Klitzke**
 - Council meets with representation from Community Assembly who represent the Neighborhood Councils. They created a group to review the neighborhood chapters of the Comprehensive Plan and gather their collective feedback. They felt like their feedback has not been addressed.
 - People are interested in more flexibility for neighborhood commercial. There is also concern for health impacts of some uses. There is interest in doing something to have more neighborhood commercial sooner rather than later, but also expanding the health impact areas.
 - CM Klitzke is working on an ADA Access Ordinance that could come before Plan Commission because with providers and different interests at the table, we are struggling to figure out what the definitions should be.
- **Community Assembly Liaison Report - Linda Carroll**
 - Linda provided a clarification about the misinterpretation that the Steering Committee made of the Commerce Department's assessment tool. Linda referred the misinterpretation to the Land Use Committee of the Community Assembly. A written clarification was made in the Community Assembly minutes.
- **Commission President Report - Jesse Bank**
 - The Legislative Session is coming to an end. Once the session is over, it may make sense to do a rundown of land use related items that have made it through to Governor Ferguson's desk.
- **Secretary Report - Spencer Gardner**
 - We had some discussion about our meeting on April 8th. The plan is to cancel that meeting and not hold a makeup meeting.
 - We are also planning to hold a special hearing for the Preferred Alternative on Tuesday, April 14th at 2pm in Council Chambers.

- That same week, we are planning to hold a joint meeting with City Council on April 16th at 11am.
- The Plan Commission Work Plan for 2026/2027 will be at Urban Experience on Monday.
- **Transportation Commission Liaison Report - Ryan Patterson**
 - The Transportation Commission will not meet until next week.

Current Agenda: The current agenda was approved unanimously.

Workshop(s):

- Code Modernization Existing Conditions Assessment
 - Presentation provided by Tim Thompson.
 - Questions asked and answered.
 - Discussion ensued.
- PlanSpokane 2046: Capital Facilities/Utilities
 - Presentation provided by Tyler Kimbrell.
 - Questions asked and answered.
 - Discussion ensued.
- PlanSpokane 2046: Preferred Alternative
 - Presentation provided by Tirrell Black.
 - Questions asked and answered.
 - Discussion ensued.

Motion: *I [Ryan Patterson] move to take the Preferred Alternative to hearing on April 14th, 2026. Seconded by Commissioner Williams.*

Motion passes unanimously, 5-0-0.

Workshop Adjourned at 3:59 PM.

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