

Plan Commission – Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 13, 2026

City Council Briefing Center

Meeting called to order at 2:00 PM by President Bank

Public Comment: Citizens are invited to address the Plan Commission on any topic not on the agenda. 3 Minutes each.

- *None*

Attendance:

- Commission Members Present: Jesse Bank, Ryan Patterson, Amber Lenhart, Kyle Madsen, David Rasanen, Tyler Tamoush, Tim Williams, Jill Yotz
- Commission Members Not Present: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)
- Non-Voting Members Present: Community Assembly Liaison Linda Carroll
- Non-Voting Members Not Present: Councilmember Kitty Klitzke
- *Quorum Present: Yes*
- Staff Members Present: Spencer Gardner, Emily King, KayCee Downey, Kevin Freibott, Brandon Whitmarsh, Hollis Staal, Tirrell Black, Megan Kapaun, Kiera Randal, Sarah Sirott

Minutes: Minutes from 4/22/2026 approved unanimously.

Briefing Session:

- **Community Assembly Liaison Report** – Linda Carroll
 - During the May 7th Community Assembly meeting, Linda reported that the Plan Commission voted to recommend the Preferred Alternative to City Council. Noting a short timeline until the Council's decision, she urged members to review the maps and refer comments and questions to the Plan Commission and City Council.
 - At that same meeting, the chair of the Land Use Committee expressed concern that the current planning documents have removed, for most chapters, the role of the neighborhood councils in planning. The assembly voted to send the Planning Department, Mayor, and City Council a letter expressing that concern and requesting that the planning documents be updated prior to the City Council's review of the drafts.
- **President Report** – Jesse Bank
 - President Bank did not provide a report.
- **Secretary Report** – Spencer Gardner
 - Spencer first had Megan introduce the Legal department's new intern, Kiera Randal. Kiera just started this week and will be here full time through the summer. She will attend Plan Commission meetings and will provide legal support through the summer.
 - May 18th is the anticipated adoption date for the Preferred Alternative with City Council. If Council successfully adopts that, we can start moving forward and get to the next phase of the Comprehensive Plan.
 - Spencer also presented an idea for an off-site field trip. Staff has been talking about visiting the new development in Airway Heights. It could also be an opportunity for the Plan Commission to check it out and see what's going on elsewhere in the region. This would probably take place late summer.
- **Transportation Commission Liaison Report** – Ryan Patterson
 - There hasn't been a Transportation Commission meeting, but Vice-President Patterson did remind everyone that it is Bike to Work Week and Bike Everywhere Month. There are lots of events surrounding that, as well as some other non-car transportation efforts that will be happening this summer. Spokane Bike Club is the managing sponsor, they have a whole list of all the events taking place. The Bicycle Advisory Board will be having a field trip on Tuesday on the South Hill as well.

Current Agenda: The current agenda was approved.

Informational, Discussion and/or Action Items:

- PlanSpokane 2046: Chapter Review Update
 - Presentation provided by: KayCee Downey
 - Questions asked and answered.
 - Discussion ensued.

- PlanSpokane 2046: Growth Strategy
 - Presentation provided by: Kevin Freibott, Brandon Whitmarsh, Hollis Staal
 - Questions asked and answered.
 - Discussion ensued.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:46 PM.

The next regularly scheduled Plan Commission Meeting is on Wednesday, May 27, 2026.