

Spokane PC Transportation Sub-Committee Minutes

July 21, 2020

City Council Briefing Center

Meeting Minutes: Meeting called to order at 9:05 AM by John Dietzman

Attendance:

- Subcommittee Members Present: Charles Hansen, Paul Kropp, Raychel Callary, Eve McMenamy, Charlene Kay, Mike Tresidder, Rhonda Young, Kitty Klitzke, John Dietzman (Chair), CM Michael Cathcart, Heleen Dewey
- Subcommittee Members Not Present: Dennis Morford, John Vansant, Joe Tortorelli, Todd Beyreuther,
- *Quorum Present: Yes*
- Staff Members Present: Louis Meuler, Inga Note, Colin Quinn-Hurst, Jackie Churchill

Public Comment:

None

Briefing Session:

Minutes from the April 14, 2020 meeting approved unanimously.

1. Chair Report - John Dietzman

- Mr. Dietzman reported that arterial and residential maintenance projects will not be on the 6 Year plan in the future, only Capital Projects such as major rebuild and infrastructure projects. It is unclear how the arterial and maintenance will be handled in the future. Spokane TBD fee is still on hold but Citizen Transportation Advisory Board (CTAB) is still active and is going to meet in August to review the CTAB annual report for 2019. He also welcomed two new members of the Plan Commission, Tom Sanderson and Clifford Winger.

2. Secretary Report - Louis Meuler-

- Mr. Meuler reported that there are several on-going City directed studies related to trails, including a South University District study, and one about connecting Sandifer Bridge to Fish Lake Trail. Also in progress are Spokane Regional Transportation Council studies regarding Division St. and the 1-95 Corridor. He also stated that PCTS will have to replace Dennis Morford and Joe Tortorelli as PCTS members.

3. Council Liaison Report - Michael Cathcart

- CM Cathcart reported that City Council is in the process of hiring a Neighborhood Transportation Policy employee who would lead on council initiatives related to transportation.

4. Stakeholders Report -

- Kitty Klitzke, Futurewise- Reported that Futurewise is putting together a Bill to address climate change, a package of 8 bills. Joe Fitzgibbon, a member of the Washington House of Representatives, representing the 34th district, is leading this effort. Futurewise is also working on a regional food plan and is launching a survey that will ask if transportation is an issue leading to lack of food access.
- Paul Kropp, Neighborhood Alliance - Reported that the PeTT committee will do a review of trails in Spokane County at its next meeting and then in August the PeTT Committee will look at bridges. In September, CM Beggs will lead a participant discussion on Traffic Calming and how to fund projects.
- Rachel Callary, Lilac Services for the Blind - She is hoping to address new curb cut installation in Spokane, many of the new curb cuts cause low vision users to go out of their line of

direction. She is hoping to find a person/group to address this issue so that Spokane can get directional curb cuts that would help people with low vision to safely cross roads.

- Heleen Dewey, Spokane Regional Health District (SRHD)– Reported that she has been activated full time for Covid response duties and she has accepted position as Health Equity Specialist, however Amber Lenhart will replace Heleen Dewey as a PCTS member.
- Eve McMenemy, Spokane Regional Transportation Council (SRTC) - Reported that SRTC studies, 1-95 and Division St., are in full swing. She is also working on policy improvements to deliver federal funding more quickly to the region.
- Mike Tresidder, Spokane Transit Authority (STA) - Reported that construction in Spokane is continuing; there is Riverside construction at the Plaza which will go through September. The STA Board passed Community Access Pass which allows non-profits to offer lower rates for buses and van pool. As of July 1, STA is collecting fares again and buses require face coverings. STA does anticipate revenue loss but operates debt free and is looking for operational savings to compensate. STA is seeing rebound in ridership after Covid outbreak. STA still on schedule to get electric buses.
- Rhonda Young, Bicycle Advisory Board (BAB) - Reported that BAB reviewed Bike Plan Amendments and Fish Lake Trail Connections study at last meeting. BAB will be discussing the Restaurant & Retail Expansion program that allows businesses to use street space to expand restaurant and retail activity and possible barriers that are keeping businesses from utilizing this program. BAB also created Sub-committees including a Covid-response team.

Workshops/Presentations:

1. Comp. Plan Transportation Chapter amendments related to Bicycle and Railroad Infrastructure

- Presentation provided by Inga Note and Colin Quinn-Hurst
- Questions asked and answered
- Discussion ensued

2. Street Standards Updates

- Presentation provided by Inga Note
- Questions asked and answered
- Discussion ensued

Meeting Adjourned at 10:19 AM

Next Plan Commission Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, August 11, 2020