

Spokane PC Transportation Sub-Committee

October 6, 2020

City Council Briefing Center

Meeting Minutes: Meeting called to order at 9:00 AM by John Dietzman

Attendance:

- Subcommittee Members Present: Charles Hansen, Paul Kropp, Raychel Callary, Eve McMenemy, Mike Tresidder, Rhonda Young, Kitty Klitzke, John Dietzman (Chair), CM Michael Cathcart, Amber Lenhart
- Subcommittee Members Not Present: Charlene Kay, Todd Beyreuther, John VanSant
- *Quorum Present: yes*
- Staff Members Present: Louis Meuler, Jackie Churchill, Nathan Anunson

Public Comment:

none

Briefing Session:

Minutes from the August 11, 2020 meeting approved. The three new PCTS members abstained from voting.

- **Chair Report - John Dietzman**
 - Mr. Dietzman reported that he put forth a proposal to reconstitute the Citizen Transportation Advisory Board (CTAB) with a new charter to expand the Board's advisory capacity to include reviewing arterial street maintenance projects.
- **Secretary Report - Louis Meuler-**
 - Mr. Meuler reported that Mr. Dietzman's term as Chairman of the PCTS and as Plan Commissioner will end this December. A new chair and lieutenant chair will be assigned by the Plan Commission.
 - Mr. Meuler introduced three new members on the PCTS: Mary Winkes, Community Assembly Liaison to the Plan Commission, Thomas Sanderson, Citizen Transportation Advisory Board, and Clifford Winger, Plan Commissioner.
 - Mr. Meuler is also facilitating the search for representatives from CTAB and GSI.
- **Council Liaison Report - Michael Cathcart**
 - CM Cathcart introduced Shauna Harshman who is working for City Council as a transportation-neighborhood policy advisor. He also reported that the City Council will be focusing on budget items for the next couple months.
 - Shauna Harshman introduced herself to the Plan Commission Transportation Subcommittee.
- **Stakeholders Report -**
 - Kitty Klitzke, Futurewise - Ms. Klitzke reported that Futurewise has proposed a suite of bills called "Washington Can't Wait" that will address climate change and housing and transportation. The bills on are the Futurewise website.
 - Paul Kropp, Neighborhood Alliance - Mr. Kropp brought to the attention of the PCTS the Spokane Regional Transportation Council's objective to renew its long range plan.
 - Rachel Callary, Lilac Services for the Blind - Ms. Callary brought to the attention of the PCTS the discussion about bike lanes, and possibility that they will be added on Boone.
 - Amber Lenhart, Spokane Regional Health District (SRHD) - Ms. Lenhart reported that the WALK, BIKE, BUS program is expanding and the Walking Bus program will be starting up again and will incorporate safe social distancing practices.

- Mike Tresidder, Spokane Transit Authority (STA) - Mr. Tresidder reported that the City Line construction is underway. The STA will release a couple surveys; one that addresses change in the timeline on the City Line and another about service changes that will occur in May 2022. The bus routes will change to be more efficient and to connect to the City Line.
- Rhonda Young, Bicycle Advisory Board (BAB) - Ms. Young reported that BAB held a workshop that looked at the Downtown Master plan and bicycle connectivity there. They have also been discussing bicycle detours in construction zones and how to make them better. Ms. Young added that on October 1st, Washington became the 5th state to adopt the safety stop, which legally allows bicyclists to treat stop signs as yield signs.
- Thomas Sanderson and Clifford Winger, Plan Commission (PC) - Thomas Sanderson and Clifford Winger introduced themselves as new PCTS members from the Plan Commission.
- Mary Winkes, Plan Commission/Community Assembly Liaison - Ms. Winkes reported that she will communicate with the Community Assembly in order to add Mr. Dietzman's CTAB proposal to the CA agenda.
- Charles Hansen, Whitman Neighborhood Council, PeTT Committee - Mr. Hansen reported that ADA ramps have been installed in Whitman Neighborhood.
- Eve McMenemy Spokane Regional Transportation Council (SRTC) - Ms. McMenemy reported that SRTC is looking at their long term planning and how they might fund future plans. SRTC is also working on the US 195 corridor project in partnership with the City of Spokane.

Workshops/Presentations:

1. SRTC Division Street Study

- Presentation provided by Jason Lien and Mike Tresidder
- Questions asked and answered
- Discussion ensued

2. Fish Lake Trail Connection Study

- Presentation provided by Nathan Anunson
- Questions asked and answered
- Discussion ensued

Meeting Adjourned at 10:37 AM

Next Plan Commission Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, December 1, 2020