

Spokane PC Transportation Sub-Committee Minutes

February 1, 2022

City Council Briefing Center

Meeting Minutes: Meeting called to order at 9:00 AM by Clifford Winger

Attendance:

- Subcommittee Members Present: Clifford Winger (Chair), Mary Winkes (Vice Chair), Charles Hansen, Paul Kropp, Raychel Callary, Eve McMenamy, Charlene Kay, Mike Tresidder, Rhonda Young, Michelle Pappas, John Vansant
- Subcommittee Members Not Present: Cindy Green, Todd Beyreuther
- Non-Voting Subcommittee Members Not Present: Council Member Jonathan Bingle
- *Quorum Present: yes*
- Staff Members Present: Louis Meuler, Colin Quinn-Hurst, Jackie Churchill, Kevin Picanco, KayCee Downey, Shauna Harshman, Kevin Picanco, Nicolette Ocheltree, Scotty Nicol, Katherine Miller

Public Comment:

None

Briefing Session:

Minutes from the December 7, 2021 meeting approved with corrections. Paul Kropp made an addition to his stakeholder report installed infrastructure for flashing speed signs but have not yet built the signs. Mike Tresidder stated that the name the SRTC plan should be: Plan in Horizon 2045.

1. Chair Report - Mary Winkes reporting for Clifford Winger

- Ms. Winkes reported that Chair Clifford Winger is unable to make it to today's meeting. Mary Winkes thanked Louis Meuler for his hard work and all his help.

2. Secretary Report - Colin Quinn-Hurst

- Colin Quinn-Hurst reported that Louis Meuler is retiring from the Interim Planning Director position and moving on to another job opportunity.
- The new Planning Director, Spencer Gardner, will start on February 8th. Additionally, two new planners have been hired, KayCee Downey and Tyler Kimbrel.
- He reported that there is one more Plan Commission member nomination moving forward and there is still one vacancy yet to be filled.
- Louis Meuler thanked all of the volunteers for their hard work for the city.

3. Council Liaison Report - Council Member Jonathan Bingle - Nicolette Ocheltree reporting for CM Bingle

- Nicolette Ocheltree reported that CM Bingle was unable to make it to the meeting.

4. Stakeholders Report -

- Michelle Pappas, Futurewise - Ms. Pappas introduced herself as the Spokane Program Manager for Futurewise, which is a land and water policy non-profit.
- Paul Kropp, Neighborhood Alliance - Mr. Kropp commented on the SRTC announcement that they are doing a travel survey, which will be sent out to 80,000 households randomly chosen households. This is the first time a travel survey has been done in Spokane County since 2005.
- Rachel Callary, Lilac Services for the Blind - Ms. Callary reported that she attended Transportation Research Board Annual Meeting and learned that Spokane is discussing issues

such as floating bus stops, micro mobility and that Spokane is working to increase pedestrian accessibility.

- Mike Tresidder, Spokane Transit Authority (STA)- Reported that the Board did approve the bus fare policy revisions and they are working on implementation, which includes a new smart card and a smart phone app. This is expected to roll out in the fall of 2022. He also reported that the STA, along with City of Spokane and Spokane County, received a \$405,000 grant from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to study land use along Division Corridor. Finally, STA is experiencing a 10% reduced service due to operator shortages. Service is expected to return to normal by February 4th.
- Charlene Kay, Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) - Reported that there are ongoing North Spokane Corridor (NSC) coordination efforts with the East Central community to look at how the NSC will connect with I-90. Also, there is proposed legislation under way that looks at the right of way around the NSC which could be used for affordable housing and redevelopment after the NSC is completed.
- Charles Hansen, Whitman Neighborhood Council, PeTT Committee - Mr. Hansen reported that the PeTT Committee elected a new chair, Randy McGlenn, and a new secretary, Carol Tomsic. He thanked Paul Kropp for his service as the previous Chair of PeTT and thanked Louis Meuler for his work as well.
- Eve McMenamy, Spokane Regional Transportation Council (SRTC)- Reported that the SRTC Household Travel survey purpose is to update SRTC's Travel Demand Model, which looks at trip behaviors. Those who receive an invitation to complete the survey will be able to do so using an app. The upcoming call for projects will open February 11th. Also, SRTC is working Critical Urban Trade Corridor designations and an upcoming call for projects with the state of Washington regarding freight.
- John VanSant, Spokane Public Schools- Reported that there is a new Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB) crossing at Helena and Rogers Highschool.
- Rhonda Young, Bicycle Advisory Board (BAB) - Reported that the BAB did a workshop on the Fish Lake trail that looked at all the connections needed to complete the trail out to Cheney. She also reported that new downtown parking meters are going to be installed which use half as many meters as before. The BAB is looking into turning the decommissioned meters into bicycle parking spots. The BAB is also looking at construction detours and a subcommittee of the BAB sent a letter the Engineering and Streets department requesting the creation of some construction detour standards. Finally, Colin Quinn-Hurst is creating a yearly update on the Bicycle Advisory Board that will also include safety data and trends.

Workshops/Presentations:

1. Update Rules of Procedure Rule 2.1.3 - Council Member liaison

- Presentation provided by Mary Winkes, PCTS Vice Chair
- Questions asked and answered
- Discussion ensued

Paul Kropp motioned to amend the language of Rule 2.1.3 to say “The City Council member who serves as a member of the subcommittee shall do so in a non-voting capacity”

Mike Tresidder seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

2. 6-Year Streets Program Update

- Presentation provided by Kevin Picanco
- Questions asked and answered
- Discussion ensued

3. Roadways of Significance Definition

- Presentation provided by Kevin Picanco
- Questions asked and answered
- Discussion ensued

Shauna Harshman gave an update on the traffic calming program; Integrated Capital Management is working on a request for proposals for the engineering firm that will participate in the upcoming community workshops regarding traffic calming. Ms. Harshman also reported that the Transportation Benefit District is making changes to the project list for 2022 and 2023 due to a significant increase in materials costs.

Randy McGlenn, Chair of Citizen Transportation Advisory Board (CTAB), reported that CTAB is working on updating CTAB processes and filling vacancies on the Board.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:05 AM

Next Plan Commission Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 1, 2022