

STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

City of Spokane

Urban Experience Committee

12/13/21 – MINUTES

Attendance

City Employees: Hannahlee Allers, Kris Becker, Marlene Feist, Garrett Jones, Raylene Gennett, Clint Harris, David Paine, Richard Giddings, Eldon Brown, CM Karen Stratton, CM Lori Kinnear, CM Betsy Wilkerson, Michael Sloon, CP Breean Beggs, CM Michael Cathcart, Eric Finch, Marlene Feist, Michelle Loucks, Brian McClatchey, Kara Odegard, Tonya Wallace, Meghann Steinolfson, CM Kate Burke, CM Candace Mumm, Matt Boston

Non-City Employees: Tara Alfano, Alisha Shaw

The meeting started at 1:18 pm.

Approval of Minutes:

The November 8th, 2021 meeting minutes were approved. Motion CM Betsy Wilkerson, seconded by CP Breean Beggs.

Agenda Items:

- 1. Family Promise, Guardians Hotel, and YWCA Safe Shelter- Eric Finch**
Overview of the mentioned locations and the RFP from four weeks ago, the number of additional nights/spaces for families and women which were focused on due to limited capacity in the system. The RFP is open and ongoing for continuous improvement. CM Kinnear had a question regarding individuals outside of City Hall in the Camp Hope 2.0 and if increased options apply to them. Eric answered how the spaces currently and those coming are options and the plan on how to assist the needs and connect with services. CM Kinnear also mentioned the dozens that are camped along the river and need addressed. CM Wilkerson had a question regarding hoteling and the effectiveness based on the cost. CM Cathcart asked about bed availability since protest started and what options there are moving forward. House of Charity had been closed due to Norovirus until Friday, approximately 30 beds for men, minimal for women, 15-20 for families, and 30 for young adult. During Homeless Coalition meeting tomorrow a conversation on availability and access will be discussed. CM Cathcart commented about the public facing database where providers can update numbers and everyone can be on the same page.
- 2. Parks Holiday Update- Garrett Jones**
Presentation on Winter Activation with the RFP Holiday Tree Walk through January 2nd, Light up the Night Trail of Lights until January 2nd, Cowley Park Lights through January 31st, Mainto Holiday Lights drive thru 10th-16th, walk thru 17th-19th, Wheatland Bank Horse/Carriage Rides on weekends, Ice Ribbon, overview of recreation winter

activities, and New Year's Eve fireworks. CM Kinnear suggested using multiple parks especially for the walk thru to limit impact to one neighborhood.

3. STA UTap Contact Amendment- Meghann Steinolfson

Contract renewal for employees to use badges to ride the bus. The parking downtown is prime and access to the bus allows employees to park further away and utilize STA and limit congestion.

4. State Auditors Exit Audit Report- Tonya Wallace, Tara Alfano, and Alisha Shaw

Presentation on the Exit Conference. Presented in November at the Finance Committee, after this should be able to publish. Overview of Federal Grant compliance and findings. Looked at Emergency Solutions Grant, COVID-19 Emergency Solutions Grant, Home Investment Partnerships, and COVID-19 Coronavirus Relief Funds. There was a questioned cost regarding subrecipient's indirect costs. There had been a change/update for reimbursement request based on dates and where submitted. Recommendation was that the City be aware of changes and to comply with grant.

5. University District PDA Update- CP Breean Beggs

Moved to Public Infrastructure and Environmental Sustainability meeting in January.

6. 20 MPH Pilot – CM Lori Kinnear

CM Kinnear gave a background on the program and posting seasonal 20 MPH signs around certain parks. With COVID and increase use of parks and sidewalk usage the resolutions are asking for the 20 MPH be year-round after pilot for specific parks and adjacent streets as well as High Drive be 30 MPH from Streets recommendation.

7. Building Permit/Construction Updates- Kris Becker

Presentation shared, increase in permits shared, this year passed last year on revenue, increase in smaller revenue projects, 352 new single-family residence permits with some in the pipeline, map for locations shared and will be send via email to council members, 691 new multi-family units permitted with some in review still, map for locations shared, and answered questions.

8. Green Fleet Sustainability Plan- Rick Giddings

A more depth presentation will be presented at PIES in January. A presentation was shared with recommendations, ZEV Deployments, EVSE installations with estimated costs and deployment map,

Consent Items:

Consent items approved.

Executive Session:

There was no Executive Session.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 pm.

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Approved by:

Karen Stratton

Chair – Karen Stratton

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