



**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
NEIGHBORHOOD PROJECT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
WEST QUADRANT TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICT**

**MEETING OF
WEDNESDAY, June 5, 2024
4:00 PM TO 5:00 PM**

Please be advised that the next regular meeting of the Neighborhood Project Advisory Committee for the West Quadrant Tax Increment Financing District will be held on **Wednesday, June 5 at 4:00 PM** at Spokane City Hall, 808 W Spokane Falls Blvd in the Tribal Conference Room in the First Floor Lobby. A link to the meeting is provided below. The public is encouraged to attend either in person, online, or by phone. Connection instructions are included in the attached agenda and below:

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WQTIF Neighborhood Project Advisory Committee (NPAC) Agenda

June 5, 2024 | 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM | City Hall, First Floor, Tribal Conference Room

Attendees: Members of the Committee, Open to the Public

Discussion Items *(all times are approximate)*

- 1. Welcome and Introductions (All) 4:00 pm (5 mins)
- 2. Approval of May Meeting Minutes (All) 4:05 pm (5 mins)
- 3. Final Approval – Priorities for Annual Report (Kevin Freibott) 4:10 pm (20 mins)
- 4. Meet and Greet with Two Applicants for NPAC (All) 4:30 pm (20 mins)
- 5. Open Forum 4:50 pm (5 mins)

*Open Forum is an opportunity for citizens to discuss items of interest that **are not on the current agenda for discussion**. Topics should consider the activities/ responsibilities of the NPAC and should not include political campaign topics. Each speaker may be limited to three minutes if several people wish to speak, subject to the Chairperson's determination. If you wish to speak at the open forum, please email Kevin Freibott at kfreibott@spokanecity.org **in advance** to request a slot.*

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West Quadrant TIF Neighborhood Project Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

May 1, 2024

Committee Members Present: Kimberly Lawrence (Chair), Fran Papenleur (Vice-Chair), Alan Chatham, EJ Iannelli, Amanda Richardson, Vickie Munch **Absent:** Kelly Cruz, Michael Pflieger

Staff Present: Kevin Freibott (Planning & Economic Development)

The meeting began at 4:04 PM.

1. **Welcome and Introductions** – Introductions were made. No action was taken.
2. **Approval of Meeting Minutes** – April minutes were discussed. Minutes were approved as drafted (M: Mr. Iannelli, S: Ms. Munch, Unan.).
3. **Native Project – Updated Costs:** Ms. Toni Lodge from the Native Project presented updated costs related to the previously approved Youth Treatment project, requesting additional funds from the TIF for public improvements. Cost increases were for conditions outside Native Project's control. A motion was made and passed to increase the recommended expenditure of TIF funds, not to exceed \$190,000 (M: Ms. Richardson, S: Ms. Papenleur, Unan.).
4. **2024 Annual Report and NPAC Priorities:** Mr. Freibott reviewed the draft annual report and asked that NPAC draft recommendations and priorities to be included in the report. Following discussion, the Committee drafted some language and asked Mr. Freibott to reformat them to match the annual report, with a vote expected to approve them at the June meeting. No formal action was taken.
5. **Open Forum** – No one requested the opportunity to speak at Open Forum.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:03 PM (M: Ms. Munch, S: Ms. Richardson, Unan.)



DRAFT NPAC Priorities for Inclusion in the 2024 Annual Report:

The NPAC discussed the prioritization of TIF funds and their desire for future project implementation, commensurate with their responsibilities under RES 2007-0101, during their May and June meetings in 2024. For reference, their previous recommendations for fund prioritization were discussed, including:

- Continued efforts to ask the Spokane County Commissioners to approve the TIF amendments made in 2020.
- A closer direct relationship with the Neighborhood Councils whose neighborhoods overlap the TIF district.
- Projects consistent with adopted neighborhood plans.
- A focus on sidewalk conditions and pedestrian safety.
- A focus on West Central project implementation.

Going forward, the NPAC wishes to reaffirm their recommendation for the above factors, as well as the following refined recommendations. The NPAC voted in June 2024 to recommend the Mayor and the City Council:

1. Continue focusing on West Central project implementation, including implementing the upcoming recommendations and designs of the West Central Infrastructure project (expected Summer 2024).
2. Continue to focus on projects that enhance the pedestrian/bicycle environment and improve safety for residents and visitors to the district.
3. Focus on implementing more permanently affordable housing projects, building on the momentum of the Habitat for Humanity project approved in 2023.
4. Prioritize projects that meet more than one goal (i.e. economic development *and* pedestrian safety) over single-goal projects.
5. Conduct the planning and implementation needed for the Maxwell Employment Center, a key economic driver in the West Central Neighborhood that remains unplanned and largely unimplemented 20 years after it was designated in the Comprehensive Plan.
6. Foster a renewed focus on public improvements in Emerson/Garfield, namely along the North Monroe corridor—an area that has seen limited investment from the TIF but which has the potential to become a safer, more economically beneficial part of the overall district.
7. Design and implement TIF support for small businesses and neighborhood-scale and/or non-profit projects over large “mega” projects.