

Spokane Neighborhoods Community Assembly
“Provide a vehicle to empower Neighborhood Councils’ participation in government.”



Meeting Agenda for Thursday, June 4, 2026
 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Shadle Park Library
 Proposed Agenda Subject to Change



Please review previous month’s minutes:
 *Community Assembly Minutes: May 7, 2026

Administrative

<u>Agenda Item</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Action</u>	<u>Page</u>
1. Permission to record meeting	1 min (5:30)	Intro	-
2. Introductions (Facilitator)	2 min (5:31)	Intro	-
3. Proposed Agenda (Facilitator).....	2 min (5:33)	Approve	1
• Including Core Values, Purpose, Rules of Order			2
4. Approve/Amend Minutes (Facilitator).....	5 min (5:35)	Approve	5
5. Admin Committee Action Items (Luke Tolley).....	5 min (5:40)	Oral Report	10

Updates/Announcements

6. Up to 3 min per sign-up	15 min (5:45)	Oral Reports	-
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Agenda Items

7. City Council Update (CP Betsy Wilkerson)	10 min (6:00)	Oral Report	-
8. ONS Update (Heather Hamlin)	5 min (6:10)	Oral Report	-
9. Comprehensive Plan Update Status (Spencer Gardner)	30 min (6:15)	Presentation	14
10. Safe Streets for All Updates (Abbey Martin & Jon Snyder)	15 min (6:45)	Presentation	26
11. Design Review Liaison Position (Paul Kropp)	5 min (7:00)	Vote	30
12. Committee Reports	20 min (7:05)		-
a. BSN (Tina Luerssen)	5 min	Oral Report	-
b. Budget (Laura Johnson)	5 min	Oral Report	-
c. Neighborhood Workgroup (Mary Winkes)	5 min	Oral Report	-
d. PeTT (Carol Tomsic).....	5 min	Oral Report	-
13. Actionable Items Review/Future Considerations (Luke Tolley).....	5 min (7:25)	Oral Report	-

Other Written Reports

Committee Reports, Agendas, Minutes, etc.

- Administrative Committee.....met/no report
- Budget Committee.....did not meet/no report
- Building Stronger Neighborhoods Committee (BSN)did not meet/no report
- Communications Committee.....met/no report
- Community Assembly/Community Development Committee (CA/CD)did not meet/no report
- Land Use Committee.....34
- Liaison Committee.....38
- Neighborhood Safety Committee.....did not meet/no report
- Neighborhood Work Group.....40
- Pedestrian, Traffic, and Transportation Committee (PeTT)41

Liaisons and CA Representation on Outside Boards and Committees Reports (Liaison Committee)

- Community Housing and Human Services (CHHS) Liaison Report.....
- Climate Resilience Sustainability Liaison Report.....43
- Design Review Liaison Report.....did not meet/no report
- Housing Action Subcommittee Liaison Report.....did not meet/no report
- Plan Commission Liaison Report.....46
- Transportation Commission Liaison Report.....48
- Urban Forestry-Citizen Advisory Committee Liaison Report.....52

** IF YOU CAN'T MAKE THE MEETING, PLEASE SEND YOUR ALTERNATE! **

Community Assembly Core Values and Purpose

CORE PURPOSE:

Provide a vehicle to empower neighborhood councils' participation in government.

BHAG (Big Hairy Audacious Goal):

Become an equal partner in local government.

(This will be further expounded upon in the Vivid Description. What does this mean to you?)

CORE VALUES:

- **Common Good:** Working towards mutual solutions based on diverse and unique perspectives.
- **Alignment:** Bringing together the independent neighborhood councils to act collectively.
- **Initiative:** Being proactive in taking timely, practical action.
- **Balance of Power:** Being a transparent, representative body giving power to citizens' voices.

VIVID DESCRIPTION:

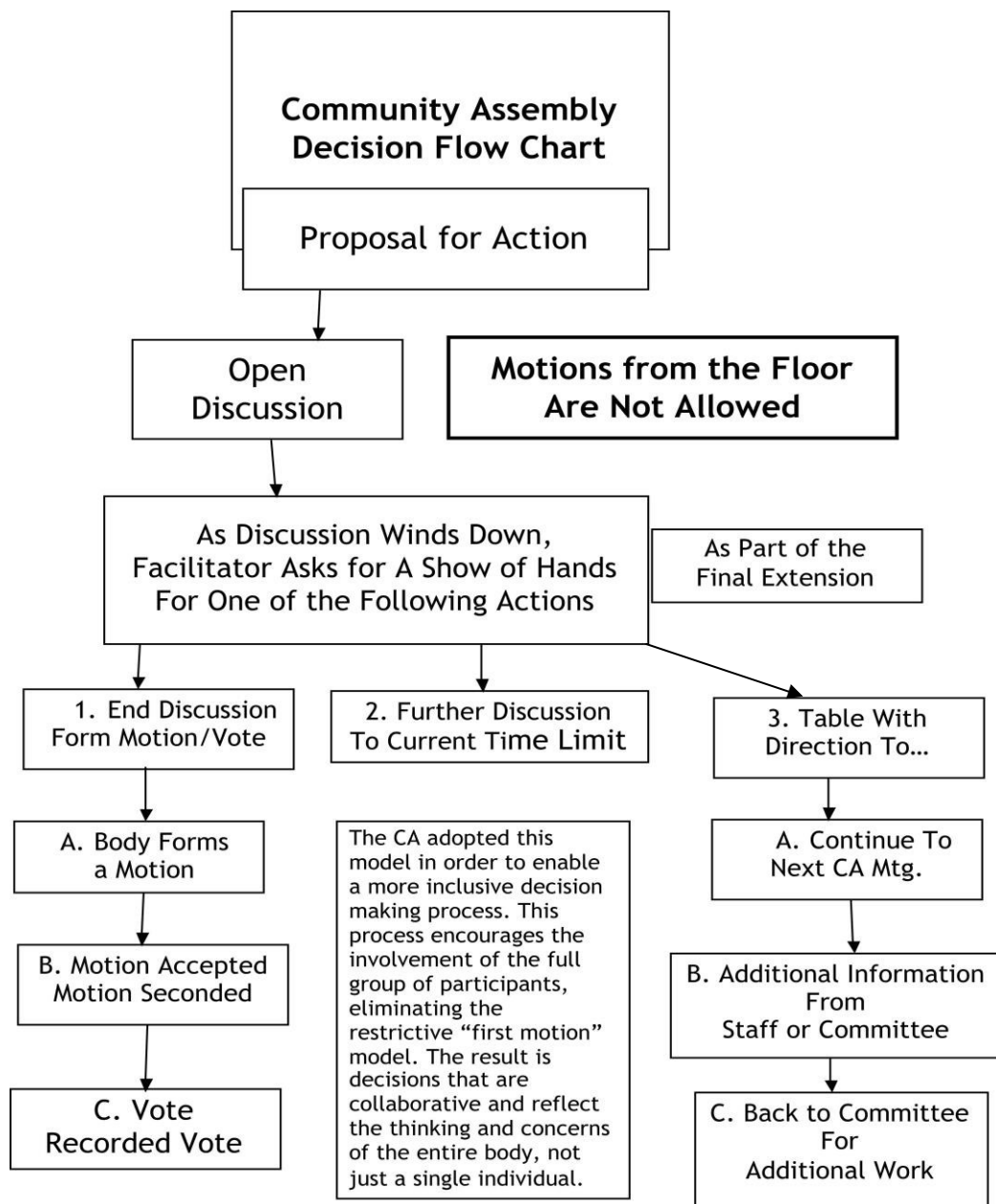
The Community Assembly fulfils its purpose, achieves its goals, and stays true to its core values by its members engaging each other and the community with honest communication and having transparent actions in all of its dealings. Community Assembly representatives are knowledgeable and committed to serving their neighborhood and their city as liaisons and leaders.

The Community Assembly initiates and is actively involved early and often in the conception, adoption and implementation of local policy changes and projects. The administration and elected officials bring ideas to the Community Assembly in the forming stages for vetting, input and participation. The Community Assembly is a valuable partner to these officials and neighborhoods in creating quality policy & legislation for the common good.

The Community Assembly stimulates participation in civic life among our residents. Citizens that run for political office will believe in the importance of partnering with the Community Assembly and neighborhood councils. Those candidates' active participation and history with neighborhoods contributes to their success, enhancing successful partnerships between the Community Assembly and local government.

Presentation and decision-making process:

1. To speak at a meeting, a person must be recognized by the facilitator. Only one person can be recognized at a time. Each speaker has two minutes. When all who wish to speak have been allowed their time, the rotation may begin again.
2. When a proposal for action is made, open discussion shall occur before a motion is formed by the group.
3. Presentation timetable protocol
 - a) When a presenter has one minute left in the time allotted, the facilitator shall raise a yellow card and give a verbal notice.
 - b) Should any representative wish to extend the time of the presentation or comment/question period, they may make a motion to extend the time by five (5) minutes.
 - c) An immediate call shall be made for a show of hands in support of the extension of time. With a simple majority (50% plus 1) concurring, the time shall be reset by the amount of time requested.
 - d) Extensions shall be limited to two (2) or until a request fails to show a simple majority approval.
 - e) When the allotted time has expired, a red card and verbal notice shall be given.
 - f) As part of a final time extension request, the facilitator shall request a show of hands by the representatives to indicate which of the following actions the group wants to take:
 - o End discussion and move into forming the motion and voting,
 - o Further discussion,
 - o Table discussion with direction,
 - o Request time to continue discussion at next CA meeting,
 - o Request additional information from staff or CA committee, or
 - o Send back to the appropriate CA committee for additional work.



Community Assembly Draft Minutes

Prepared by: Heather Hamlin, Office of Neighborhood Services

May 7, 2026, in-person at Shadle Park Library

Meeting called to order at 5:33 p.m. by Tian Luerssen

ATTENDANCE:

AFFILIATION	CA REP/CA ALT REP	ADDITIONAL GUESTS
Audubon-Downriver	Fran Papenleur	
Balboa South Indian Trail	-----	
Bemiss	Jarrell Gooler	
Browne's Addition	Steven Seim	
Chief Garry Park	-----	
Cliff/Cannon	Helena Taavao	
Comstock	Sandy Wicht	
East Central	Debbie Ryan	
Emerson-Garfield	Linda Carroll	
Five Mile Prairie	-----	
Grandview-Thorpe	Tina Luerssen	
Hillyard	Laura Johnson	Jeff Braunschweig, Angel Troutt
Latah/Hangman	Stephanine Watson	
Lincoln Heights	Carol Tomsic	Shawn Terjeson
Logan	Barbara Ann Bonner	
Manito-Cannon Hill	Mary Winkes	
Minnehaha	-----	
Nevada Heights	Hilary Michaelowicz	
North Hill	-----	
North Indian Trail	Dan Knechtel	
Northwest	-----	
Peaceful Valley	Kathy Thamm	
Riverside	Jennifer Stalwick	
Rockwood	Bill Doley	
Shiloh Hills	Cliff Winger	Linda & Royce Curren
Southgate	Andy Hoye	Paul Kropp
West Central	Emily Gwinn	
West Hills	Stu Lee	
Whitman	-----	
City of Spokane		Heather Hamlin (ONS), Betsy Wilkerson (City Council President), Giacobbe Byrd (City Council Director)
Presenting Organizations		Zeke Smith (Waters Meet), Emilie Cameron (DSP)

ADMINISTRATIVE:

1. **Approve Meeting Recording:** Stu moved; Andy seconded. Motion passes. 19-approve, 1-abstain, 0-deny.

2. Introductions

3. Approve Amended Agenda: Barbara Ann moved; Debby seconded. Motion passes. 20-approve, 0-abstain, 0-deny.

4.a. Approve January Minutes: Cliff moved; Linda seconded. Motion passes. 19-approve, 1-abstain, 0-deny.

4.b. Approve April Minutes: Linda moved; Cliff seconded. Motion passes. 19-approve, 1-abstain, 0-deny.

5. Admin Committee Action Items

UPDATES/ ANNOUNCEMENTS:

6. Updates/Announcements

- Carol- Please read PeTT minutes. If you would like to advocate for neighborhood projects, now is the time to write your letters to Jon Snyder, Transportation Director. Letters need to be received by 5/13. Discuss connectivity and equality. Reference the high injury network list if applicable.
 - Andy- Are traffic calming projects the same as Safe Streets for All projects?
 - Carol- Yes
- Cliff- Referencing two handouts for the project selections for potential upcoming traffic calming projects. Review this list for your neighborhood. Projects identified with N are neighborhood projects. Projects with C came from the neighborhood and D highlight older DOWL projects that are still under consideration.
- Stu- On behalf of West Hills, he is sharing a resolution referring to scattered shelters in their neighborhood. Council Members are not too involved at this time because they are not city run facilities.
- Sean- Lincoln Heights is putting on the Second Annual Invasive Weed Pluck. We have classes on bird and bugs in the area too. Get to know your neighbors at this event scheduled on May 30 at 9:00 am at Upper Lincoln Park.

AGENDA ITEMS:

7. City Council Update (Council President CP Wilkerson)

- Shoutouts to Linda Carroll for participating with Plan Commission. Another for Cliff Winger for presenting to the City Council Public Safety committee last week.
- Shared with City staff that neighborhood voices are not included in the Comp Plan enough. She is working on this to open communication more.
- Council Committee meetings move to Tuesdays beginning July 14. City Council Leg Sessions moving to Wednesdays on July 15.
- Parking minimum conversation continues. City removed parking requirements because driveways/stalls can add \$7k-\$10k per construction. Folks felt that was a barrier to new construction getting built. It's also supposed to make our neighborhoods more walkable and safe.
- STA, Public Libraries, Spokane Public Schools are all going out for a vote. Public Safety might as well. All are important services but each voter will need to decide what they are willing to support or not.
- Move to extend discussion by 5 minutes, first extension. Dan motioned; Fran seconded. Motion passes: 21- approve, 0- deny, 0- abstain.

- THANK YOU to NC and CA volunteers for your participation. You are valued and Council President confirms that she wants to hear from you. If you email and don't hear back please ping her again.

8. ONS Update (Heather Hamlin)

- Final day to request a spring disposal pass is tomorrow, May 8. There will be a short break and then each NC may receive a set of physical disposal passes at the July CA meeting to distribute however you'd like. Let Amber Groe (agroee@spokanecity.org) know if you will not be at July's CA meeting and we'll coordinate.
- Wordpress websites for NCs continue. We have 14 completed and handed over!
- Wildfire & Forestry Safety Fair to be held in Deer Park on May 16. Educational sessions include: home hardening & defensible spaces, forest health & fire behavior effects, and homeowner's insurance: understanding your coverage. Event sponsored by Avista and the Spokane Wildfire Mitigation Coalition.
- Thank you to NC volunteers who joined us on a panel with The Community School last week. These high school students have been working on neighborhood projects for the last 3 months and were thrilled to present to adults who also care about their neighborhood.

9. Safe & Healthy Task Force (Zeke Smith & Emilie Cameron)

- You may have heard about this task force- there was an article in The Spokesman-Review recently. This is an area that impacts each and every one of us that live, learn, play or work in Spokane
- 2.5 years ago Ballot Measure 1 failed. Voters did not support this public safety measure. We took a step back to understand what our community really wants and needs.
- As people cycle through streets, jails and emergency rooms we recognize this is a problem. We have created defacto providers through jails- not safe for people incarcerated or people who work there. Same thing with emergency rooms- they aren't equipped for this. Others are being forced to absorb the need in our community for care.
- Whatcom County taskforce has a thriving model that we can learn from. It's not apples to apples but it taught us lessons that we brought back to Spokane.
- The Safe & Healthy Taskforce has three goals: enhance public safety, support behavioral health, and strengthen system coordination (with efficiently with resources).
 - It's not about one facility or provider. How is the entire system working well together?
- Who is involved? Conveners, Consultants, Planning Team, Task Force, Advisory Committees, Public. The recommendations span agencies, sectors, jurisdictions and funding streams. No single entity owns this work- and no single entity can deliver it alone!
- Move to extend discussion by 5 minutes, first extension. Cliff motioned; Carol seconded. Motion passes: 21- approve, 0- deny, 0- abstain.
- The guiding framework:
 - Data Informed- decisions grounded in evidence rather than anecdote
 - Transparent and cross system- working across agency and jurisdictional lines, openly and accountably
 - Trauma informed and culturally responsive- care and policy that meet people where they are in ways that work for them
 - Dignity and lived experience at the center- the voices of those most affected at the table, not on the agenda
 - Community focused- invest and align systems that increase safety for everyone

- Strategic Direction- It is about a jail and other facilities that allow us to respond effectively for people. We need to make investment in both areas. Downtown jail was built in 1986 and Geiger facility in 1952.
- Move to extend discussion by 5 minutes, second extension. Andy motioned; Debby seconded. Motion passes: 21- approve, 0- deny, 0- abstain.
 - Carol- I don't want mentally ill people to get caught up and sent away. Have you worked with Chas, they understand this.
 - Zeke- this isn't just about corrections or jail. Throwing folks in jail is not the solution. Need more behavioral health. Need better substance abuse treatments. Trying to divert people into other spaces so they can get treatments. Also need to realize for some folks and situations jail provides the right set of services and supports
 - Sandy- I think what's happening in West Hills is atrocious. How can we trust the taskforce to address this.
 - Zeke- We don't want to concentrate in any one location or community or neighborhood. Stay engaged and give feedback through the upcoming phases.

10. Neighborhood Workgroup Selection (Tina Luerssen)

- One year ago we assigned reps and alts from each District to represent NCs. Andy, Angel and Rhett have first right of refusal to move from Rep to Alt positions. Andy and Angel confirmed. Rhett will confirm or deny soon.
- In June we'll need to vote on three positions to fill the Alt reps. May also need to vote for D3 rep if Rhett cannot fill. Bill Doley (D2) is interested in the Alt rep position. Luke Tolley (D1) is also interested in Alt rep position. No one stepped forward for D3 at this time.

11. P&P Standing Committee Amendment Draft Resolution (Paul Kropp)

- Has been a topic at CA for numerous months.
 - Mary- Do you have a definition between minor and major revisions? We just went through this with Land Use and need clarification.
 - Paul- Those updates were running adjustments. Not major shifts. I would consider it minor
- Move to extend discussion by 5 minutes, second extension. Andy motioned; Linda seconded. Motion passes: 20- approve, 0- deny, 0- abstain.
 - Mary- Can we move the vote to next month once we've reviewed.
 - Tina- This was included in your packet last month.
- Move to extend discussion by 5 minutes, second extension. Dan motioned; Linda seconded. Motion passes: 20- approve, 0- deny, 0- abstain.
- Motion to approve as written by Dan. Second by Stu. Motion fails: 3-approve, 11-deny, 7-abstain.
 - 2/3 vote is required to pass. Will go back to CA Admin.

OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS:

12. Transportation Impact Fee Restart (Tina Luerssen)

- Impact fees added on when development happens. Funds a transportation project pool. The City is divided into sectors and the impact fee ranges from sector to sector.
- This stems from 2024 discussion with City. It is finally beginning and now we need to identify new reps (D1 and D3 reps only). In 2024, Laura Johnson and Sara Bauer volunteered to serve originally. Laura confirmed she wants to stay involved.
- Move to extend discussion by 5 minutes, first extension. Andy motioned; Dan seconded. Motion passes: 20- approve, 0- deny, 0- abstain.

13. Land Use NC Participation in Comp Plan (Mary Winkes)

- The draft of the new comp plan is de-emphasizing neighborhoods and neighborhood councils.
- Mary read letter out loud. Per city charter, NCs shall review and recommend feedback to City on matters affecting that neighborhood. Should assist city agencies in determining need of neighborhoods.
- Move to approve letter on behalf of CA as written with the exception of the last line changing to “thank you” only. Laura motioned; Debbie seconded. Motion passes: 20- approve, 0- deny, 0- abstain.

14. Other Committee Reports

14.a. BSN (Tina Luerssen)

- Last month BSN requested funds from CE Grant to purchase two registrations for NUSA conference May 28 & May 29. Schedule runs 6:00am-2:30pm both days (central time).
- Laura and Luke hold registrations. They were purchased for all to share. Laura reserved a room in the Catalyst building downtown (free street parking in early am). Luke does not have a public room to share with others at this time.
- BSN will share agenda with all once it becomes available.
- If CA or NC members are interested in joining, they can contact Laura Johnson at wraith99@live.com or Luke Tolley at luke.tolley@gmail.com

14.b. Additional Reports

- **CA/Community Development (Andy Hoyer)**
 - Four projects recommended for funding from Affordable Housing Subcommittee and CHHS board ready to go in front of City Council.
- **Plan Commission (Linda Carroll)**
 - Very important for everyone to look at maps here. Look at what is proposed in your neighborhood. Visit story map here: <https://storymaps.arcgis.com/collections/3d547894197f45ed8176e5bc0f81bbec>
 - General Plan Spokane Info: <https://my.spokanecity.org/planspokane/about/>
- Move to extend discussion by 5 minutes, first extension. Carol motioned; Laura seconded. Motion passes: 20- approve, 0- deny, 0- abstain.
 - Now is the time to reach out to City Council before they vote on this!
 - Fran- There was a great article in The Inlander today that dives into the preferred growth alternative outlined in the comp plan. Worth a read!
- **Budget (Laura Johnson)**
 - Approved BSN, Hillyard, and Rockwood CE grant requests.
 - Last in person training on June 6 at 10:30 in person at the Shadle Park Library. 10 have RSVP'd for this.

Actionable Items Review/ Future Considerations (Luke Tolley)

- Land Use Letter to be forward to City
- Vote on workgroup reps for June meeting
- CP/Giacobbe made suggestion for City Council agenda
- Impact Fees- PeTT involved
- Connect with Giacobbe RE: parking memo from CA

Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm. Next meeting will be held Thursday June 4.



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Betsy Wilkerson
Spokane City Council President

June 1, 2026

Mr. Luke Tolley, Chair
Administrative Committee
Spokane Community Assembly

Via:
Email

Re: Community Assembly Resolution, April 18, 2025
Parking Space Minimums

Dear Mr. Tolley:

I am responding to the resolution of the Community Assembly dated April 18, 2025. We have discussed this resolution informally many times since, but as promised I am providing a formal response to the Assembly's resolution.

As noted in the resolution, the City has amended its land use regulations to forego requirements for off-street parking in certain kinds of residential development. The resolution cites Ordinance C36556, which was adopted in August 2024 and became effective on September 15, 2024. However, as the Assembly may be aware, this ordinance was actually preceded by Ordinance C36405, an ordinance adopted in July 2023 that created a new chapter and section in the municipal code that read:

Section 17C.405.010
Adjustment to Minimum Parking Spaces

Notwithstanding other provisions of Title 17C SMC, including Table 17C.230-2, Residential Housing Living uses located within one-half (.50) mile walking distance of transit stops shall not be required to provide off-street vehicle parking.

Ordinance C36405 was adopted as an interim ordinance pursuant to RCW 36.70A.390 and remained in effect until July 9, 2024. During that time, the Spokane Plan Commission was directed to review the ordinance and options for eliminating off-street parking on a permanent basis. After extensive testimony, the Plan Commission recommended the removal of all off-street parking requirements. Thereafter the council adopted Ordinance C36556, which, among many other changes, included the elimination of virtually all off-street parking requirements for residential and non-residential buildings in all zones of the City.

These parking changes were not confined to the Spokane Municipal Code but followed a general pattern emerging at the state level. The Washington Legislature continued to pass legislation that encouraged construction of more housing. In 2023 the Washington Legislature enacted House Bill 1042, creating a new statute, RCW 35.21.990, that limited the ability of cities to impose parking requirements for projects adding housing to existing structures. This legislation was later followed by several bills, adopted during the 2025 session and effective in July 2025, that both amended RCW 35.21.990 and added a new section RCW 35.21.994, which prohibits a city from:

- Requiring more than 0.5 parking space per multifamily dwelling unit or more than one parking space per single-family home;
- Requiring a minimum number of spaces for smaller residences and smaller commercial construction; and
- Requiring a minimum number of spaces for affordable housing, senior living, or childcare centers (among other types of construction).¹

In enacting RCW 35.21.994, the Washington Legislature stated the following:

The legislature finds that predetermined on-site parking requirements needlessly drive up the cost of development, particularly housing; discourage walking and multimodal transit usage; and encourage excessive reliance of automobiles with attendant impacts on human health and greenhouse gas emissions. The legislature further finds that the amount of parking that a project actually needs should be determined on a case-by-case basis by permit applicants sensitive to actual market conditions rather than a one-size-fits-all regulation.²

This rationale is very similar to the reasons behind the City's initial elimination of off-street parking requirements in interim Ordinance C36405 and its final enactment in Ordinance C36556. Thus, both at the City level and the state level, there is a belief that "one-size-fits-all" requirements for off-street parking requirements interfere with the creation of more housing in general and more affordable housing in particular, and that in general urban

¹ See, ESSB 5184 (Chapter 204, Wash. Laws 2025); HB 1757 (Chapter 203, Wash. Laws 2025); and SSHB 1183 (Chapter 139, Wash. Laws 2025), all amending RCW 35.21.990 and adding RCW 35.21.994.

² ESSB 5184, Section 1.

planning must encourage more wide-spread use of public transit and alternative modes of transportation.

The Assembly's resolution identifies various consequences of eliminating off-street parking requirements. In my opinion, many of these identified ills – while they assuredly exist – do not arise directly from a lack of off-street parking but arise from other factors, such lack of a complete and connected sidewalk system, criminal activity independent of parking requirements, inadequate staffing for code enforcement and the tight housing market in general.

Nevertheless, the Assembly's suggestions to continually assess the impacts of the parking policies are well-taken. While state law has evolved to the point that the City cannot phase-in its changes over five years, as suggested by the Assembly, the City can and should assess the impacts of this new parking policy and adjust accordingly. At a minimum, I view this as assuring that the City allocates sufficient resources during the coming budget process to enforce existing parking regulations and to combat address crime in general. I encourage the Community Assembly to closely monitor the budget process this year; to engage in the process as early as possible and make sure the final adopted budget reflects its priorities in this area.

In addition, I have asked council staff to investigate whether RCW 35.21.994 allows some adjustment to the complete elimination of off-street parking requirements enacted through Ordinance C36556. State law allows some local off-street parking requirements for multifamily dwelling units and single-family homes, and perhaps our local code should be adjusted to mirror the state law. If the Community Assembly is interested in that approach, I encourage it to share that with me during my next meeting with the Assembly.

Thank you for your continued advocacy and partnership. I am grateful for your leadership.

Warmest Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Betsy", with a large, sweeping flourish underneath.

Council President Betsy Wilkerson
Spokane City Council President

Mr. Luke Tolley
June 1, 2026
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Enc.: Ordinance C36657

Cc: Spokane City Council members (via email)
Spencer Gardner (via email)
Heather Hamlin (via email)

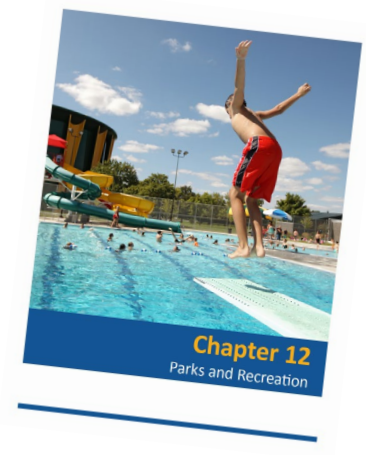
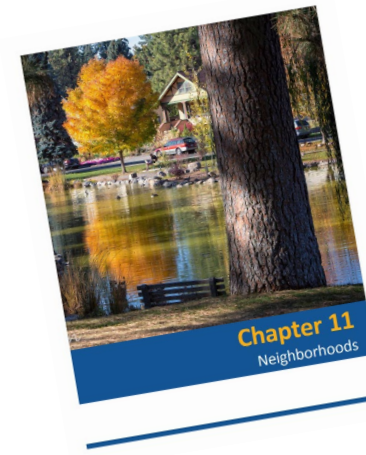
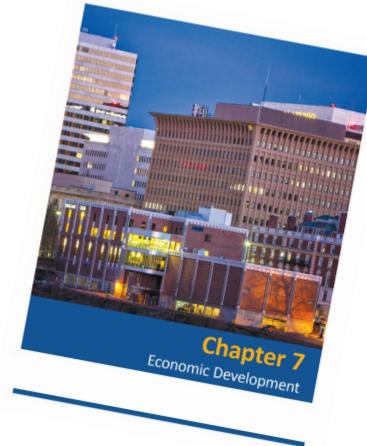
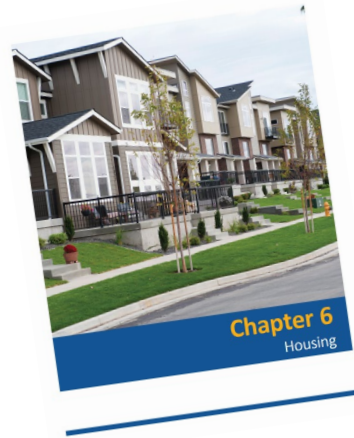
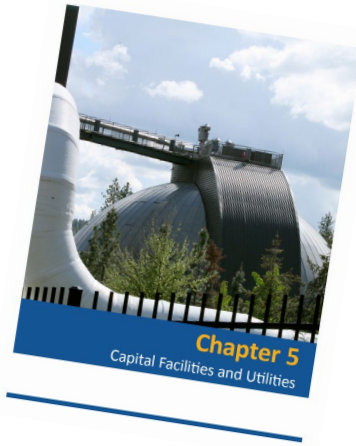
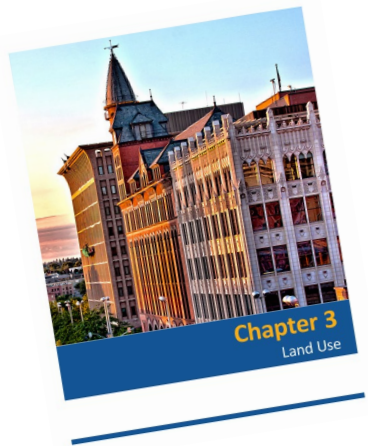
PlanSpokane 2046 Chapter Review Update

June 4, 2026



What is PlanSpokane 2046?

- State mandated periodic update the **Comprehensive Plan**, the long-term planning document that established vision, goals, and policies that guide all aspects of Spokane's growth and development over the next twenty years. Implements the Growth Management Act.



- First substantial update to the Comprehensive Plan, currently called Shaping Spokane, since it was adopted in 2001



PlanSpokane 2046 Chapter Review

All chapters are being reviewed and updated, except Shorelines *



- **Streamlining**

- Simplify and clarify
- Remove unnecessary/redundant language
- Update the look, format, and branding

- **Policy Updates**

- Meet legislative requirements
- Incorporate community feedback
- Update terms to today
- Broaden single-topic policies
- Target informing policy rather than direct action

**Shorelines are on a different legislative timeline*



May Publication

- All* Comprehensive Plan Chapters are now published and ready for public review
***Chapter 2 delayed as we work through state requirements for 5-year check-in**
- Maps (such as Future Land Use Map) and other graphics **are not** part of this release

Members of the public can submit comments at any time to PlanSpokane@spokanecity.org

Please reference Chapter and Goal/Policy as applicable



Chapter Review



Draft Chapters

The Comprehensive Plan is made up of 14 Chapters covering a wide range of topics that support the community's growth for the next 20 years. For ease of review, the Chapters were broken into three categories: Non-Technical, Technical, and Functional.

The **Non-Technical Chapter** category includes chapters that rely more on community feedback and policy direction than modeling or higher levels of analysis. The chapters are broken into thematic categories – Community, Environment, and How We Grow. Initial drafts of these Chapters were first released in June 2025 and later updated in October 2025.

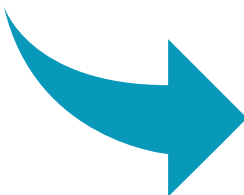
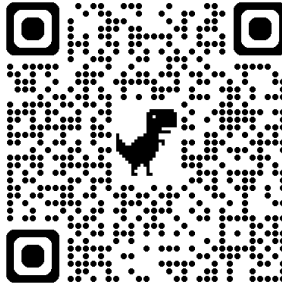
The **Technical Chapter** category includes chapters that rely on data analysis and more technical decision making. These chapters also rely on the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process and the selection of a Preferred Alternative before policy changes can be considered.

The **Functional Chapter** category includes chapters that support the rest of the Comprehensive Plan. Edits to these chapters are largely dependent on the rest of the document.

- [Plan Commission Chapter Review Subcommittee](#)
- [PlanSpokane 2046](#)
- [Shaping Spokane](#)
- [Climate Planning](#)
- [Engage Spokane](#)

- Chapter 1 – Introduction ✓
- Chapter 2 – Implementation ✓
- Chapter 3 – Growth Strategy ✓
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- Chapter 7 – Economic Prosperity ✓
- Chapter 8 – Urban Design and Historic Preservation ✓
- Chapter 9 – Natural Environment ✓
- Chapter 10 – Community Health ✓
- Chapter 11 – Neighborhoods ✓
- Chapter 12 – Parks and Recreation ✓
- Chapter 13 – Local Governance Through Civic Participation ✓
- Chapter 14 – Shorelines ✓
- Glossary ✓

Visit the Chapter Review webpage to access current drafts at my.spokanecity.org/planspokane/chapter-review/



Chapter 1 – Introduction






The Introduction is a **Functional Chapter** that provides context for the rest of plan, explaining the City of Spokane's history, planning context, and vision statement. The Chapter also provides an understanding of what a Comprehensive Plan is and how to use the document.

- [Draft Introduction Chapter](#) (PDF 00 KB) – (Last updated May 26, 2026)

- Chapter 2 – Implementation ✓
- Chapter 3 – Growth Strategy ✓
- Chapter 4 – Transportation ✓
- Chapter 5 – Capital Facilities and Utilities ✓
- Chapter 6 – Housing ✓

How to Read the Drafts

USEFUL ICONS

-  General information or notation is provided, clarifying overall changes to the text.
-  Policy language was added to ensure consistency with changes in law at the State/Federal level.
-  Language was streamlined or condensed for readability or clarity.
-  Text was added as a result of the City's study of Racially Disparate Impacts and Displacement.
-  A new Goal or Policy was added, not sourced from the currently adopted plan.
-  A policy or text was added as recommended by the Climate Resilience and Sustainability Board (CRSB).
-  Multiple Policies from the currently adopted plan were combined into one, usually done to eliminate redundant language.
-  A goal or policy was removed or moved to another chapter. These are listed at the end of each chapter and include a reason.



Chapters That May Be of Interest...



Chapter 10 – Community Health

- Includes goals and policies that focus on community well-being and connectedness
- Includes policy on neighborhoods arts presence



Chapter 11 - Neighborhoods

- Includes policies concerning geographic neighborhoods, as well as policies calling out working with Neighborhood Councils



Chapter 13 – Local Governance

- Guides how to make local governance accessible for the community
- LG-3, Planning Through Neighborhood Councils



All Chapters!

- All chapters guide the future of our City and neighborhoods, from transportation and the growth strategy, to the natural environment and economic prosperity



Next Steps



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Next Steps for Chapter Review



Public Comments

- Members of the public can submit comments at any time to PlanSpokane@spokanecity.org
 - **Please reference Chapter and Goal/Policy as applicable**
- Public feedback will be integrated as the Chapters continue to be updated

July Release

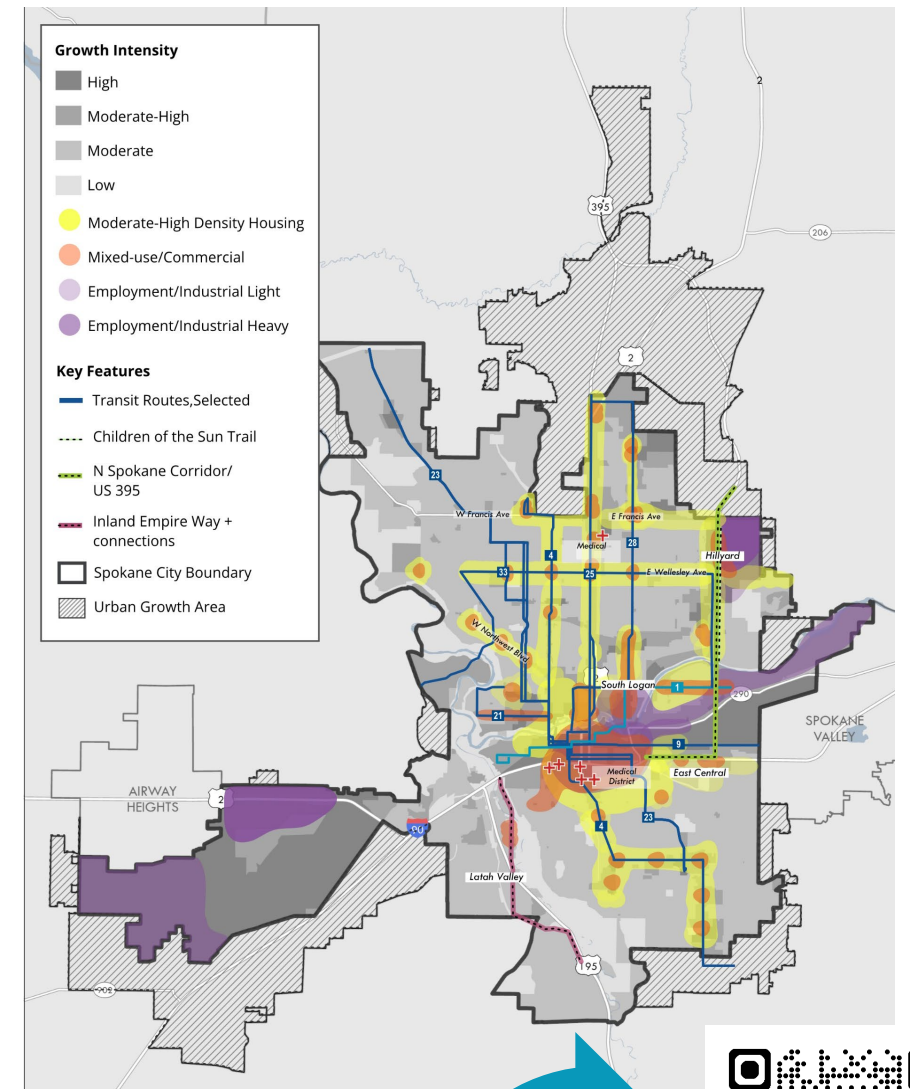
- A second mid-summer release is tentatively scheduled for mid/late July, initiating a **formal** public and agency comment period
- This update will include maps (such as the FLUM) and appendices



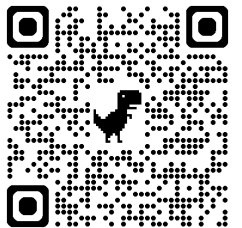
Upcoming Next Steps

Future Land Use Map (FLUM)

- A Future Land Use Map is currently being developed based on the selected Preferred Alternative
- The Future Land Use Map will generally identify what types of uses are appropriate where, with the Spokane Municipal Code providing more specific zoning regulations.
- Targeted outreach and engagement will occur later this summer with shared maps and opportunities to provide feedback



Preferred Alternative approved by City Council on May 18. View the Preferred Alternative maps on the PlanSpokane 2046 Interactive StoryMap



Upcoming Next Steps

Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

- A review the potential impacts and mitigation for the selected future growth of the City
- Will respond to all comments received during the Draft EIS public comment period

City Council scheduled to make decisions on all aspects of PlanSpokane 2046 by the end of the year!



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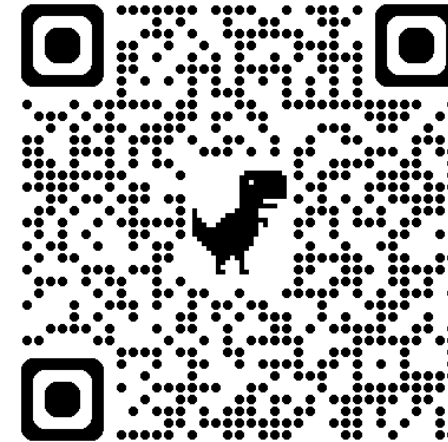
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**BRIEFING PAPER: Traffic Calming Selection Process 2026 Update with Community
Project Suggestions
City of Spokane
Community Assembly
6/3/2026**

Subject:

Process for selecting traffic calming projects 2026 (for cycle 15 construction). This update covers community suggested projects.

Background:

This fall the city will select projects for the next round of traffic calming projects, Cycle 15, which is the 2028 construction season for standard projects and the 2027 construction season for quick-build projects. This process can also be used for 2029 construction projects, as we expect the process to result in more high-quality projects than we have funding for in a single year. 2029 projects could be finalized in next year. It is expected the City will have approximately \$3.2M total for Cycle 15.

This is the second year the Transportation Commission will have a lead role in selecting projects that are forwarded to Council for approval. The current concept is to pull projects from three distinct buckets:

- Projects that are still left from the DOWL list that have support and are deemed valuable.
- New traffic safety concerns solicited from the community through a new 311 form.
- Strategic network projects identified by staff, the Commission, and Council.

The Call for community projects came through the My 311 Traffic Safety Survey from February and March. An entire list of community suggested projects will be available on the Transportation Commission's website ([Transportation Commission - City of Spokane, Washington](#)) under the "Presentations" tab.

Details on community suggested projects:

My 311 Survey Submissions (329 total):

District 1: 90
District 2: 148
District 3: 91

74 submissions excluded from analysis (out of scope, already funded, Code Enforcement issues, Spokane Police Issues, etc...).

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143 unique locations considered

By District:

D1: 60

D2: 80

D3: 77

D1/D2: 1

D1/D3: 6

Relationship to Plans/Actions:

Traffic calming projects are a key implementation strategy for the Pedestrian Master Plan, the Bicycle Master Plan and the Vision Zero Action Plan.

Timeline/ Further Action:

Traffic calming selection process will be a future agenda item for Transportation Commission the September, October, and November meetings.

Traffic Calming Projects Selected for Scoping and Design - Cycle 15

DRAFT

Candidate Project Location	Candidate Project Descriptor	Source	Council District	SRTC High Injury	WA Enviro Health Disparities	Ped Gen (.25 mi.)
Crestline St, Euclid Ave to Illinois Ave	Restripe to narrow travel lanes, keep parking, add bike lanes	Community Submittal	D1	No	10	7
Lyons Ave, Nevada St to Standard St	Bumpouts, traffic circle at Standard	Community Submittal	D1	No	9	12
Magnesium Rd, Dakota St to Nevada St	Install crosswalk at school entrance (RRFB), consider extending existing or adding school zone	Community Submittal	D1	No	10	6
Nevada St, Lyons Ave to Hawthorne Ave	Add enhanced pedestrian crossings	Community Submittal	D1	Yes	10	44
Hamilton St at Illinois Ave	To be determined	Community Submittal	D1	No	10	13
Main St at Browne Ave	Bumpouts and decorative lighting	Community Submittal	D1	No	10	21
Regal St at Upriver Dr	Crosswalk to access Centennial Trail	Community Submittal	D1	Yes	10	4
Spokane Falls Blvd/Riverside Ave at Monroe St	Bumpout on SE corner, remove 5th lane south of bridge and expand ped island. Restore 2nd pedestrian phase crossing Monroe. Leading Pedestrian Interval for Spokane Falls Blvd	Community Submittal	D1	No	10	36
Illinois Ave / Perry St., Perry St to Cincinnati St	Protected Bike Lanes	Network	D1	No	10	21
Mission Park, Superior St to Perry St	Bus Stop / Pathway Connection	Network	D1	No	10	9
Cincinnati St at Indiana Ave	Crossing	Network	D1	No	10	6
Jefferson St @ 3rd Ave/4th Ave to Riverside Ave	Bikeway and crossing (may have alternate funding source)	Network	D1/D2	No	10	47
Mayfair St @ North Foothills Dr/ Buckeye Ave /Division St/Ruby St	Bikeway and crossing	Network	D1/D3	Yes	10	4
Maple St Bridge, Riverside to Broadway	Pedestrian access and connectivity, lighting	Community Submittal	D1/D3	No	10	37
9th Ave, Crestline St to Perry St	Concrete bumpouts	Community Submittal	D2	No	10	11
Monroe St, 5th Ave to 14th Ave	To be determined	Community Submittal	D2	Yes	10	43
Ray St, 17th Ave to 18th Ave	To be determined	Community Submittal	D2	Yes	9	6
Southeast Blvd, 25th Ave to 29th Ave	Restripe to extend bike lane through the intersection, shared with right turn lanes. Crosswalk at 27th?	Community Submittal	D2	No	9	17
Ray St at 27th Ave	Signal	Community Submittal	D2	No	9	7
Ray St at 5th Ave	Crosswalk improvement	Community Submittal	D2	No	10	12
Rockwood Blvd at 16th Ave	Speed humps or chicanes	Community Submittal	D2	No	10	0
Pittsburg St, 34th Ave to 49th Ave	Neighborhood Greenway	Network	D2	No	7	10
Thornton-Murphy Park, 27th Ave/Fiske to Ben Burr Tr	Park Pathway	Network	D2	No	9	17
Alberta St, Northwest Blvd to Driscoll Blvd	School crosswalk improvement?	Community Submittal	D3	No	9	19
Ash St, Dean Ave to Broadway Ave	Bumpouts and/or flashing 20 zone beacon	Community Submittal	D3	No	10	19
Northwest Blvd, Assembly St to Royal Ct	Traffic circles, bumpouts, speed humps	Community Submittal	D3	No	3	6
Northwest Blvd, TJ Meenach Dr to Elm St	Install new ped crossing, maybe at Belt	Community Submittal	D3	Yes	9	27
Monroe St at Rowan Ave	Pedestrian hybrid beacon crosswalk	Community Submittal	D3	No	8	5
Providence Ave @ Wall St-Post St Couplet	Bumpouts and ramps	2022 DOWL	D3	No	8	3
Wellesley Ave to Francis Ave - Belt	Bikeway	Network	D3	No	7	25

Cycle 15: Projects under consideration for Spokane Safe Streets for All Cycle 15 funding will include quick-build project implementation in 2027 and the majority of construction in 2028.

Project descriptors are not final and may change during the scoping process.

Evaluation Metrics:

SRTC High Injury: Spokane Regional Transportation Council High Injury Network. Yes/No - does the project intersect with or run along location identified in the HIN.

WA Enviro. Health Disparities: Washington Environmental Health Disparities Scale of 1-10 with 10 indicating the highest community burden.

Ped Gen (.25 mi): Pedestrian generators identified within .25 mi of candidate project including hospitals and clinics, public schools, community centers, homeless services, libraries, groceries/food banks and bus stops, longterm care facilities, parks.



Traffic Calming Projects - Already Scoped - Cycle 15

Internal ID	Source	CandidateProject Location	Candidate Project Descriptor	Council District	Funding Request
D-007	2022 DOWL	Logan Elementary SRTS	2-3 blocks of sidewalk	D1	\$ 446,000.00
D-049	2022 DOWL	Lidgerwood -Empire to Wellesley	Greenway features	D1	\$ 600,000.00
D-055	2022 DOWL	Euclid (Market to Crestline)	Restripe	D1	\$ 430,000.00
D-048	2022 DOWL	Euclid-Frederick (Sycamore to Havana)	sidewalk infll and ramps	D1	\$ 300,000.00
D-051	2022 DOWL	Perry @ Rogers High School	Crosswalk and bumpout	D1	\$ 102,000.00
D-053	2022 DOWL	Garry MS SRTS	Ramps, crosswalk, 20mph zone	D1	\$ 134,000.00
D-014	2022 DOWL	14th Ave - Trolley Trail to Fish Lake Trail	Sidewalk	D2	\$ 400,000.00
D-017	2022 DOWL	37th @ Napa/Crestline	RRFB (neighborhood wants Crestline)	D2	\$ 206,000.00
D-015	2022 DOWL	Ray (17th to 29th)	widen sidewalk	D2	\$ 500,000.00
D-045	2022 DOWL	33rd @ Lincoln Dr	bumpouts	D2	\$ 50,000.00
D-010	2022 DOWL	Ash St - Francis to Courtland	crosswalk bumpouts	D3	\$ 579,000.00
D-003	2022 DOWL	NW Blvd (TJ to Assembly,)	restripe and island elements	D3	\$ 573,000.00
D-004	2022 DOWL	Francis @ Fotheringham	PHB	D3	\$ 450,000.00
D-024	2022 DOWL	Madison (Rowan to Garland)	traffic circles	D3	\$ 154,000.00
N-010	Network	North Hill – Hemlock/Belt, Dalton Ave to Liberty Ave	Pathway at Transitions	D3	\$ 600,000.00
D-006	2022 DOWL	Bruce - Crestline to Lee	RRFB for school	D1	\$ 200,000.00
D-052	2022 DOWL	Longfellow SRTS - Crestline/Empire	Intersection restripe	D1	\$ 94,000.00

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Ordinance C36830

Date Passed: Monday, February 9, 2026

Chapter 04.12 Plan Commission

Section 04.12.040 Liaison Members

- B. The Community Assembly shall nominate a qualified neighborhood council member to serve as a liaison to the Plan Commission, subject to confirmation by the Mayor and appointment by the City Council. Additionally, the Community Assembly may nominate an additional qualified neighborhood council member to serve as a liaison to the Plan Commission's Design Review Subcommittee, subject to confirmation by the Mayor and appointment by the City Council.

Earlier this year the urban design review procedure applicable to publicly funded projects (schools, for example) and certain downtown developments was restructured and remitted from the Design Review Board to a committee of the Plan Commission.

As above, the restructuring provides the Community Assembly the option to designate an individual other than the Plan Commission liaison member to serve as liaison on the Plan Commission Design Review Subcommittee.

The CA's Plan Commission liaison member, Linda Carroll, has declined to participate on the Plan Commission Design Review Subcommittee and so the Liaison Committee is proposing the Community Assembly take an action to select Fernando Diaz as its Plan Commission Design Review Subcommittee liaison.

In 2024 Fernando Diaz (Carlos Fernando Diaz Garcia) was nominated and appointed to the Community Assembly's membership on the city's Design Review Board. Fernando Diaz has had professional urban design experience in his native Honduras and Mexico. Fernando is thus pre-qualified, as it were, to continue service on the Plan Commission Design Review Subcommittee. The Liaison Committee has taken steps to determine his re-nomination is not necessary.

DRAFT ACTION STATEMENT

Pursuant to SMC 04.12.040 the Community Assembly hereby selects Fernando Diaz to serve as the Community Assembly liaison to the Plan Commission Design Review Subcommittee and requests the Administration Committee chair to inform the Plan Commission's President and Secretary of his selection as soon as possible.

DRAFT TRANSMITTAL

To: Spokane Plan Commission
 Jesse Bank, President jbank@spokanecity.org
 Spencer Gardner, Secretary sgardner@spokanecity.org

At its meeting on June 7, 2026, the Community Assembly by vote selected Fernando Diaz for service on the Plan Commission Design Review Subcommittee pursuant to the provisions of SMC 04.12.040 for liaison positions related to the Plan Commission.

In 2024, Fernando Diaz (Carlos Fernando Diaz Garcia) of the Manito-Cannon Hill Neighborhood Council was nominated and appointed to the Community Assembly's membership position on the city's former Design Review Board and is thereby qualified to serve as liaison on the Plan Commission Design Review Committee. His resume for the 2024 appointment is attached.

DESIGN REVIEW BOARD LIAISON MEMBER – FERNANDO DIAZ APPLICATION

Educational History

Universidad 'José Cecilio del Valle' (Honduras)

- **Degree:** Bachelor of Architecture (BArch) 2005-2011
- **Major:** Architecture

Instituto Politécnico Nacional (Mexico)

- **Degree:** Master's in architecture 2011-2014
- **Degree:** Doctorate in Architecture and City/Urban Planning (Ph.D) 2015-2018
- **Major:** City/Urban, Community and Regional Planning

Employment History

Experienced professional with a diverse background in urban planning, architectural design, and project management. Skilled in GIS technology, content management, SEO, and multimedia handling. Proven ability to manage complex projects, collaborate with stakeholders, and enhance user experience through strategic content and design solutions.

Executive Direction of the Promotion of Mining

Department of Mining Registry, Honduras *March 2006 – July 2010*

- **Team Coordinator:** Created a digital database of governmental mining projects using GIS technology. Researched, compiled, and evaluated land use and permit data related to mining activities. Collaborated with stakeholders to gather information on existing projects and potential development areas. Used GIS software to organize and analyze spatial data, including land ownership records, zoning regulations, and environmental permits.
- **North Coast Highway Project:** Identified and oversaw the sourcing of raw materials from local landowners for highway construction. Supervised extraction operations to ensure sustainability and minimal environmental impact.

Architectural Designer

Various Projects in Honduras and Nicaragua *March 2005 – June 2009*

- **Landscape Park Projects:** Led the design of renovation plans for La Esperanza park and contributed to the Central Park renovation in Copán Ruins.
- **Graduation Center:** Managed the complete design of the Graduation Center at Central America Business School (INCAE) in Nicaragua, experimenting with a prefabricated concrete system. Oversaw all construction processes in Managua, Nicaragua.
- **Home Designs:** Designed homes in San Pedro Sula, Honduras, integrating landscape and architectural elements to create cohesive and client-specific solutions.

Urban Planner

GoldCorp Mining Company, Mexico City, MX *March 2014 – November 2015*

- **Collaboration with rePlan and Overflod:** Developed a social plan for the closure of the "El Sauzal" mine and created a framework for programs to boost economic restoration and community development in 11 communities. Aimed to make a positive impact and leave a legacy.

Tri State Distributors (Actual Job)

- Managed content creation, updating, and proofreading to ensure alignment with organizational goals.
- Utilized CMS for content management and regular website maintenance, fixing issues and ensuring current content.
- Implemented SEO best practices, monitored website traffic with analytics tools, and ensured usability and accessibility.
- Handled multimedia content, conducted A/B testing, and coordinated social media integration across platforms.
- Provided training and support for CMS usage, facilitated B2B social media communities, and oversaw purchasing and inventory management.
- Created visual concepts for brand identity and marketing materials, maintaining quality assurance and user feedback analysis.

Involvement in the Community

Local Associations (Spokane):

Volunteer with Terrain Spokane 2021-2024 (Terrain, Bazaar, BrrrZAAR)

Professional Associations: Revista Gremium (Magazine Gremium®) (Mexico)

- Role: Editorial team member, Committee of desktop publishing.
- Focus: Scientific research on the restoration and conservation of urban heritage architecture.

Community Projects:

- El Sauzal Mine Closure: (Mexico) Developed and implemented strategies for economic restoration, resettlement, and local planning.
- Opal Workshops: (Honduras) Designed and built workshops, providing economic opportunities for local communities.
- North Coast Highway Project: (Honduras) Sourced raw materials and supervised construction, contributing to regional infrastructure development.

Skills and Special Interests

Technical Skills:

- Proficient in Autocad (10+ years), ArcGIS (5+ years), and Adobe Creative Suite (4+ years).
- Experienced in 3D Studio Max, Imovie, and Final Cut.

Interests:

- Passionate about urban planning, community development, and historic preservation.
- Fluent in English and Spanish, facilitating communication across diverse populations.
- Enjoys working on high-quality projects that meet international standards and cater to unique project requirements.

Special Experiences:

- Collaborative ventures with international organizations (rePlan Canada, OverFlod Mexico) on social and community development initiatives.
- Experience in public engagement, technical writing, and project management.
- Commitment to sustainability and innovative solutions in urban development and planning.

Personal Information

Name: Fernando Diaz

Title: Architect and Urban Planner

Birthplace: Tegucigalpa, Honduras

Marital Status: Married, Two Children

Places Lived: Tegucigalpa Honduras, San Jose, Costa Rica, Mexico City, Mexico, Spokane Wa.

Emigration Status: USA Green Card, MEXICO, permanent residency card, Honduran Citizen.



Land Use Committee (LUC)

Notes from the LUC Meeting, 5/28/2026

In Person and Zoom

West Central Community Center, The Newton

Virtual – Via [Zoom](#) (Meeting ID:)

5:30 pm to 6:45 pm

Attendance: Fran Papenleur, Bob Scarfo, Pat Nault, Linda Carroll, Doug Tompkins, Molly Marshall, Mary Winkes, David Eagle, Fran Papenleur, Carol Tomsic, Mary Stohr, Anna Vamvakias, David Rasanen, Brian Muegge

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Mary Winkes, Doug Tompkins, and Molly Marshall

- Welcome and Introductions
- Review and approve current agenda
- Review and approve April minutes

Forgot to approve meeting notes from April. Will approve in June.

DISCUSSION:

- Questions or concerns not covered in the agenda below

OLD BUSINESS:

- Need for a secretary

No volunteers.

- Roster of Members for this committee—handout

Will add Ann, David and Charles to the roster

- Parking minimums—update

Mary reported that City Council is looking at a possible change from the “no minimum parking” to more closely follow the state’s parking requirements

NEW BUSINESS:

- Ruby Hotel Dock discussion—Brian Muegge

Brian joined us by Zoom. He will contact the Centennial Trail Association and both Jim and Matt from Logan.

- Land Use (Growth Strategy) chapter—review and general concerns
Please come prepared to give your general impressions of the early draft, as sent out several weeks ago.

A robust discussion of the general concerns about the Land Use (Growth Strategy) chapter. Mary took notes for use later. The group decided that there was need to write a letter to the Mayor, City Council and the Planning Department regarding a proposed process for neighborhood and Neighborhood Councils input at the beginning of the Future Land Use Plan (FLUM). Linda will take the lead on letter writing and Mary and David will assist.

The Transportation Chapter review committee will begin its work within the week.

NEXT MEETING DATE: Thursday, June 25, 2026

ADJOURN

Land Use Letter on FLUM Procedure

I. Preamble

On May 7, the Community Assembly addressed a letter to the Planning Department, the mayor, and City Council citing the role of neighborhood councils in planning stipulated by the City Charter, Section 74, A & B:

A. review and recommend an action, policy, or plan to the city council neighborhood committee, the city council, the mayor, the City and any city agency, commission, or board on any matter affecting that neighborhood;

B. assist city agencies in determining priority needs for the neighborhood;

In the letter, the Community Assembly expressed concern that “This neighborhood council planning role, however, is not reflected thus far in the comprehensive plan drafts.”

Planning will very soon enter the next phase, the development of the Future Land Use Map (FLUM), which will convert the general goals of the Comprehensive Plan to specifics for each neighborhood. Currently, the Planning Department has set forth the four steps involved in the following order (as described to the May 27 meeting of the Plan Commission):

Convert

Amend

Engage

Finalize

The placement of “Engage” (i.e. engage with the public) as the next-to-last step in the process appears to continue Planning Department’s previous procedure even though in planning for ReFIVE, a project involving improvements in East Central, the department followed a different model.

For ReFIVE, the Planning Department engaged with the public first: “Spanning all engagement efforts, co-creation, accessibility, and creativity were key elements of our approach to best meet community members where they’re at” (agenda, Plan Commission meeting, May 27, p. 10). As part of this initial public engagement for ReFIVE, the Planning Department held:

Community Conversations

Interviews and Listening Sessions, Jan 2025 - Feb 2025

Property Owners & Stakeholder Outreach, March – May 2026

Community Working Group (composed of: 5th Avenue Forward, Carl Maxey Center, Nuestra Raíces, Take Up the Cause, **East Central Neighborhood Council**, Spokane Public Schools, Youth Representative)

Monthly Meetings, February 2025 - ongoing

Visioning Events

Frances Scott Elementary School Arts Gala, April 2025 & 2026

Grant Park Celebration, Juneteenth 2025

MLK Center Resource Fair, Juneteenth 2025

Community Workshop, October 2025

Black Earth Day, April 2026

Online

Project website

Blog posts, email newsletter

Discussion board & interactive map

II. Land Use Request of Community Assembly

In light of these considerations, the Land Use Committee requests that Community Assembly send the following letter to the Planning Department, the mayor, and the members of City Council:

To the Planning Department, the mayor, and the members of City Council:

Because the procedure followed in ReFIVE fully actualizes the Charter's stipulation for the role in planning of neighborhood councils, whose members have the greatest local knowledge and the most at stake, the Community Assembly respectfully urges the Planning Department to adopt the following, similar procedure in the development of the Future Land Use Map (FLUM):

- make 'Engage' the first step
- begin that first, 'Engage' step by making the interactive map and discussion board available to the public and specifically to neighborhood councils
- in the first, 'Engage' phase have a member of the Planning Department meet with each neighborhood council in a meaningful consultation

Given that the Charter-stipulated role for neighborhood councils will likely require more time, the Community Assembly further urges the Planning Department to apply to the state Department of Commerce for an extension of the December 31 deadline for the completion of the Comprehensive Plan, as other communities across the state are doing.

The Community Assembly respectfully requests a written statement from the Planning Department committing to this procedure before its work on FLUM begins.

Draft Notes – CA Liaison Committee Meeting – May 12, 2026 – S Hill Library + Zoom

Present: Paul Kropp, Southgate, Chair; Andy Hoye, Southgate, Note-taker; Lorna Walsh, Riverside; Bonnie McInnis, West Central; Angell Trout – absent-excused; Stan Woods, North Hill – guest

Quorum was noted. April notes approved as revised for minutes of record.

Attendance of Liaisons at their respective Boards and Committees was noted. All meetings had been attended.

Paul will send the CA Packets for March and April to Lorna for her review to record the presence or absence of reports from the liaisons.

Paul will speak to Angell about final tweaks to the brochure.

We discussed the history of the Design Review Board and its transition to a subcommittee of the Plan Commission, and the City administrative decision reported by ONS that Fernando Diaz can assume that role. He needs only formal CA decision to permit him to serve. Paul will wordsmith the necessary documents with Heather Hamlin for the CA and the Plan Commission.

We decided to ask Santiago Rodriguez-Anderson, CA liaison to the Climate Resilience and Sustainability Board to attend the June meeting for the “check-in.” Paul will contact him.

Notes taken by Andy Hoye
Edits by Paul Kropp

COMMUNITY ASSEMBLY

FACT SHEET

POLICY AND PROCEDURE AMENDMENTS

The Community Assembly's policies for amendments provide only for a year-end procedure to review and potentially modify both the CA's P&Ps themselves and those of its standing committees.

Annually in November an ad-hoc review committee is set up to consider amendment proposals together in order to maintain consistency.

The amendments recommend by the ad-hoc review committee for adoption require a two-thirds vote.

There is a certain wisdom in this arrangement. It prevents hasty or simple majority manipulation to existing policies or procedures but at the same time it requires – expects? – the Community Assembly to review and assess its own objectives and functions every single year.

Nevertheless, for the standing committees there is no mechanism to address either practical adjustments to their operation during the year necessitated by circumstance or a proposal at any time for the major renovation or redirection of an existing standing committee with sufficient cause.

Below are the relevant policies in the current Community Assembly P&P document (2022).

V. Committees

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11. Standing Committee Policies and Procedures

- 1. Each committee will complete/review/modify a Policy and Procedures Committee document in accordance with the Committee Policies and Procedures Template prior to the November CA meeting and submit the revised document to the ad hoc Policies and Procedures Committee for inclusion in the main document.*
- 2. The document shall include its charge, goals, membership, meeting times, officers and terms, reporting, decision-making process and calendar. (See addendum titled "Committee Policies and Procedures Template.")*

X. Amendments

- 1. Establish an ad hoc CA Policies and Procedures (P&P) Review Committee in November of each year.*
- 2. Present a written report including any amendments to the approved policies and procedures to the CA in February of each year.*
- 3. A vote to approve any amendments shall occur at the following regularly scheduled meeting.*
- 4. Amendments require a 2/3 affirmative vote.*
- 5. The formal amendment process described herein does not apply to the Committee P&P documents.*

May 22 Minutes from Neighborhood Workgroup

Attendees: CP Wilkerson, Giacobbe Byrd, CM Kate Telis, CM Kitty Klitzke, Heather Hamlin, Andreas Grageda, Laura Johnson, Andy Hoye, Mary Winkes

- District 2 Community Engagement Event – June 24 at the MLK Community Center (public safety focus)
 - Rescheduled from June 2
 - Could use CA's help getting the word out

- Parking Minimum Conversation
 - Chris is working on a potential ordinance for CP to sponsor to align more with what the state requires

- How to Engage with Council 101 - June 3 at 6 p.m.
 - Council hosting an opportunity for community members to learn more about our processes
 - Could use the workgroup's help in spreading the word
 - Giacobbe will share a flyer

- Comprehensive Plan Update
 - Review specific concerns
 - Next draft will be released by Planning on May 28
 - Planners will be at CA at the June meeting
 - Overview and review of updates
 - That's a good spot to provide specific CA feedback on chapters
 - CA and Workgroup members should circle back with CMs in this group if there are additional language change requests

- ONS / CA MOU Update
 - CA Admin will generate a recommendation to the full CA

- Budget
 - CP talked about her desire to see ONS budget stay where it is year over year
 - 52 events were funded by the engagement grant this year

Pedestrian, Traffic and Transportation (PeTT) CA Meeting 5/26/26 at 6:00pm on Zoom

Attendance: Carol Tomsic-Chair-Lincoln Heights, Mary Winkes-Manito/Cannon Hill and Land Use Committee, Jeff Mergler- Comstock, Paul Kropp-Southgate, David Eagle-Chief Garry Park and Land Use Committee, Charles Hansen-Whitman, Gene Brake-Emmerson Garfield, Cliff Winger-Shiloh Hills and Transportation Commission liaison, Chuck Carter-Manito/Cannon Hill, Heather Hamlin-City of Spokane Neighborhood Services, Jon Snyder-City of Spokane Director of Transportation and Sustainability, Tara Limon-STA, Brian Frampton-STA, Madeline Arredondo-Associate Transit Planner-STA.

Carol Tomsic called the meeting to order

Attendees introduced themselves and their neighborhood affiliations.

Jon Snyder, City of Spokane-Director of Transportation and Sustainability presentation on Spokane Emergency Streets Pilot Program. Jon explained that the city will run an Emergency Streets pilot this summer to test rapid, visible two-week response intervention at recent fatal crash sites to slow drivers and increase safety. This program is funded by the Washington State Traffic Safety Commission and the Spokane Regional Health District. The concept partnered with UC Boulder for design concepts and PSA creatives to increase driver awareness and reduce speeds at fatal crash sites including signs, painted street stencils, cones, and short lane treatments to be placed in the roadway. They intend to focus first on city-controlled streets, avoiding state routes initially. They will use StreetVision and survey data to assess speed/behavior and compile findings for street analytics. They will use community outreach around each treatment with door-to-door flyers, sidewalk signs, PSA materials and social media content and run pre/post public surveys to measure evaluation metrics. More information at emergencystreets.org

Madeline Arredondo, STA Associate Transit Planner to introduce STA 2027-2032 Transit Development Plan. Introduced the six-year mid-range plan used for service planning, CIP, and federal funding eligibility. Public comment period with open houses June 9th at the Central Library 2-5pm and Spokane Valley 3-6pm, a board hearing on June 19th with final adoption July 16th for the STA Board of Directors. The draft will be posted online with the full schedule of meetings. Service improvements include adjustment of routes in North Spokane, connecting West Plains, and launching mobility on demand pilots for underserved areas, older/disabled riders and some later service on some routes. Capital Improvements projects focus 69% on Connect 2035 priorities. marredondo@spokanetransit.com www.spokanetransit.com/TDP

Agency Updates

Brian Frampton-STA. Bloomsday debrief was successful. The Summer of Soccer Connect card program is available now in limited quantity. SkyFest shuttle service leaves from the STA Plaza to Fairchild AFB every 30-minute frequency during event hours. The alternative plaza will be used during Hoopfest with a \$2 all-day pass promotion for shuttle and city line users. The STA Board approved placing Proposition 1 on the ballot to extend the .2% sales tax for STA to 2048.

Cliff Winger-Traffic Commission. Recent TC highlights include presentation on the North Spokane Corridor project and School Street pedestrian safety pilot program with temporary closures during school pickup and drop-off times. Traffic calming candidate pipeline of 21 pre-scoped projects was presented and although budget constraints of 9-10 projects likely to be funded. Recommends neighborhood advocacy to review candidate listings and prioritize TC.

Mary Winkes Land Use/Plan Commission update. The Land Use Committee meets this Thursday at the West Central Library from 5:30-6:45pm. The agenda includes an early draft of the Land Use growth strategy for review. Key items include consideration that adequate green space is preserved and not a “build more housing” emphasis and neighborhood notification and engagement.

Discussion that several residents reporting recently receiving letters from city/city attorney regarding needed sidewalk repair. Although city code places sidewalk repair as the responsibility for the property owner, enforcement was historically complaint driven. A very high-cost burden for lower income residents. David added that the lower cost of concrete pavers should be an option if the city engineers would allow them.

CRSB Community Assembly Liaison Report — May 14, 2026

Spokane Climate Resilience and Sustainability Board | Hybrid Meeting | 2:00-5 PM
Santiago Rodriguez-Anderson
CRSB Community Assembly Liaison
srodriguezanderson@spokanecity.org

Workshop Items

1. Septic to Sewer Program Update

Presenter: Marlene Feist

Proposed resolution to create a "Septic to Sewer Amnesty and Incentive Program" reducing the General Facility Charge (GFC) for properties in the City's wastewater service area currently on septic, using Aquifer Protection Area funds. Approximately 180 properties are eligible. Incentive rates: \$3,600 (¾" connection) and \$5,300 (1" connection), vs. standard 2026 rates of \$7,330 and \$12,216. Program available through December 31, 2028; City Council expected to consider a resolution in May 2026.

Reference: [City of Spokane – Public Works](#)

2. Solid Waste Organics Regulatory Environment / Waste Reduction Goals

Presenters: Marlene Feist / Chris Averyt

Overview of Washington State's Organics Management Law, targeting a 75% reduction of organic material in landfills by 2030. Universal residential organics collection required by April 1, 2027; mandatory service for all customers by April 1, 2030. Spokane is in an ORCA zone but not yet a BOMA — the region's primary composting facility is at 97–100% capacity. Organics account for roughly one-third of Spokane's waste stream; preliminary implementation cost exceeds \$3.2M. Key deadlines: Solid Waste Management Plan update (July 2026) and state waiver application (December 2026).

Reference: [RCW 70A.205 – WA Organics Management Law](#)

3. Community Composting Case Studies

Presenters: Nicole White / Patty Lentz

Staff from the Division of Transportation and Sustainability (DoTS) presented composting program models from across the Pacific Northwest and beyond to inform Spokane's organics diversion strategy. This is an informational item; Board feedback will inform future policy recommendations. Models reviewed:

- We Compost Community Hubs – Clark County, WA (public-private partnership)
- CompostWise – King County, WA (county-led)
- Ashland Community Composting – OR (membership-based)
- Farmer Pirates Compost – Buffalo, NY (worker-owned cooperative)

- Rust Belt Riders – Cleveland, OH (worker-owned cooperative)
- Sandpoint Organic Agriculture Center – ID (grant-funded)

4. Comprehensive Climate Action Plan (CCAP) Overview

Presenter: Rylie Ellison, WA Dept. of Ecology

Washington State Department of Ecology presentation on the completed State Comprehensive Climate Action Plan, developed jointly by the Departments of Commerce and Ecology. The plan identifies 36 strategies and 135 measures through 2050, covering clean energy, building electrification, zero-emission vehicles, organics diversion, and carbon removal. Projected outcomes: avoidance of ~\$10B/year in social costs by 2030 and ~\$35B/year by 2050; creation of 18,500 jobs by 2035 and 38,000+ by 2050.

Reference: [WA State CCAP – Dept. of Ecology](#)

5. State Legislative Agenda Discussion

Presenter: Jon Snyder

Board discussion of climate and sustainability priorities for inclusion in the City of Spokane's 2027 State Legislative Agenda. City Council adopts its legislative agenda each fall; CRSB recommendations must be formally passed before the end of August 2026 to be considered.

Reference: [City of Spokane – Legislative Affairs](#)

6. SAP 5-Year Review Update

Presenters: Jon Snyder / Nicole White

Progress update on the Sustainability Action Plan (SAP) 5-Year Review, guiding Spokane's GHG reduction, climate risk mitigation, and equity goals. Internal outreach is ongoing to fill status gaps following a preliminary review in February 2026. Related plans include the Comprehensive Plan Update, Water Conservation Master Plan, Bicycle Master Plan, and Pedestrian Master Plan.

Reference: [Spokane Sustainability Action Plan](#)

7. SAPW Update

Presenter: Amanda Parrish

CA Liaison had to leave early before this segment was discussed.

Adjournment

Next regularly scheduled CRSB meeting: Thursday, June 11, 2026

Upcoming June agenda items: Tree Preservation Ordinance, Recycling Markets, Participatory Budgeting / GHG Reduction, State Comprehensive Climate Plan, and Hazardous Air Related Costs.

Plan Commission CA Liaison Report

Submitted by Linda Carroll

At its May 27 meeting of the Plan Commission, which I attended, the Planning Department made several presentations, the most relevant of which summarized work on the ReFIVE planning for improvements in East Central and the next phase of work on the Comprehensive Plan.

Concerning the new Comprehensive Plan, work will very soon begin on the development of the Future Land Use Map (FLUM), which will convert the general goals of the Comprehensive Plan to specifics for each neighborhood. At the meeting, the Planning Department set forth the four steps involved in the following order:

- Convert
- Amend
- Engage
- Finalize

The placement of “Engage” (i.e. engage with the public) as the next-to-last step in the process appears to continue Planning Department’s previous procedure in which, as the Community Assembly pointed out in its May 7 letter to the Planning Department, the mayor, and the City Council, the City Charter-stipulated role for neighborhood councils in planning “is not reflected thus far in the comprehensive plan drafts.”

Curiously, the Planning Department’s presentation of the ReFIVE project to the Plan Commission at that same May 27 meeting showed a very different model, one that put the community and the neighborhood council at the center of planning from the beginning (agenda, Plan Commission meeting, May 27, pp. 6-29).

The Planning Department described its engagement with the public for ReFIVE as coming first: “Spanning all engagement efforts, co-creation, accessibility, and creativity were key elements of our approach to best meet community members where they’re at” (agenda, Plan Commission meeting, May 27, p. 10). As part of this initial public engagement, the Planning Department held:

Community Conversations

- Interviews and Listening Sessions, Jan 2025 - Feb 2025
- Property Owners & Stakeholder Outreach, March – May 2026

Community Working Group (composed of: 5th Avenue Forward, Carl Maxey Center, Nuestra Raíces, Take Up the Cause, **East Central Neighborhood Council**, Spokane Public Schools, Youth Representative)

- Monthly Meetings, February 2025 - ongoing

Visioning Events

- Frances Scott Elementary School Arts Gala, April 2025 & 2026

- Grant Park Celebration, Juneteenth 2025

- MLK Center Resource Fair, Juneteenth 2025

- Community Workshop, October 2025

- Black Earth Day, April 2026

Online

Project website

Blog posts, email newsletter

Discussion board & interactive map

In my report about this Plan Commission meeting to the Land Use Committee at its May 28 meeting, I suggested that the Land Use Committee prepare a motion to be presented to the Community Assembly at this meeting calling for the Planning Department to commit to a somewhat abbreviated model of the ReFIVE procedure in the development of the Future Land Use Map (FLUM), which will propose specific changes affecting neighborhoods. Given the very short time between the May 28 Land Use Committee meeting and the Community Assembly meeting, the committee voted to delegate the drafting of that motion to chair Mary Winkes, committee member David Eagle, and myself.



Transportation Commission (TC) Report May 2026 by Cliff Winger <cwinger@spokanecity.org>

Link to TC's web page is at: <<https://easyurl.net/SPK.TranCom>>

TC May Agenda <<https://static.spokanecity.org/documents/bcc/commissions/transportation-commission/agendas/2026/05/transport-agenda-2026-05-20.pdf>>

ALL PRESENTATIONS are listed on the TC web page linked [above](#).

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TC representatives: District 1: Joni Harris - joniharris@spokanecity.org; District 2: Grant Shipley, President gshipley@spokanecity.org; District 3: Kaylee Jackman kjackman@spokanecity.org.

Interested in submitting a traffic calming project request? [Submit your request to 311](#) using the Safe Streets Survey (Traffic Calming) option, these will be considered for Cycle 16 (2029).

■ **NSC Design WSDOT East Central** Briefing Paper page 6 of [Agenda](#). See also: “[5th Avenue Community Plan](#)” The NSC project page is <<https://wsdot.wa.gov/construction-planning/major-projects/north-spokane-corridor>> Presenter: Shauna Harshman (harshsc@wsdot.wa.gov)

■ **STA Transit Development Plan** see presentation at <<https://static.spokanecity.org/documents/bcc/commissions/transportation-commission/presentations/2026/05/20/sta-2027-2032-tdp-update.pdf>> Highlights of Mobility on Demand and service & capital improvements. Presenter: Madeline Arredondo (marredondo@spokanetransit.com)

■ **School Streets Workshop** Closure of streets adjacent to schools, either permanent or student drop-off and pick-up times; see presentation at <<https://static.spokanecity.org/documents/bcc/commissions/transportation-commission/presentations/2026/05/20/school-streets.pdf>> Presenter: Nicole White (nwhite@spokanecity.org)

■ **Traffic Calming Scoping Projects** The City is beginning the selection process for Cycle 15 traffic calming projects, with approximately \$3.2 million available for projects expected to be built in 2027–2029. Thirty candidate projects from prior neighborhood studies, new community-submitted concerns, and strategic city priorities have been chosen for further scoping and design, with the Transportation Commission playing a major role in recommending projects to the City Council. Project count breakdown by District: District 1: 14, District 2: 10, District 3: 9. The 30 projects for scoping are on Page 24 of the [Agenda](#). See the presentation: <<https://static.spokanecity.org/documents/bcc/commissions/transportation-commission/presentations/2026/05/20/cycle-15-traffic-calming-projects-for-scoping.pdf>> for 21 already scoped projects Pages 8-10 **See summary of projects scoped this Transportation meeting on the next two pages.** Presenters: Nicole White (nwhite@spokanecity.org) and Abbey Martin (ammartin@spokanecity.org)

■ **PPZ Parking Environment Improvement** Federal ARPA funding that supports downtown and gateway cleaning efforts will expire this summer; the city needs to update its outdated A.D.A. Transition Plan for downtown and other areas. Maintaining clean streets supports the city's transportation and downtown goals, and updating the A.D.A. plan is required under state and federal law. Presentation [here](#). Presenter: Jon Snyder (jsnyder@spokanecity.org)

Already Scoped – Candidates for Cycle 15 Funding

Project	Project Scope
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District 1

Logan Elementary SRTS	2-3 blocks of sidewalk
Lidgerwood Ave - Empire St to Wellesley St	Greenway features
Euclid Ave - Market St to Crestline St	Restripe
Euclid Ave/Frederick Ave - Sycamore St to Havana St	Sidewalk infill and ramps
Perry St at Rogers High School	Crosswalk and bumpout
Garry Middle School SRTS	Ramps, crosswalk, 20mph zone
Bruce Ave – Crestline St to Lee St	RRFB for school
Longfellow SRTS – Crestline St /Empire Ave	Intersection restripe
Montgomery Ave at Cincinnati St	Bumpouts on greenway

District 2

Cedar St - 14th Ave to 19th Ave	Ramps, bumpouts
14th Ave - Trolley Trail to Fish Lake Trail	Sidewalk
37th Ave at Crestline St	RRFB
Ray St - 17th Ave to 29th Ave	Widen sidewalk
33rd Ave at Lincoln Dr	Bumpouts

District 3

Northwest Blvd, TJ Meenach Dr to Assembly S	Restripe and island elements
Francis Ave at Fotheringham St	Pedestrian hybrid beacon
Madison St - Rowan Ave to Garland Ave	Traffic circles
Hemlock St/Belt St - Dalton Ave to Liberty Ave	Pathway at Transitions
Sunset Hwy - 2nd Ave to Spruce/Coeur D'Alene St	RRFB, median, curb revisions
Strong Rd - Five Mile Rd to Nettleton St	Paved shoulder path
Ash St - Francis Ave to Courtland Ave	Crosswalk bumpouts

Projects Selected for Scoping and Design - Cycle 15

District 1

Crestline St, Euclid Ave to Illinois Ave	Restripe narrow lanes, add bike lanes
Lyons Ave, Nevada St to Standard St	Bumpouts, traffic circle at Standard
Magnesium Rd, Dakota St to Nevada St	Install crosswalk (RRFB) school zone.
Nevada St, Lyons Ave to Hawthorne Ave	Add pedestrian crossings
Hamilton St at Illinois Ave	To be determined
Main St at Browne Ave	Bumpouts and decorative lighting
Regal St at Upriver Dr	Crosswalk to access Centennial Trail
Spokane Falls Blvd/Riverside at Monroe	Bumpout remove 5th lane, ped island
Illinois/Perry, Perry to Cincinnati	Protected bike lanes
Mission Park, Superior St to Perry St	Bus stop / pathway connecting
Cincinnati St at Indiana Ave	Crossing
Jefferson St @ 3rd/4th to Riverside Ave*	Bikeway and crossing
Mayfair @ Foothills/Buckeye/Division/Ruby†	Bikeway and crossing
Maple St Bridge, Riverside to Broadway†	Pedestrian access & connectivity, lighting

Note: * District 1&2 - † District 1&3

**Projects Selected for Scoping and Design - Cycle 15, Continued
District 2**

9th Ave, Crestline St to Perry St	Concrete bumpouts
Monroe St, 5th Ave to 14th Ave	To be determined
Ray St, 17th Ave to 18th Ave	To be determined
Southeast Blvd, 25th Ave to 29th Ave	Restripe to bike lane Crosswalk at 27th?
Ray St at 27th Ave	Signal
Ray St at 5th Ave	Crosswalk improvement
Rockwood Blvd at 16th Ave	Speed humps or chicanes
Pittsburg St, 34th Ave to 49th Ave	Neighborhood Greenway
Thornton-Murphy Pk, 27th/Fiske to Ben Burr	Park Pathway

District 3

Alberta St, Northwest Blvd to Driscoll Blvd	School crosswalk improvement?
Ash St, Dean Ave to Broadway Ave	Bumpouts and/or flashing 20 zone beacon
Northwest Blvd, Assembly St to Royal Ct	Traffic circles, bumpouts, speed humps
Northwest Blvd, TJ Meenach Dr to Elm St	Install new ped crossing, maybe at Belt
Monroe St at Rowan Ave	Pedestrian hybrid beacon crosswalk
Providence Ave @ Wall St-Post St Couplet	Bumpouts and ramps
Wellesley Ave to Francis Ave - Belt	Bikeway

Note: This tabular data is from the [Cycle 15 Project Presentation](#) Pages 8-10 & [Agenda](#) Page 24

Out of thirty-seven projects that were previously scoped, the average estimate stood at \$328,257. This means that with an estimated \$3.2 million available, only around nine to ten of these fifty-one projects (~18%) will receive funding in 2027-2029.

Next Meeting: June 17, 2026, 1600 hours at City Hall, Council Chambers

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Trans Comm.

From: [Winger, Clifford](#)
To: [Neighborhood Services; Hamlin, Heather](#)
Cc: [Paul Kropp](#)
Subject: Addendum to CA Agenda Package
Date: Sunday, May 31, 2026 2:57:29 PM

Heather, Could you add this red light camera report to the CA package for the June 4th meeting?

Spokane Photo Red Light Camera Report — April 2026

The Spokane Police Department's photo red light system recorded 2,420 YTD violations in April 2026, up from 1,971 during the same period in 2024 — an increase of 449 violations (roughly 23%).

The busiest intersections were:

1. E/B Mission & Greene — 421 violations
2. N/B Greene & Mission — 316 violations
3. N/B Freya & 3rd — 230 violations
4. S/B Thor & 2nd — 203 violations

On the revenue side, Photo Red fines brought in \$472,608 through April 2026 against a four-month budget target of \$440,320 — a surplus of approximately \$32,289, meaning this program is currently running ahead of projections. Total school zone fine for this period was \$1,026,787.54

Overall, red light violations are trending upward compared to 2024, with the Mission/Greene corridor standing out as a persistent hotspot accounting for over 30% of the top four locations' combined violations.

Source: Spokane Police Department / Traffic Unit, Jan 1 to April 30, 2026.

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Thank you,
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**City of Spokane
Citizen Advisory Committee to the
Urban Forestry Tree Committee**

3 p.m. Tuesday, March 31, 2026
Hybrid in-person and WebEx virtual meeting
Katie Sorensen - Urban Forester

Committee Members:

- X Tim Kohlhauff
- X Guy Gifford
- X Cindy Deffe
- X Matt Stewart
- Justyce Brant – (Absent – Excused)
- X Ben Kappen
- Logan Callen – (Absent – Excused)
- Kathryn Alexander – (Absent – Excused)
- X Kelsi Caston
- X Eduardo Castillo

Parks Staff:

Katie Sorensen
Steve Nittolo

Guests:

Chris “Copp” Copen – Friends of Spokane
Trees

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 3:01 p.m. by committee chair Kris Neely who opened the meeting with introductions.

Public Comments:

Chris “Copp” Copen from Friends of Spokane Trees shared that Friends of Spokane Trees was established approximately six to eight months ago in response to concerns on how to balance urban development and clearing land for increased housing and preserving trees in the city core and heritage trees. The group is working on a city ordinance that would help govern and determine what kinds of trees could be cut down and what leeways must be left on properties when a developer wants to clear a lot. He advised city council members Kate Tellis and Paul Dillion are supporting them in writing the ordinance. The purpose is to look at how more trees can be preserved in the city. He advised the group is trying to dissuade clear cutting of lots to preserve some trees while also respecting the right of developers to clear land they need for housing and that they are not trying to stop development just preserve some trees in the development process.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes from **March 2026** were approved. Motion to approve the March 2026 minutes by Guy Gifford, seconded by Tim Kohlhauff, approved unanimously.

Discussion Items:

1. Ceremonies, Appointments, Announcements

- Katie welcomed new committee members Kelsi Caston and Eduardo Castillo who were appointed to the committee at the March 3rd meeting.

Standing Report Items:

1. Community Assembly – No Report.

2. Staff Report – Katie Sorensen

- a. There has been a significant amount of beetle killed trees and removals have been completed at Manito, Lincoln, and Coeur d' Alene Parks, Whitewater Disc Golf Course, Golf Courses, and overall, within the park system. Urban Forestry has been consulting with Dana Brennan an entomologist with the Department of Natural Resources to make sure UF is doing all they can do. UF continues to be proactive and has been able to identify trees that have beetles overwintering in them and remove the trees before the beetles emerge.
- b. The recent windstorm resulted in about a dozen tree failures in the parks and all work has been completed.
- c. Approximately a dozen bald cypress trees will be planted next week at Sky Prairie Park with a juvenile group that UF typically plants with every year. A highlight of their experience with the Parks Department has been planting trees with the UF crew. They have also done work in Riverfront Park and Manito Park and get to see what a parks career looks like.
- d. Urban Forestry is working with Spokane Ponderosa to plant hundreds of seedlings on various sites where trees have been lost, including Hamblen Park, Manito Park, and various natural right-of-way area, such as along Downriver Dr. Planting also continues at Champion Park.
- e. Urban Forestry Specialist Becky Phillips is retiring. Her last day with the city will be April 10th. Becky handled inspections, permitting, and other items including other Development Service items. Staff are incredibly thankful for the public service she provided for many years. Urban Forestry will be moving forward with the hiring process for this position, which is partially funded by Development Services.
- f. Code Enforcement is taking over sending notices for clearance issues over sidewalks and roadways. Urban Forestry previously sent notices for clearance issues in the right-of-way and took an educational approach. The vegetation code falls under Code Enforcement so they will be sending the notices and enforcing compliance.
- g. Urban Forestry is working on a hiring list for the Arborist position, which is currently filled. Civil Service generally has a list of applicants for positions and if there is a vacancy the list of applicants is accessed. There currently is not a list for the Arborist position and UF is working with Civil Service to update it for if there ever was a need to fill the Arborist position.

- h. Urban Forestry is working with the Daughters of the American Revolution for a planting of Cherry trees at Riverfront Park. One tree will be planted for Arbor Day possibly, with the rest being planted in a larger 'Never Forget Garden' project in the fall. The plantings are in the planning phase and Parks Planning is working on the design.
- i. Urban Forestry is providing assistance with tree work for the development of the Meadow Glenn Park, which is in the Indian Trail area. UF will mainly be helping with fuels reduction which will reduce tree work costs of the overall project.
- j. A deciduous shrub planting day on the bluff took place Saturday March 21st with Nick Jeffries, Friends of the Bluff, and other volunteer groups.
- k. A Susie Forest tree will be dedicated at the library on April 19th and planted the following Monday.
- l. There have been many damage claims recently, where people run their cars off the road and hit trees. Urban Forestry invoices for damages and the insurance usually pays the damages and UF can remove and replace the trees. If there is a decrease in value of a tree UF can invoice for those trees in anticipating the shortened life span of the tree. Staff are working to catch up on all possible claims.

Old Business:

1. IRA Grant Update – Katie Sorensen

- a. Starting the week of April 6th approximately two hundred trees will be planted within areas covered by the grant. Amber Ramirez is establishing tree planting lists to distribute to the planting contractors and is coordinating utility locates. The homeowner coordination is being done by The Lands Council. A volunteer planting will take place the week of May 5th and more details will be out soon.
- b. The Downtown Spokane Partnership Contract was finalized with the launch of the tree program for downtown. There is a free tree program to prompt replacement trees downtown. DSP will water trees downtown on an emergency basis and alert property owners/tenants of issues. A proactive educational approach and participation of abutting property owners will help prevent costly removals and replacements for property owners.
- c. Urban Forestry is receiving 1,350 seedlings from the Spokane Conservation District for UF programs. Seedlings will be distributed to OnTrack Academy for their Tree Hero Event, senior centers, youth centers, all libraries, at the Shadle library plant swap and at the City's Arbor Day event.
- d. Dead tree removals through the grant are almost finished with one contractor still having some removals to complete.
- e. Urban Forestry will have a table at the Spokane Conservation District's Arbor Day Celebration.

- f. Large signs were made for the Tree Equity Spokane Program with information on the free tree program and sign-ups. The signs will be placed at numerous locations and UF is looking for additional ideas of locations to place signs.
- g. Urban Forestry participated in a Water Wise presentation on trees this week. The meeting was coordinated by SpokaneScape and 87 people attended. UF provided information on the Tree Equity Program, opportunities for planting, and information on properly watering trees.
- h. A beetle workshop was held Saturday March 28th at the Finch Arboretum with Dana Brennan an entomologist with the Department of Natural Resources. Twenty people attended.

It was asked if there had been an update on the state funding for the Community Forestry Program that had been at jeopardy of being cut. Katie advised she had been informed the state Community Forestry Program funding has been reinstated.

2. **Arbor Day** – Katie Sorensen

The Arbor Day Celebration is Saturday April 25th at Finch Arboretum. It is a well-attended event and will be held rain or shine. There will be a compost fair, free seedlings, a climbing demonstration, free coffee/hot cocoa and kettle corn, a Tree City USA ceremony, a ribbon cutting for the Touch and See nature trail, and much more. UF is looking for more volunteers if committee members are interested in volunteering at the event.

Urban Forestry will have a booth for Arbor Day at My Fresh Basket and will give out seedlings the week after Arbor Day.

Tree Hero Event at OnTrack Academy on April 18th. This will be the 5th year they have held this event. The students tree projects will be on display, and they will be giving out tree seedlings. They help with tree plantings finding locations for trees to be planted, especially in the northeast neighborhoods. The school also has Tree City USA K-12 Campus accreditation through the Arbor Day Foundation.

- 3. **Heritage Tree Nomination Review** - Review of the Heritage Tree Nomination was moved to next month. The committee would like to review program information more thoroughly as it has been some time since the last nomination was received.

New Business:

1. **Urban Forestry Golf Update** – Steve Nittolo

Steve works one day a week for golf and 20% of his salary is paid by the Golf Enterprise Fund. Urban Forestry has a partnership with golf and UF provides them with assistance with tree maintenance, pine beetle killed tree removals, pest monitoring, and tree plantings. UF staff also assists with pruning, provides training to golf staff to perform minor pruning for clearance, and creates and updates tree management plans. Golf has also contracted some tree work to implement plans.

Tree management plans have been created for all city golf courses. The plans address issues with play on the course, safety, turf health and tree health. Approximately 120 mature trees, not including beetle killed trees, were worked on in 2025 by Urban Forestry staff. Work included pruning and removal for turf health, playability and safety.

In 2025 a more aggressive approach has been taken to manage beetle infestations. This included UF and golf working with a WSDNR Entomologist to acquire improved ability to identify beetle stressed trees and general knowledge of beetles. UF has been better able to predict what trees have beetles and remove them before the beetles emerge.

Downriver Golf Course had several trees pruned to raise canopy, replacements trees (mostly Western larch) were planted to replace beetle killed trees, Pine trees were monitored and beetle killed or infested trees removed, UF removed and replaced flowering pear trees at the clubhouse and UF purchased 200 – 2-year-old Western larch seedlings to grow for future plantings at Downriver.

It was asked how UF knows there are beetles still in the trees. UF and an entomologist assessed some trees at Manito Park. Some bark was removed, and beetles were found to be overwintering in the trees. Generally, once the trees have turned brown the beetles have emerged, and you don't find any other beetles. If there is any sort of moisture the beetles can still be in the trees.

Indian Canyon Golf Course had Pine trees monitored, and beetle killed or infested trees were removed, approximately 50 trees were pruned or removed for turf health or other reasons, UF assisted with clearance pruning along course property on W. West Dr., and the Fire Department contracted crews thinned areas designated on tree management plans.

Creek at Qualchan had maintenance of seedlings along Highway 195, canopies of trees raised for turf health, fuels reduction work done on slope above the course, UF staff removed several dead pine trees, and 85 pine trees were planted on the course.

Esmeralda Golf Course had canopy raised on many trees for turf health and playability, several large trees removed, fuels reduction work by the Fire Department, and the UF staff watered, weeded, replaced missing trees and Ponderosa pine seedlings were planted.

It was asked what the total inventory of trees is at Downriver golf course. Steve advised the trees are not inventoried and that it would be difficult due to the number of small trees. Some areas on the golf courses are partially inventoried which took place when UF assessed trees that had to do with projects happening on the courses and the trees were designated to be protected during the projects.

Other Program and Partnership Ideas: None

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 4:04 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting is 3 p.m. May 5, 2026.



Audubon Downriver Neighborhood Council Summer Events 2026

Summer Kickoff Picnic

June 20 | 4–7 PM | Audubon Park

Featuring: John Wayne Williams & Hannah Siglin

Concerts Under the Pines

Every Thursday in July | Audubon Park

July 2 | 6:30–8 PM — Lilac City Community Band

July 9 | 6–8 PM — Andy Rumsey

July 16 | 6–8 PM — Jake Rozier

July 23 | 6–8 PM — Gil Rivas

July 30 | 6–8 PM — Nate Ostrander

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Hillyard Aquatic Center • 5718 N. Haven Street • Wednesday, July 8 • 6:30 - 8 pm
AM Cannon Aquatic Center • 1511 N. Elm Street • Wednesday, July 22 • 6:30 - 8 pm
Liberty Aquatic Center • 503 S. Pittsburg Street • Thursday, August 6 • 6:30 - 8 pm

Due to pool capacity restrictions, entrance is limited to 300 maximum attendees.