REQUEST FOR COMMENTS
FILE NO. #Z1300003SSDP

DATE: January 18, 2013

TO: Interested Parties, City Departments
And Agencies with Jurisdiction.
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FROM: Tami Palmquist, City Planner
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SUBJECT: Convention Center Expansion – Shoreline Substantial Development Permit

OWNER: Spokane Public Facilities District
c/o Kevin Twohig, CEO
720 West Mallon Avenue
Spokane, WA 99201
(509) 279-7000

AGENT: Jim Kolva
115 S. Adams St.
Spokane, WA 99201
(509) 458-5517

LOCATION: 334 West Spokane Falls Boulevard, Spokane. (S18 -T25 - R43)

REPORT NEEDED BY: 5 P.M. on February 1, 2013. If additional information is required in order for your department or agency to comment on this proposal, please notify the Planning Services Department as soon as possible so that the application processing can be suspended while the necessary information is being prepared. Under the procedures of SMC 17G.060, this referral to affected departments and agencies is for the following:

1) The determination of a complete application. If there are materials that the reviewing departments and agencies need to comment on this proposal, notice of such must be provided to the applicant;
2) Provides notice of application;
3) Concurrency Testing, please note one of the following:
   a) ( ) This application is subject to concurrency and agency is required to notify this department that applicant meets/fails currency; OR
   b) ( ) This application is exempt from concurrency testing, but will use capacity of existing facilities.

The lack of comment including concurrency by any referral agency will be considered acceptance of this application as technically complete and meeting concurrency requirements.

Under the revised procedures of SMC 17G.060, this referral to affected Departments and Agencies is to provide notice of a pending application. THIS WILL BE THE LAST NOTICE PROVIDED TO REFERRAL DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES UNLESS WARRANTED. If there are materials that the reviewing Departments and Agencies need to comment on this proposal, notice of such must be provided to the Applicant. The lack of comment by any referral agency will be considered to be acceptance of this application as Technically Complete.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL: The project is the completion of the Spokane Convention Center exhibit hall as approved by Spokane County voters in April 2012. The project would expand the existing Spokane Convention Center to the north (adding 90,000 square feet of meeting, exhibit and ancillary space), relocate a sewer line within the site (out of the footprint of the future building), and reconfigure the landscape between the addition and the south edge of the Centennial Trail (includes former Shenanigans’ property).
Associated projects include the improvement of the Centennial Trail, improvement of south bank of the Spokane River north of the Centennial Trail, and the possible development of a canoe/kayak take-out beneath the Division Street Bridge. The project will follow the guidelines and concepts developed during the 2010 Spokane Convention Center Completion Study. Project information is on the Spokane Public Facilities District website (http://www.spokanepfd.org/completion/). This project is also proposed to use the Design Build Process; therefore final design documents are not available at this time.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW: The Spokane Public Facilities District is the Lead Agency for this proposal; Kevin J. Twohig, CEO, is the responsible official. A Determination of Non-Significance was issued on January 16, 2013, and comments will be received until January 30, 2013. The SEPA Checklist and Determination can be found on the PFD’s website at http://www.spokanepfd.org/completion/documents.php.

ADDITIONAL STUDIES: The Geotechnical Studies, Trip Distribution Letter, Habitat Report, and other studies performed by the Public Facilities District are located on the PFD’s website at http://www.spokanepfd.org/completion/documents.php.
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** - Forward your comments to Eldon Brown, Developer Services at least 2 working days before the “Report needed by” date shown on the front page.

COMMENTS: (Use additional sheets if necessary)