



Spokane County

WASHINGTON

Thursday, June 29, 2023, at 9:00 A.M.

Spokane County Planning Commission

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Commissioner's Hearing Room, Lower Level, Public Works Building

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Agenda

Legal Notice

Minutes (June 15, 2023)

Public and Zoom Webinar Information

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All public hearings are conducted in the Commissioner's Hearing Room, Public Works Bldg. 1026 W. Broadway, Spokane, WA. Facilities are physically accessible for individuals with disabilities.

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Webinar Link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81213204662?pwd=dVd5aFZGaVRlNUhvQ2ltVUhUZWZqZz09>

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AGENDA

Chair Stephen Pohl, Vice Chair Pete Rayner, Clyde Haase, Wayne Brokaw,
Melissa Wittstruck, Logan Camporeale, Alan Nolan

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*The public may participate in person or remotely utilizing web
and telephone conference links.*

Individuals are limited to one, three-minute comment period during the meeting.

Please keep your comments specific to the current agenda item.

Chat is not supported.

Call to Order 9:00am

Open Forum *Public comment on any item not on the current agenda*

Workshop Discussion of the Urban Growth Area Since the last major update in 2016.

Discussion of Urban Growth Area Growth Capacity

Discussion of Urbanized Growth Outside of Urban Growth Areas

Joint Planning Opportunities

Action Set 2023 regular meeting times for the Planning Commission

Minutes June 15, 2023

Housekeeping Staff Report

Next Meetings July 13, July 27, August 17

Spokane County Department of Building & Planning

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SPOKANE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the Spokane County Planning Commission pursuant to Chapter 36.70 and 36.70A RCW, that a workshop with a virtual participation option, will be held in the Commissioner’s Hearing Room, Lower Level, Public Works Building, located at 1026 W. Broadway, Spokane, WA on Thursday, June 29, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. The meeting will also be available via Zoom at:

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WORKSHOP:

Comprehensive Plan 2026 Periodic Update – Urban Growth Area

Discussion of analyses to assess the use of the Urban Growth Area since the last major update in 2016.

Discussion of what capacity the Urban Growth Area has remaining to accommodate growth.

Discussion on urbanized growth in areas outside of the Urban Growth Area.

Joint Planning opportunities.

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2023 Planning Commission Schedule:

- July 13, 2023 July 27, 2023
- August 17, 2023 August 31, 2023
- September 14, 2023 September 28, 2023
- October 12, 2023 October 26, 2023
- November 16, 2023
- December 14, 2023

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DATED THIS JUNE 14, 2023
SPOKANE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING AND PLANNING

**SPOKANE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING
JUNE 15, 2023**

<p align="center">Planning Commission Members Present</p>	<p align="center">Spokane County Department of Building and Planning Staff Present</p>
<p>Stephen Pohl, Chair Pete Rayner, Vice Chair Clyde Haase Wayne Brokaw Melissa Wittstruck Logan Camporeale Alan Nolan (Arrived at 9:12 AM)</p>	<p>Robert Brock, AICP, Planner Saegen Neiman, Planner Elya Miroshin, Clerk Scott Chesney, AICP, Planning Director</p>

The June 15, 2023, meeting of the Spokane County Planning Commission was called to order by Chair Stephen Pohl at 9:04 A.M. A quorum was present. The meeting was accessible to the public in the Commissioner’s Hearing Room, Lower Level, Public Works Building, located at 1026 West Broadway Avenue, Spokane, WA, and via Zoom with web and telephone links provided on the Building and Planning website and in a public notice published in the Spokesman Review on May 31, 2023.

Due to technical difficulties, the audio was unavailable via Zoom.

Public Comment opened for items that are not on the agenda: No comments were made; public comment was closed.

WORKSHOP

Washington State Department of Commerce Guidance:

The Planning Commission members watched a video recording of the presentation given to the Steering Committee of Elected Officials on April 19, 2023. The topic was new requirements for housing elements of comprehensive plans from (HB1220): Laura Hodgson, from the Washington State Department of Commerce, was the presenter and addressed the following: allocations (briefly discussed population projections within the County followed by a quick review on how to use the housing needs allocation tool created to help jurisdictions plan for their future housing needs), land capacities (reviewed new Land Capacity additions to RCW 36.70A.070(2)© explaining the steps to show sufficient capacity), adequate provisions (reviewed the four new additional work-plan items to RCW 36.70A.070(2)(d) explaining how to achieve adequate provisions), and racially disparate impacts (provided a 5-step process to help make equal housing opportunities accessible to everyone accounting for disparate impacts that may be seen in our communities). Housing planning resources are available via webinars and guidance documents located on the Department of Commerce’s website including available staff for additional support/assistance.

Housing Element:

Scott Kuhta from the Washington State Department of Commerce was present at the Planning Commission Meeting to answer questions from Commission about the new housing requirements. Discussion and questions centered around housing costs in the county, accessibility to home ownership, building material cost, and regulatory factors.

Scott Chesney showed a GIS graphic showing permitting data throughout the County. The map showed clusters of permit activity, busy years and slow years, trends, including data from the County, and the various incorporated cities. Mr. Chesney noted the significant growth in the Urban Growth Area, generally dispersed patterns of growth within the cities, and a substantial volume of development in rural Spokane County.

Planning Commission Meeting Time:

The Planning Commission further discussed their scheduled meeting time. Commissioner Camporeale listed the Planning Commission times for other jurisdiction’s planning commission meeting times. Stating that Spokane County Planning Commission is the only planning commission in the County to meet in the morning. Discussion regarding the Planning Commission meeting times ensued. Chairman Pohl asked staff to include an action item on the next agenda for the commissioners’ consideration.

Public Testimony

Paul Kropp provided public testimony to the Spokane County Planning Commission. Mr. Kropp stated that the audio in the zoom meeting was not functioning, that he came down to the meeting to let make the Commission aware.

Minutes

Motion: May 11, 2023, Planning Commission minutes unanimously adopted.

Staff Report

Mr. Chesney gave an update on various activities of the department, next meeting days and topics, as well as agenda items for June 29th, 2023, Planning Commission meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:57 AM.

Stephen Pohl, Chair _____ Date _____