

**MINUTES OF THE
GROWTH MANAGEMENT
STEERING COMMITTEE OF ELECTED OFFICIALS**

WEDNESDAY, March 20, 2019

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rod Higgins, Council member, City of Spokane Valley - Vice Chair
Al French, County Commissioner, Spokane County
Sam Wood, Council Member, City of Spokane Valley
Jill Weiszmann, Council Member, City of Cheney
Josh Kerns, County Commissioner, Spokane County
Kate Burke, Council Member, City of Spokane
Helen (Dee) Cragun, Council Member, City of Deer Park
Steve Peterson, Mayor, City of Liberty Lake (arrived at 9:14 a.m.)
Kevin Freeman, Mayor, City of Millwood (arrived at 9:21 a.m.)
Breean Beggs, Council Member, City of Spokane (arrived at 9:22 a.m.)
Mary Kunej, County Commissioner, Spokane County (arrived at 9:32 a.m.)

NON -VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mike Ulrich and Shawna Harshman, Spokane Regional Transit Authority
Mike Tresidder, Associate Transit Planner, Spokane Transit Authority
Lisa Key, Director of Planning, City of Liberty Lake
Brett Lucas, Sr. Planner, City of Cheney
Bill Grimes, City of Airway Heights
Heather Trautman and Tirrell Black, Planning Department, City of Spokane
Lori Barlow, Sr. Planner, City of Spokane Valley
Roger Krieger, Community Development Director, City of Deer Park
Paul Kropp, Neighborhood Alliance of Spokane County

STAFF:

John Pederson, Planning Director, Spokane County
Saegen Neiman, Associate Planner, Spokane County
Terry Pfister, Clerk, City of Spokane

1. Call to Order

Vice Chair Higgins called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.

2. Action on the Minutes of February 20, 2018

Without a quorum of voting members present, the minutes could not be approved at this time.

3. Public Workshop:

Item 1. Continued discussion of a shared financing agreement for a proposed study on market factors related to land quantity analysis and urban growth area updates. John Pederson indicated that the County CEO had received a letter from the City of Spokane stating that the City would not be willing to participate in the study and funding. Vice Chair Higgins said that without funding and participation from the City of Spokane, the County and City of Spokane Valley also opted not to split the cost and move forward.

Item 2. Sub-committee Report – Strategic Work Program. Heather Trautman said that the proposed subcommittee, made up of committee members Kuney, Mumm, Higgins and Freeman have not yet had a chance to meet, but they look forward to meeting prior to the April Steering Committee meeting.

Item 3. Joint Planning Area Review Process. As Dave Anderson was not able to attend this meeting, John Pederson stated that Chair Mumm had asked him to go over the interlocal agreement, which specifies the rules and responsibilities of the Steering Committee for the benefit of new members, and to outline the process for amending Urban Growth Areas (UGAs). Mr. Pederson indicated that the Comprehensive Plan Amendment process is the typical vehicle by which jurisdictions can request to amend their UGA boundaries; when a jurisdiction has used up more than 50 percent of its growth allocation, that jurisdiction can bring evidence before this body and ask for an amendment to the UGA. He added that if an area has not grown within the 20-year planning period, that area may not be right for the UGA, so it can be removed, and another more developable area of the same size can be designated with no net gain.

5. **Other Business:** Mayor Peterson moved to approve the February 20 Minutes, the motion was seconded by Commissioner Kerns, and carried unanimously. Vice Chair Higgins stated that as there were differing views on what the 2019 meeting schedule ought to be, and with Chair Mumm absent, the Steering Committee would take up the schedule at the next meeting.
6. **Next Meeting:** The next meeting date was tentatively set for April 17, 2019 at City Hall.
7. **Call for Agenda Items for next meeting.** Mr. Pederson said that staff would work with the Chair to determine Agenda items and poll for a quorum for April 17.
8. **Adjournment:** There being no further business the Steering Committee, Mayor Peterson moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mayor Freeman and carried unanimously.

Approved: Candace Mumm
Candace Mumm, Chair

Date: 4/17/19

Jane Farstrider, Steering Committee Clerk
Recording and notes taken by Terry Pfister