

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

WEDNESDAY, April 17, 2019

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Candace Mumm, Council Member, City of Spokane - Chair
Al French, County Commissioner, Spokane County
Mary Kunej, County Commissioner, Spokane County
Sam Wood, Council Member, City of Spokane Valley
Josh Kerns, County Commissioner, Spokane County
Kate Burke, Council Member, City of Spokane
Jill Weiszmann, Council Member, City of Cheney
Helen (Dee) Cragun, Council Member, City of Deer Park
Kevin Freeman, Mayor, City of Millwood
Steve Peterson, Mayor, City of Liberty Lake (arrived at 9:12 a.m.)
Breean Beggs, Council Member, City of Spokane (arrived at 9:23 a.m.)

NON -VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mike Tresidder, Associate Transit Planner, Spokane Transit Authority
Heather Trautman and Tirrell Black, Planning Department, City of Spokane
Roger Krieger, Community Development Director, City of Deer Park

STAFF:

John Pederson, Planning Director, Spokane County
Steve Davenport, Senior Planner, Spokane County
Saegen Neiman, Associate Planner, Spokane County
Jane Farstrider, Steering Committee Clerk, Spokane County

1. **Call to Order**
Chair Mumm called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.
2. **Action on the Minutes of March 20, 2019**
CM Cragun moved to approve the minutes of March 20, 2019. The motion was seconded by CM Burke, a vote was taken, and the motion carried unanimously.
3. **Public Comments**
Paul Kropp, of the Spokane Neighborhood Alliance, voiced his concern over the method of public notice for this meeting. While he acknowledged that the notice was published in the Spokesman-Review, as required by law, he did not receive an email. Mr. Kropp expressed the opinion that this was an ineffective method of encouraging public participation.
4. **Appointment of Non-Voting Members**
School District Representative – Brian Newberry
Fire District Representative – Commissioner Thomas McGarry
Water District Representative –
Chair Mumm welcomed Brian Newberry and Commissioner Thomas McGarry, who briefly introduced themselves to the Committee. Chair Mumm said that she was still waiting on a nomination from the Water District. Commissioner Kerns asked if all the school and fire districts had been contacted regarding nominations. Chair Mumm said that she had contacted the chair of the largest school district and asked if they had someone they would like to nominate, and similarly contacted Fire District 9 for a nomination. Commissioner French moved to appoint Mr. Newberry and Mr. McGarry as interim representatives and contact all the fire and school districts for nominations prior to final approval. Mayor Peterson seconded the motion, a vote was taken, and the motion carried unanimously.
5. **Citizen-at-Large nomination by Spokane County Commissioners for June meeting appointment by SCEO Board.**

There has not yet been a nomination for this position.

6. Public Workshop:

Item 1. Sub-Committee Report -- Strategic Work Program

Chair Mumm shared the Fiscal & Service Delivery Impacts report by Berk & Associates with committee members, and indicated that over the next couple of months, the sub-committee wanted to review what each jurisdiction has done with interlocal agreements, annexation strategies, and addressing un-serviced areas between cities. John Pederson said that the Steering Committee manual addresses many of the functions of the Steering Committee regarding these issues, and that collaborative planning studies were done prior to the recession which could be distributed for review as well.

Item 2. County Capital Facilities Plan Report (John Pederson)

John Pederson said that the only remaining section of the Capital Facilities Plan still to be revised has to do with transportation; mostly due to growth in the West Plains area. The revised Capital Facilities Plan will go before the Planning Commission and Board of County Commissioners for adoption. He said that this process will hopefully be complete by the end of the summer.

Item 3. JPA Review Process (Dave Anderson)

Dave Anderson gave a PowerPoint presentation outlining various Joint Planning Area (JPA) review processes adopted in jurisdictions throughout Washington, and emphasized the differences between each agreement, reflecting the specific needs of the jurisdictions involved. He stated that there is a lot of flexibility in how they may be implemented, and that a JPA is just a contract between county or city entities, and the primary benefit is the intentionality it brings to accomplishing specific goals. However, he added that there is no guaranteed outcome in terms of time or money saved. Heather Trautman briefly went over the City of Spokane's efforts to review information on existing interlocal agreements to determine what work has already been done and identify needs that might be addressed in a JPA.

7. Other Business:

Item 1. 2019 Meeting Date Schedule – handout/attachment

Commissioner French voiced the opinion that there is absolutely no pressing work product that demands a monthly meeting schedule, and strongly suggested meeting on a quarterly basis to avoid taking unnecessary time away from other work. Mayor Peterson moved to cancel the May meeting be canceled due to unavailability and pick back up in June. Mayor Freeman seconded the motion, and Commissioner French proposed that the body would meet in June, September, and an earlier date in November, as an amendment to Mayor Peterson's motion. A vote was taken, and the motion carried unanimously.

Item 2. Steering Committee Rules and Responsibilities – handout/attachment

Steering Committee Rules and Responsibilities had already been addressed during the Public Workshop.

8. Next Meeting – June 19, 2019 at STA Administrative Plaza

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:16 a.m.

Approved: Candace Mumm
Candace Mumm, Chair
Date: 6/19/19

Jane Farstrider, Steering Committee Clerk