

**SPOKANE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION**  
**MINUTES OF THE WORKSHOP**  
**June 30, 2022**

Workshop of the Spokane County Planning Commission was called to order by Chair Stephen Pohl at 8:57 a.m. on June 30, 2022. The hearing was accessible to the public via Zoom, with links provided in public notices, published in the Spokesman Review on June 15, 2022, online, by mail, and by email 16 days prior to the meeting, as required.

**Present**

Stephen Pohl, Chair  
Deacon Band, Vice Chair

Jim Carollo  
Clyde Hasse  
Pete Rayner

Duane Hamp  
Wayne Browkaw

**Spokane County Department of Building and Planning Staff**

Saegen Neiman, Planner  
Elya Miroshin, Clerk

Susan Luna, Clerk  
Scott Chesney, Planning  
Director

**Call to Order:** Stephen Pohl called the meeting to order. A quorum was present.

**Public Comment for items that are not on this agenda:**

There were no public comments for items that are not on this agenda.

**Workshop:** Planning Commission workshop for the Capital Facilities Plan was deferred to a future agenda.

**Workshop:** Scott addressed the committee with progress on the study of the Light Industrial lands lying south of 1-90 within the West Plains/Thorpe Urban Growth Area. Three currently pending independent Comp Plan Amendments located in the study area were brought into the discussion. These plans will continue on their independent path so as to not be delayed by larger plan discussions and would be expected back at the Planning Commission for deliberation, public hearing, and consideration in September. Currently there are other low density residential plats already situated in this light industrial area due to previous county ordinances. These plats could be reclassified from a LI to an LDR to give the property owners assurance they can follow the zoning code should they make changes to their residences. As prior plan amendments have added residential zones to the area there are some resulting Light Industrial parcels that are increasingly isolated from others, from good access to highways and I-90, and may have less-than-optimal viability for future industrial development. A reclassification to residential, regional commercial, or mixed use may suit some of the historical plats in this area for future business use rather than light industrial. Staff is currently conducting a technical study of this area as well as gathering information through public outreach to the property owners to ascertain their development interests. Staff will work with colleagues at the City of Spokane, SRTC, and WSDOT to establish a framework for urban services such as water, sewer, and transportation. Staff will also reach out to the airport and the Cheney school district for their involvement. The County will present a comprehensive plan for this area to the board for a possible formal initiation when the analysis is ready.


**Action on Minutes of April 28, 2022:** Jim Carollo put forth a motion to adopt the minutes, Duane Hamp seconded the motion, and the minutes were adopted unanimously by the Commissioners who were present at that meeting.

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**Staff Report:** Currently the staff is working on the Capital Facilities Program. A Summary of the working draft will be presented at a future meeting. The Staff is currently working with the Steering Committee Sub-Committee to bring the Countywide Planning Policy up to date and current standards for use as a foundation for comprehensive plans and cohesion between local government entities. The July 14<sup>th</sup> meeting is scheduled to be an informational workshop style meeting to address the Capital Facilities Program.

**Set Next Agenda:** The next meeting date is July 14, 2022.

The Chair entertained a motion to adjourn. Pete Rayner moved to adjourn; it was seconded by Deacon Band. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Stephen Pohl, Chair 

Approved 7-20-2022

Susan Luna, Clerk to the Planning Commission