

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

**WEDNESDAY, June 19, 2019**

**VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Candace Mumm, Council Member, City of Spokane – Chair  
Rod Higgins, Mayor, City of Spokane Valley – Vice Chair  
Mary Kuney, County Commissioner, Spokane County  
Josh Kerns, County Commissioner, Spokane County  
Kate Burke, Council Member, City of Spokane  
James “Sonny” Weathers, Council Member, City of Airway Heights  
Steve Peterson, Mayor, City of Liberty Lake  
Breean Beggs, Council Member, City of Spokane  
Kevin Freeman, Mayor, City of Millwood  
Al French, County Commissioner, Spokane County (arrived at 9:10)  
Jill Weismann, Council Member, City of Cheney (arrived at 9:14)

**NOMINEES FOR NON-VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Thomas McGarry, Fire District  
Brian Newberry, School District  
Joel White, Citizen at large

**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 9:03 a.m.

**2. Action on the Minutes of April 17, 2019**

Mayor Peterson moved to approve the minutes of April 17, 2019, a vote was taken, and the motion carried unanimously.

**3. Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

**4. Public Workshop:**

**A. Report of PTAC Meeting (PTAC Chair)**

Heather Trautman gave an overview of population projections and growth from 2017 to 2019 based on OFM estimates and presented a video graphic indicating growth in from a data set with refined block group geography. There was some discussion regarding the changing needs of various jurisdictions due to an increase in jobs and the rapidly-changing housing market in the region, and many issues were raised that will require the collaborative attention of this committee.

**B. Report of Executive Committee on tasks for remaining 2019 meetings**

Chair Mumm indicated that the executive committee did not meet, so there was not an update.

**C. Nomination of Citizen At Large Representative (Spokane County Commissioners)**

Commissioner Kuney explained that the County Commissioners had appointed Joel White, of the Spokane Homebuilders Association, as the Citizen At Large Representative for Spokane County.

**D. Report of Outreach for Fire and School Representative interest for 2019-2020**

John Pederson stated that following the interim appointments of Thomas McGarry and Brian Newberry, he had reached out to the school and fire districts as to other interest or nominees for the appointment as non-voting members but did not receive any response.

**E. Approval of Non-Voting SCEO Representatives for 2019-2020**

- **Brain Newberry – School District Representative**
- **Thomas McGarry – Fire District Representative**
- **Brian St. Clair/Vera Water and Power – Water District Representative**

Mayor Peterson moved to approve non-voting SCEO representatives, Kate Burke seconded it, and the motion carried unanimously.

**F. Election of 2019-2020 Chair and Vice-Chair**

Josh Kerns moved to elect Rod Higgins as Chair, the motion was seconded by Kate Burke, and it carried unanimously. Kevin Freeman moved to elect James Weathers as Vice-Chair. The motion was seconded by Jill Weismann, a vote was taken, and the motion carried unanimously.

**5. New business:**

CM Weismann pointed out that the West Plains Chamber of Commerce meeting times are currently in conflict with Steering Committee meeting times and suggested moving the meeting time back a half hour. As there was no objection, it was agreed that future meetings would be held at 9:30 a.m.

**6. Next Meeting – September 18, 2019 at STA Administrative Plaza**

**7. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:18 a.m.

Approved:   
Rod Higgins, Chair

Date: 9/19/19

Jane Farstrider, Steering Committee Clerk