

# SPOKANE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

## MINUTES OF THE WORKSHOP

May 26, 2022

A Meeting and a Public Workshop of the Spokane County Planning Commission was called to order by Chair Stephen Pohl at 9:00 a.m. on May 26, 2022. The hearing was accessible to the public via Zoom, with links provided in public notices, published in the Spokesman Review on May 11, 2022, online, by mail, and by email 16 days prior to the meeting, as required.

### Present

Stephen Pohl, Chair  
Clyde Hasse

Deacon Band, Vice Chair  
Pete Rayner

Jim Carollo  
Duane Hamp

### Spokane County Department of Building and Planning Staff

Saegen Neiman, Planner  
Elya Miroshin, Clerk  
Scott Chesney, Planning Director

Jessica Pilgrim, Deputy Prosecutor  
Susan Luna, Clerk

### Public Comment

Paul Kropp

**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.

**Public Hearing**—The County is seeking a recommendation to approve the final draft of the amended Spokane County Zoning Code Chapter 14.400 of the Growth Management Act and Public Participation Program Guidelines so they may send them to the Board of County Commissioners for consideration and approval. The amendments bring the Spokane County code in conformance with the Public Participation Guidelines and permits the use of more capable modern technology. Two motions were considered.

**Open for Public Comments:** Clyde Haase moved to open the matter to the public, the motion was seconded by Duane Hamp. The public hearing was opened by vote Paul Kropp addressed the commission with appreciation for efforts and enquired about locating code amendments which were available on the county website. No other public comments were made. The motion to close public comments was put forth by Pete Rayner and seconded by Deacon Band. The public hearing was closed by a vote.

**Public Participation Program Guidelines Hearing:** A motion to approve and recommend the adoption of the changes to the Public Participation Guidelines as presented by the staff to the board of County Commissioners. Pete Rayner moved to adopt the changes and Clyde Haase seconded the motion. There was no discussion on the motion. The motion was adopted by a vote.

**Spokane County Zoning Code Chapter 14.400 of the Growth Management Act:** A public hearing was opened to bring code section 14402.100 into conformance with the guidelines which were recommended for approval. Deacon Band opened the public hearing, it was seconded by Jim Carollo,

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and passed by vote. There were no public comments. Deacon Band moved to close public comments, Jim Carollo seconded the motion, the public comments were closed by vote. A motion to approve and recommend the adoption of the proposed changes to the Spokane County zoning code, 14402 as presented by the Spokane County staff to the Board of County Commissioners. Deacon Band moved the motion, Jim Carollo seconded the motion, there was no discussion on the motion. The Chair, called for a motion to adopt and approved, the motion was moved by Pete Rayner, and seconded by Clyde Haase, the motion was approved by vote.

**Workshop:** The staff opened with a presentation to reexamine the traditional views, definition, and the future use of Limited Areas of More Intense Rural Development. The county staff is working with the Washington chapter of the American Planning Association to consider legislative initiatives to redefine LAMIRDs. This would build on the new laws that passed in the last session which redefined the land and business boundaries of LAMRIDs. The county is not proposing any level of urban service for these areas. Modern technology has upgraded various individual systems to be sufficient to accommodate some growth for a rural lifestyle in these areas. Concerns about wells, water availability, and services provided by individual water districts and associations were brought into the conversation. Also concerns about how well the residents of these areas are being served by the current zoning codes and the land use policies of their LAMRIDs were brought up for consideration. The longevity and future of new policies was discussed along with the possibility of immense population growth and the pressure it will put on the transportation needs in this region as well as other resources such as water and electricity. The county is asking for participation from the public to share opinions, thoughts, and ideas for the future of LAMIRDs.

**Action on Minutes of April 28, 2022:** Deacon Band put forth a motion to adopt the minutes, Pete Rayner seconded the motion, and the minutes were adopted unanimously.

**Staff Report:** Currently the staff is working on the Capital Facilities Program. A Summary of the working draft will be presented at the next meeting on June 16<sup>th</sup> showing progress in the structure of the program, priority policy emphases and on June 30<sup>th</sup> the estimates of costs of service. Also, the amount of service that allocated money will provide, identified short falls, then finally we will discuss how we can address these shortfalls.

The June 16<sup>th</sup> meeting will be an informational workshop style meeting.

**Set Next Agenda:** The next meeting date is June 16, 2022.

The Chair entertained a motion to adjourn. Pete Rayner moved to adjourn; it was seconded by Jim Carollo. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

Stephen Pohl, Chair



*Deacon Band Vice Chair*

Approved \_\_\_\_\_

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Susan Luna, Clerk to the Planning Commission