

SPOKANE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

MINUTES OF THE WORKSHOP

June 16, 2022

Public Workshop of the Spokane County Planning Commission was called to order by acting Chair Deacon Band at 9:00 a.m. on June 16, 2022, in the Commissioner's Hearing Room, Lower Level, Public Works Building, Spokane, WA. The hearing was accessible to the public in person and via Zoom, with links provided in public notices, published in the Spokesman Review on June 1, 2022, online, by mail, and by email 15 days prior to the meeting, as required.

Present

Deacon Band, Vice Chair	Jim Carollo
Clyde Haase	Duane Hamp
Wayne Brokaw	Pete Rayner

Spokane County Department of Building and Planning Staff

Saegen Neiman, Planner	Jessica Pilgrim, Deputy Prosecutor
Elya Miroshin, Clerk	Susan Luna, Clerk
Scott Chesney, Planning Director	

Public Comment

Paul Kropp

Call to Order: Deacon Band called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. 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—The County addressed the Commission with two items, the first was to discuss proposed changes to the Spokane County Capital Facilities Plan, its timeline, how it has progressed, and the Growth Management Act compliance requirements for the document. The Second item was an introduction to the Spokane County Code Clean-up Project.

Capital Facilities Plan Document Update: Scott Chesney opened with a recap of the reasons to update the Capital facilities Plan. Updates are needed to bring it into compliance with GMA requirement. The CFP is public capital facilities needed to support development. A CFP provides a guide and framework for decision makers with an inventory of existing capital facilities, a forecast of future needs, and forecast locations for expanded or new capital facilities. The CFP will have a six-year financing program, generally updated annually, and a 20-year horizon to anticipate future funding sources. Because the CFP must take into consideration the requirement of capital facilities to support future development consequently if those needs cannot be met the County must choose to fund the deficiency or amend its land use growth map to align capital expenditures with development. The County is expecting to share a working draft of the CFP at the next Planning Meeting.

Rapid growth in the West Plains area versus the level of service available was brought up for discussion. Mr. Chesney pointed out that the services in that area are under the jurisdiction of the City

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of Spokane and the County will be working in partnership to plan for development in the area. Governments in Washington use the population forecasts that come from the Office of Financial Management as it is an accepted set of numbers.

Projection from the 2017 to 2037 under forecast growth in Spokane County through 2021. Through a partnership with SRTC the County will put together a range, a high, medium, and a low estimate. Using a range will help to address different possibilities of growth, such as growth at a faster rate or if growth will level off at a lower trend down towards the mean

Development Code Cleanup: Spokane County is initiating an Annual Code Cleanup Program to improve codes, provide clear predictable direction to constituents, to guide development, and to protect growth. Staff will correct codes and remove inconsistencies and contradictions. The County will also continue the efforts to preserve the missions of Spokane International Airport and Fairchild Airforce Base by preventing encroaching development.

Public Comments: Paul Kropp commented that the public cannot see the reference slides used in the discussions, he asked for a better broadcast next time. The County will post the slides on the website.

Action on Minutes of May 26, 2022: Clyde Hasse put forth a motion to adopt the minutes, Jim Carollo seconded the motion, and the minutes were adopted unanimously.

Staff Report: The staff will provide a schedule in an outline form for future workshops and action items for the coming second half of this year. There will not be a meeting in the first week of July, but we will be meeting in the Commissioner's Hearing Room on June 30th.

Set Next Agenda: The next meeting date is June 30, 2022.

The Chair entertained a motion to adjourn. Jim Carollo moved to adjourn; it was seconded by Pete Rayner. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:58 a.m.

Deacon Band, Vice Chair _____

Approved _____

Susan Luna, Clerk to the Planning Commission