

SPOKANE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE WORKSHOP
August 11, 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 August 11, 2022. The meeting was accessible to the public in the Commissioner's Hearing Room, Public Works Building, 1026 W. Broadway, Spokane WA, and via Zoom, with links provided in public notices, published in the Spokesman Review on July 27, 2022, online, by mail, and by email 16 days prior to the meeting, as required.

Present

Stephen Pohl, Chair
Pete Rayner

Deacon Band, Vice Chair
Duane Hamp

Jim Carollo
Wayne Brokaw

Spokane County Department of Building and Planning Staff

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

Presenter: Bill Grimes, SCJ Alliance, Consultant

Call to Order: Stephen Pohl 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 Update to the Spokane County Capital Facilities Plan: Spokane County Planning Commission continued its workshop series on updates and amendments to the Capital Facilities Plan. Scott Chesney briefly restated the goals and efforts to produce a document which complies with the Growth Management Act and serves the growth and the needs of Spokane County.

Bill Grimes presented preliminary findings for stormwater, the concept of congruence, and the progress of the CFP draft. Mr. Grimes recapped the requirements for a CPF. He presented findings for services and facilities necessary for development and explained the standards and levels of service provided by water purveyors, schools, and fire districts. He presented assumptions for population growth from 2020 through 2037 and the benchmarks used to evaluate changes to set obligated minimum standards for LOS. He also covered current county stormwater facilities listing the types, service areas, locations, and sizes.

A question was put forth about the many concerns of stormwater flooding in the West Plains. Scott Chesney explained a new initiative currently underway to study and address the broader geographical area of the West Plains rather than a site-by-site approach. Additionally, the County is investing more than \$5.5 million in a physical solution to this the challenging West Terraces area.

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Mr. Grimes explained the difference between direct and indirect concurrency. He explained that part of the CFP is to ensure that individual water purveyors have the access and the rights to the water to serve anticipated demand. A question was asked about whether a private water purveyor would have to go through a vetting process with the county before setting up service. Mr. Chesney answered that establishing that type of water right is under the jurisdiction of the Department of Ecology and the county has no role in adjudicating the water supply. Mr. Grimes confirmed that the CFP only deals with public water supplies, not private water supplies managed by the Department of Ecology and the Department of Health.

Workshop Update on West Plains-Thorpe UGA/JPA: Robert Brock presented a workshop which addressed the preliminary analyses of the Urban growth Area in the West Plains.

As part of the first focus area, amendments for Light Industrial to Residential were addressed. Currently, these areas have previously been platted as residential areas. Mr. Brock explained that property owners in these areas would benefit from the zone change because they can develop and maintain their residential properties without incompatibilities to the current zoning designations.

In the second group, lands were chosen based on their proximity to transportation interchanges, or their isolation from other light industrial acres due to their proximity to residential areas. These study areas would benefit for conversion from Light Industrial to Residential or Mixed Use. These amendments would be proposed and enacted for 2023.

Action on Minutes of July 14, 2022: Pete Rayner put forth a motion to adopt the minutes, Wayne Brokaw seconded the motion, and the minutes were adopted unanimously as amended to correct a spelling error.

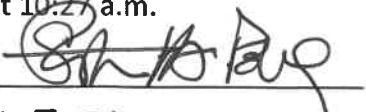
Staff Report: The Steering Committee of Elected Officials is working on the Countywide Planning Policies in a parallel process.

Set Next Agenda: The next meeting date is September 15, 2022, there will also be a meeting on September 29th.

The Chair entertained a motion to adjourn. Deacon Band moved to adjourn; it was seconded by Jim Carollo. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 10:27 a.m.

Stephen Pohl, Chair

Date


9-29-2022

Susan Luna, Clerk to the Planning Commission