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**CITY PLAN COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 2009
CITY COUNCIL BRIEFING CENTER, LOWER LEVEL,
CITY HALL – SPOKANE, WASHINGTON**

CPC MEMBERS PRESENT: Mike Ekins, President; John Fisher; Stan Stirling; Greta Gilman; Dan Murphy; Bob Mansfield; Gail Prosser; Asher Ernst; Dennis Dellwo

CPC MEMBERS ABSENT: Karen Byrd, Vice President

LIAISON PRESENT: Al French, Council Member, and Kaye Straight, Community Assembly.

STAFF PRESENT: Planning Services - Leroy Eadie, Secretary to the Plan Commission; Pat Hall, administrative support; Nikole Coleman, City Planner; Chris Green, City Planner; Louis Meuler, City Planner; Julie Neff, City Urban Designer

GUEST: Jim Kolva

The Commission meeting began at 11:36 a.m. General commission business was discussed.

Councilman French gave the Council report. The discussion included:

- Council had a study session with Planning staff to go over revisions of the proposed Sign Code Ordinance. It will be introduced to the public around May 4.
- There is an ordinance to eliminate restriction for advertising in public right-of-way will be held on May 4. The STA Board voted not to support bus benches.

Leroy Eadie gave the Director's report. The discussion included:

- The revised Sign Code is available on the Planning Services web page.
- The Plan Commission President and Vice President will participate in a session of Spokane Building Blocks.
- Work Program
 - a) Planning staff is working with Capital Programs staff to increase public participation in the 6-year Streets, Water, and Sewer programs.
 - b) Division Street Gateway Design Plan is a new addition.
 - c) The next Plan Commission/City Council meeting will be on May 14.

President Ekins gave the President's report. The discussion included:

- The retreat was a success.

- President Ekins asked the Commission members to start thinking about being on the subcommittee for the Comp Plan chapter review.

Asher Ernst made the motion to approve the March 25, 2009 minutes as amended. M/S by Gail Prosser. Passed unanimously.

Asher Ernst made the motion to amend the agenda for this meeting but not the content. M/S Bob Mansfield. Passed unanimously.

12:08 p.m. break

12:15 p.m. reconvene

COMMISSION WORKSHOP

Infill Housing Workshop – Continued from Plan Commission Retreat, by Nikole Coleman and Chris Green

Nikole Coleman began the workshop with a quick review of the presentation from the April 8 retreat. The discussion included:

- Types of Infill Housing
 - Two and Four plexes
 - Courtyard/Cottage
 - Townhouse/Rowhouse
- Design Strategies
 - Respond to Basic Neighborhood Patterns
 - Integrate Parking
 - Minimize Scale Contrasts

Chris Green continued the discussion of infill housing. The discussion included:

- Constraints
 - a) Land and Site Issues
 - b) Inadequate or Outdated Infrastructure
 - c) Regulatory Processes
 - d) Community opposition – traffic, and density concerns
 - e) Financing
- Strategies
 - a) Targeted Infrastructure and Incentives
 - b) Special Regulations and Approval Processes
 - c) Demonstration Projects
 - d) Design Competitions
- Demonstration Projects
- Design competitions
- Staff will bring back more to future workshops.
- The Cottage Housing presentation is on the Planning Services website under “Hot Topics.”

Master Bike Plan Findings and Conclusions, by Leroy Eadie

Greta Gilman suggested a change to page 3 to change the word “attain” to “obtain.”

Dan Murphy made the motion to authorize the President to sign the Findings and Conclusions for the Master Bike Plan with the correction on page 3. M/S Bob Mansfield. Passed unanimously.

1:00 p.m. break

1:16 p.m. reconvene

Update Downtown Regulations and Design Guidelines, by Louis Meuler

Louis Meuler presented a workshop on the Downtown Regulations and Design Guidelines. He introduced Jim Kolva, who has been working on the Downtown Taskforce. The majority of the presentation involved slides of various building designs from locations around the United States and the world. The discussion included:

- The taskforce is in the public presentation phase.

PUBLIC COMMENT

President Ekins welcomed public comment. The following person spoke:

- Kelly Cruz – He suggested coordinating with the Street Department regarding easements and setbacks on infill housing. For the Downtown Regulations, he would like the City to consider designing for light rail.

Dan Murphy made the motion to adjourn the meeting. M/S Stan Stirling. Passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 2:29 p.m.


Leroy Eadie, Secretary