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MINUTES

**CITY PLAN COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 2009
CITY COUNCIL BRIEFING CENTER, LOWER LEVEL,
CITY HALL – SPOKANE, WASHINGTON**

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

CPC MEMBERS ABSENT: Greta Gilman

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; Tirrell Black, City Planner; Louis Meuler, City Planner;

The Commission meeting began at 11:04 a.m. General Commission business was discussed.

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

- The Department of Ecology held their hearing on the Shoreline Master Plan on March 24. Staff expects comments back regarding the John Pilcher amendment, San Souci, and parallel trails in the shoreline jurisdiction.
- City Council closed public testimony on the Sign Code but, left the written record open until April 6. There will be another study session on April 16. Staff is working with the Council President on a revised draft based on public testimony. Staff recommendation is for Council to reopen the hearing to receive testimony on the revised draft.
- The Plan Commission Retreat will be held on April 8 at the regularly scheduled meeting. The Retreat will be at the MAC from 10:00 to 3:00.
- Management team, along with President Ekins will be going to Seattle and Portland to meet with colleagues there to learn about their procedures and functions.
- There will be an infill taskforce meeting on March 26. A draft ordinance will be ready soon to bring before the Plan Commission.

President Ekins introduced Dennis Dellwo as the newest member of the Plan Commission.

Councilman French gave the Council report. The discussion included:

- City Council has suspended testimony on the Sign Code Ordinance until April 16. Council is waiting for input from the Community Assembly.
- The Public Works Committee is working on draft language on bus bench advertising. There should be some legislation in May regarding off-premises

advertising. STA deferred taking over bus benches for 60 days. Revenues from advertising on the benches may provide shelters for the benches.

- Members of City Council are looking at Centers and Corridors. The first meeting will be next week.

President Ekins discussed the expiration of terms for several members of the Commission. Several will term-out in 2013.

Dennis Dellwo made the motion to approve the March 11, 2009 minutes as amended. Passed unanimously.

COMMISSION WORKSHOP

11:39 a.m. break

11:57 a.m. reconvene

Visit with Mayor Mary Verner

Mayor Verner had a conversation with the Plan Commission. The discussion included:

- The Mayor is interested in the Comp Plan chapter review being performed by the Plan Commission. She asked for the perspective of the members on the review.
- A question that keeps coming up is if the Center and Corridor strategy is working for the City.
- Another question is if the City is aligning multi-modal transportation with the Comp Plan. The Administration has spoken with Public Works about having more public participation.
- Discussed the need to integrate "Healthy Community" concepts into the Comp Plan. The Mayor suggested the YMCA could spearhead effort through grant opportunities.
- Matching the financial reality with the goals.
- A new concept called, Design Review Plus, would include components of design review, neighborhoods, property owners, area businesses, and the Plan Commission to work on all Public Works projects. This gives the opportunity to address items outside the Street Bond process to implement other desirable projects in the neighborhoods.
- Planning and Public Works staff are working together to work on the Master Bike Plan prior to implementation. Mr. Eadie suggested it would be better to have staff comments from all departments prior to presenting projects to the Plan Commission.
- The Mayor would like input from the Plan Commission on neighborhood planning.
- The Mayor just returned from Washington DC and received good response on design money for the pedestrian bridge in the University District. There is also a request in place for construction funds. Design of the gateway at Division and I-90 is also looking positive.

Potential property for Conservation Futures, by Tirrell Black and Louis Meuler

Tirrell Black began with a continuation of the discussion of potential properties for Conservation Futures. She then talked about the potential Open Space layer on the Land Use Map of the Comprehensive Plan and followed up with City-owned property. The discussion included:

- Trolley Trail – this property is officially open space now.
- Department of Natural Resources (Big “L”) – this is a school section remnant. It is zoned residential single-family. If sold, it must be at fair market value.
- Latah 1 – designated as park.
- Latah 2 – City-owned
- Latah 3 – It is very steep and has little potential for development.
- Ashland Estates – City-owned
- Austin Ravine – A portion is platted and has homes built on it. A portion has been purchased by through Conservation Futures funding. A portion is still in a large parcel and privately owned.
- Wastewater Retention – now serves as storm water retention.
- Potential Open Space Options:
 - a) Option 1 - Revise the Potential Open Space Layer
 - b) Option 2 - Delete it from the Comp Plan map and adopt a report/study to City Council. This option is the one Planning staff supports.
 - c) Option 3 - Leave it. Some is still useful and applicable.
- Analysis of City-owned property
 - a) The data is poor
- The consensus of the Plan Commission members was for staff to pursue Option 2.

Robert's Rules of Order, by Leroy Eadie

Leroy Eadie led the discussion of Robert's Rules of Order. The discussion included:

- Rule number 24 is inconsistent with current Rules of Procedure requiring a two-thirds vote. Mr. Eadie will investigate.
- Mr. Eadie will format the rules for ease of reading and they will be included in the binders for the members to use.

PUBLIC COMMENT

President Ekins welcomed citizens to comment. Seeing none, he closed the workshop.

Dan Murphy made the motion to adjourn the meeting. M/S John Fisher. Passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 1:42 p.m.


Leroy Eadie, Secretary