



Planning Commission Regular Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 26, 2025 at 6:00 PM

9103 E Frederick Ave.

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1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Meeting called to order by Commissioner Ankney at 6:00 pm. Commissioners present: Mike Ankney, Bobbie Beese, Bill Rickard, and Savannah Wu. Jay Molitor attended the meeting remotely. A quorum was present.

PRESENT

Commissioner Mike Ankney
Commissioner Bobbie Beese
Commissioner Jay Molitor
Commissioner Bill Rickard
Commissioner Savannah Wu

2. APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

Motion made by Commissioner Wu, Seconded by Commissioner Beese to approve the agenda as presented.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Ankney, Commissioner Beese, Commissioner Molitor, Commissioner Rickard, Commissioner Wu

3. PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations.

4. ACTION ITEMS

- a. Motion to approve January 29, 2025 Planning Commission Minutes as presented or with modifications

Motion made by Commissioner Rickard, Seconded by Commissioner Wu to approve the January 29, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Ankney, Commissioner Beese, Commissioner Molitor, Commissioner Rickard, Commissioner Wu

- b. Periodic Update - Planning Commission - Public Workshop

Review modifications to Draft Comprehensive Plan Ch. 1, 2, 3, & 4, updated Community Visioning and Goals, Policies and Actions Framework + Review new Draft Comprehensive Plan Parks and Recreation Element.

Ms. Tainio explained that the draft they were reviewing at this meeting included the modifications to the Comprehensive Plan Chapters 1, 2, 3 & 4 and the new Parks and Recreation Element that the Planning Commission had identified at the last meeting.

The Commission reviewed the new policies and implementing actions. The Commission discussed the need for a definitions page, the Solid Waste Management Plan ILA with Spokane County, Mini Parks, and Land Use and Housing. They discussed Millwood demographics in particular the graphs and where the data was derived from, the Land Capacity analysis and the inconsistencies between the population increase requirements and the total housing units required, and the desire

to expand stakeholder interviews to include Millwood history enthusiasts, Beautification & Tree Board and Millwood Preservation Commission.

The Commission also discussed the Parks & Recreation Element including walking distance to parks, Butler mini park, river access, river view access, high school fields not reservable, Argonne Congestion Relief Project, and grant funding.

Public Comments on Comprehensive Plan Chapter 1-4:

Kyle Dement, 10306 E Empire, expressed concern regarding the inconsistencies between the increase of population and the increase of housing units required, mini park restrooms, river access liability and cost of funding parks for taxpayers.

Todd Beese, 8610 E South Riverway, commented on the Argonne Congestion Relief Project, capital improvement project for the future to decrease lanes on Argonne Road for increased pedestrian safety, add a mop sink and handwash station at the Farmers Market and consider moving the Farmers Market back to Dalton Ave.

5. REPORTS

- a. City Planning Report - January 2025

Ms. Tainio presented her January 2025 Planning Report.

6. PUBLIC REMARKS

Kyle Dement, 10306 E Empire, thanked the Planning Commission for listening and considering his concerns.

Todd Beese, 8610 E South Riverway, expressed concerns about the Argonne Congestion Relief Project.

7. COMMISSIONER REMARKS

Commissioner Beese reminded attendees that March was Millwood History Month at the Argonne Library.

Commissioner Wu thanked Ms. Tainio for her work.

Commissioner Ankney remarked that next week was National Women in Construction Week and expressed concern about snow plowing.

8. SET NEXT MEETING - Planning Commission Regular Meeting March 26, 2025 at 6:00 pm.

Anticipated Agenda Items:

Periodic Update - Review modifications to Draft Comprehensive Plan Ch. 1, 2, 3, & 4, and new Draft Comprehensive Plan Parks and Recreation Element (Chapter 10)

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Commissioner Beese, Seconded by Commissioner Wu to adjourn the Regular Planning Commission Meeting at 7:50 pm. Commissioner Molitor left the meeting at 7:27 pm.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Ankney, Commissioner Beese, Commissioner Rickard, Commissioner Wu

Approved:

Attest:

Michael Ankney, Planning Commission Chair

Lisa Cassels, City Clerk