

**SPOKANE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION**

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING**

**JUNE 27, 2024**

<b>Planning Commission Members Present</b>	<b>Spokane County Department of Building and Planning Staff Present</b>
Stephen Pohl, Chair	Elya Miroshin, Clerk
Peter Rayner, Vice Chair	Scott Chesney, AICP, Planning Director
Clyde Haase	Robert Brock, AICP, Planner
Waye Brokaw	Bongo Thompson, Planner
Melissa Wittstruck	Tate Andrie, Planner
Logan Camporeale (present via zoom)	
Lonnie Edwards	

The June 27, 2024, hearing of the Spokane County Planning Commission was called to order by Chairman Stephen Pohl at 9:00 a.m. A quorum was present. The meeting was accessible to the public in the Commissioners' Hearing Room, Lower Level, Public Works Building, located at 1026 West Broadway Avenue, Spokane, WA, and via Zoom, with web and telephone links provided on the Building and Planning website and in a public notice published in the Spokesman-Review on June 12, 2024.

Chairman Pohl opened the public comment for items not on the agenda. No public comment was received.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**Chairman Pohl opened the public hearing for the revised ZTA-03-24.**

ZTA-03-24: A proposal to consider temporary uses that are allowed in small tract agriculture, such as weddings and social events, also be allowed in Rural Traditional Zones as a conditional use, including reasonable limits, and regulations for operations, season limits and other topics.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Trish Easton spoke in favor of ZTA-03-24.
- Elena Hartwell spoke in favor of ZTA-03-24.
- Dale Dupree spoke in favor of ZTA-03-24.
- Jorge McConnell spoke in favor of ZTA-03-24.

Questions were asked and answered regarding liquor licensing, the timeframe of events to allow winter social events, music/speaker appropriateness, code complaint enforcement, and a potential Conditional Use Permit (CUP) model.

**Chairman Pohl closed the public hearing for the revised ZTA-03-24.**

**MOTION**

Mr. Brokaw moved to recommend the initiation of ZTA-03-24 for further consideration to the Board of County Commissioners; seconded by Mr. Haase. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

**WORKSHOP**

**Countywide Planning Policies** – Mr. Chesney presented a recap on affordable housing.

Discussion ensued. Questions were asked and answered regarding compliance, how to go about creating development regulations in order to allow affordable housing, and water infrastructure/rights.

**Comprehensive Plan 2026** – Mr. Chesney updated the planning commission on the progress, timeline, and idea of incorporating performance zoning. A contract is being written up for a communications manager to handle public participation. Discussion ensued.

**STAFF REPORT**

Mr. Chesney informed the members of the planning retreats that both building and planning departments have been attending in order to help improve office culture and customer service. These activities were facilitated by HR staff.

**MINUTES**

Mr. Rayner moved to adopt the June 13, 2024, minutes; seconded by Mr. Haase. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

**Mr. Camporeale moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Edwards. The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m.**

Stephen Pohl, Chair  Date 7.11.2024

Scott Chesney, AICP, Planning Director 