



**SPOKANE COUNTY STEERING COMMITTEE OF ELECTED OFFICIALS
 MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING
 September 25, 2024**

Steering Committee of Elected Officials Voting Members Present	Steering Committee of Elected Officials Non-Voting Members Present and Public Participants	Spokane County Staff Present
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Vice Chair, Michael Cathcart, City of Spokane -Council Member Rod Higgins, City of Spokane Valley (present via zoom) -Council Member -Council Member Kitty Klitzke, City of Spokane -Commissioner Josh Kerns, Spokane County -Commissioner Amber Waldref, Spokane County -Mayor Cris Kaminskis, City of Liberty Lake -Council Member Larry Bowman, City of Airway Heights -Deputy Mayor Tim Hattenburg, City of Spokane Valley 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Joel White, Spokane Homebuilders Association, Citizen-at-Large -Paul Kropp, Citizen at Large 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Laurie Carver, Planning Business Manager -Elya Miroshin, Clerk -Scott Chesney, AICP, Director of Planning -Jessica Pilgrim, Legal Counsel -Tate Andrie, Planner -Bongo Thompson, Planner

CALL TO ORDER

The September 25, 2024, public hearing of the Steering Committee of Elected Officials was called to order by Council Member Michael Cathcart, City of Spokane, at 9:04 a.m. A quorum was present.

The meeting was accessible to the public at the City of Spokane Central Library Event Room A, located at 906 West Main Avenue, Spokane, WA, 99201, and via Zoom, with web and telephone links provided in the Spokesman-Review on September 10, 2024.

MOTION

Council Member Michael Cathcart entertained a motion to adopt July 17, 2024, and August 21, 2024, minutes. So moved by Rod Higgins; seconded by Commissioner Tim Hattenburg. No discussion. The motion was carried unanimously.

MOTION

PUBLIC HEARING

Tate Andrie presented to the Steering Committee of Elected Officials (SCEO) a recommendation from the Planning Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC) on proposed amendments to the Countywide Planning Policies related to housing and within the context of the very recent legislative acts that have directed changes in GMA.

MOTION

Council Member Terri Cooper motioned to change the word “should” to the word “may” in the amendment, council member Larry Bowman seconded the motion. Discussion ensued. The motion was carried unanimously.

MOTION

Commissioner Amber Waldref motioned to change the grammatical and minor amendments or typos as necessary to the amendment, council member Rod Higgins seconded the motion. No discussion. The motion was carried unanimously.

MOTION

Council Member Kitty Klitzke moved to amend the Countywide Planning Policies document with the corrections, repost it and continue the hearing discussion in the November Meeting. Council Member Rod Higgins seconded the motion. No discussion. The motion was carried unanimously.

WORKSHOP

PTAC recommendation for HAPT “A^{prime}” method

Mr. Thompson presented HPT PTAC recommends that the SCEO adopt HAPT method A prime from the Department of Commerce. This tool can be used to estimate current and future growth and housing needs specifically for Spokane County. This is the commerce update of method A that avoids allocating low income and emergency housing to rural areas. We believe it offers a clear path forward and gives us time to work on the population allocations.

A discussion began. Questions were asked to clarify that the method does not allocate rural housing to the lowest incomes. Transit access was also discussed.

MOTION

Mayor Terri Cooper motioned to adopt the HAPT method A Prime, council member Rod Higgins seconded the motion. No discussion. The motion was carried unanimously.

WORKSHOP

Agreement amendment for Tribal Participation and other issues

Mr. Chesney brought attention to information on the interlocal agreement from the subcommittee pursuing tribal participation. Heather Trautman spoke about coordination to communicate growth management requirements for the counties and the cities moving forward, as well as the opportunity for engagement with both the Spokane Tribe of Indians and the Kalispell Tribe of Indians.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Paul Kropp about bringing transportation and urban services into consideration for the GMA concurrency.

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Spokane County Steering Committee of Elected Officials, Vice Chair Councilman Michael Cathcart
Date

Scott Chesney, AICP, Planning Director _____

Susan Luna, SCEO Clerk, Spokane County Building & Planning