



University District Development Association (UDDA) Annual Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 4, 2024, from 3:37 – 4:43 PM, WSU Health Science Spokane, SAC Building and Via Zoom

Board Members Present: LaVerne Biel, Lois Bollenback, Catherine Brazil (Zoom), Emilie Cameron (served as chair), Daryll DeWald, Colleen Fuchs, Brooke Kiener (Zoom), Chuck Murphy, Lindsey Myhre, Stacia Rasmussen, Rob Sauders, Katy Sheehan, John Sklut (Zoom), Jonathan Teeters, Dennis Wagner, County Commissioner Amber Waldref, Council President Betsy Wilkerson (Zoom), Erin Williams-Hueter

Board Members Absent: Bill Bouten, Keven Brockbank, Mayor Lisa Brown, Teresa Dugger, and Greg Repetti

Others in Attendance: Juliet Sinisterra, Alden Jones

Call to Order, Welcome, and Administrative Actions

- Vice-chair Cameron served as chair and called the meeting to order, thanked WSU for hosting, and asked for a **MOTION to approve the UDDA draft May 1, 2024, meeting minutes and the UDDA financials as of July 31, 2024**, (Bollenback), seconded (Wagner), and passed unanimously.
- Cameron noted that all **2025 UDDA meetings will be held at the Catalyst Building**.
- Sinisterra shared a **scorecard update** and a **grants status chart** noting grants applied for, received, and pending. Myhre asked if grants align with the U Vision 2044 strategic plan. Sinisterra said yes and also with the approved 2024 budget.

UD Nominating Committee Update and Board Vote on 2025 UDDA Positions

Noting the required 2/3 majority of members present, Cameron reviewed the Nominating Committee's recommendations and called for the following motions:

- **MOTION to approve four new UDDA board members:** Neil Christopher Apeles, Providence Sacred Heart; Megan Hulseley, Craft3; Marvo Reguindin, AHANA; and Tom Tellefson, McKinstry (Fuchs), seconded (Williams-Hueter), and passed unanimously.
- **MOTION to approve two UDDA representatives to the UDPDA board:** Greg Repetti and Chuck Murphy (Fuchs), seconded (Teeters), and passed unanimously.
- **MOTION to approve 2025 officers:** Chair-Sheehan, Vice Chair/Secretary-Repetti, and Treasurer-Murphy (Teeters), seconded (Williams-Hueter), and passed unanimously.
- **MOTION to approve 2025 Executive Advisory Committee:** Chair-Sheehan, Vice Chair/Secretary-Repetti, Treasurer-Murphy, Dennis Wagner (small business), Colleen Fuchs (UD business/property owner, community health), Lois Bollenback (mobility, transportation), Tom Tellefson (UD business, property owner/ construction), Neil Christopher Apeles (community health and workforce), and Steve MacDonald (city) (Williams-Hueter), seconded (Biel), and passed unanimously.

Mithun District Conceptual Plan (DCP) Overview

Sinisterra shared several slides summarizing work to date by Mithun on the DCP. Grounded in the U Vision 2044 Strategic Plan, she showed how Mithun synthesized feedback/key takeaways from the Development Committee, City staff, and attendees at the June 6 Groundwork Forum into several illustrated boards organized around nature-based, equity and belonging strategies palettes and eight project ideas and options with examples/precedents:



1. Rewild and recharge the river (green blue infrastructure, habitat, and public realm)
2. Revive with an urban coulee system for the scablands (urban spillways and water conveyance infrastructure)
3. Restore Liberty trailhead and forest (connect neighborhoods, promote clean air and refuge)
4. Establish a life science commons (mixed-use campus within a park-like realm)
5. Generate a cycle of life hub (pioneering urban energy systems)
6. Heal the division (reconnecting through place and culture)
7. Grow a multi-cultural maker district (prioritize BIPOC, local, and small orgs)
8. Connect at the heart of Sherman (public realm, infill, parking, and energy)

The Mithun team will be in Spokane on September 6 for a morning conversation with House of Charities residents and staff and an evening Open House at the Community Building during First Friday. Final presentation to the UDPDA board on October 2.

Development Committee Updates

- Mithun was selected for the **400-Block Architectural Services** Phase One (pre-design) scope which includes site feasibility and initial financial analysis (\$45K) to include a world-class climbing gym, childcare facilities, Spokane Sports office, Whitworth MBA classroom, modified Evergreen Bioscience wet lab and incubation space, and parking. Mithun will present initial concepts to the Development Committee on September 10 and to the board on October 2. The UDDA applied for a Commerce CBO grant, and if successful, sets up the possibility of a future construction loan from Commerce. Per MacDonald, new market tax credits up to 20% also could apply to the project.
- Per the 2024 budget which includes a \$22,500 match for a proposed Iron Bridge **kayak put-in** north of No-Li Brewhouse, the UDPDA has entered into MOA with Spokane River Forum (SRF) for site analysis work. SRF will oversee and manage all project activities and hire a vendor for 30% design, including a topographical survey and an ESA for future permitting.

Business Committee Updates

- Wagner reported on public safety lighting efforts: Avista will install 12 new lights in the south sub-area and seven along Centennial Trail by No-Li.
- Working with the City to extend the boundary in the RFP for Downtown clean-up services to include Sherman. Sinisterra said Catholic Charities may apply. Biel mentioned Dignified Workforce as an excellent resource.
- Urbanova presented on Spokane Connected Communities – an effort to cut energy costs and emissions by installing smart meters.

30-second updates ensued and then Cameron reminded the group of the October 2 meeting and adjourned the session at 4:43 PM.

Emilie Cameron, Vice Chair

Date: September 7, 2024