

West Central Neighborhood Council Meeting Agenda

September 1, 2026, 6:15 p.m. West Central Community Center

All meetings are conducted under Robert's Rule of Order. Join by ZOOM:

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Welcomes and Introductions 3 minutes (6:15)

Approval of July Minutes and September Agenda 2 minutes (6:18)

Neighborhood Safety and Wellness Report 10 minutes (6:20)

City Council and Office of Neighborhood Services Report 10 minutes (6:30)

Special Orders of the Day

- Wilson Faust, River City Youth, Fall Program Cleanups, 10 minutes (6:40)
- Victoria Eby-Bounds, Clean-Up Coordinator
 - Clean-Up Events and Activities, 5 minutes (6:50)
 - Emerging Partnerships, 15 minutes (6:55)

New Business

- Elizabeth Marlin, Bluff Fire Remediation/Defense of Wildland Urban Interface, 10 minutes (7:10)
- Treasurer Vacancy, 5 minutes (7:20)

Internal Committee Reports 5 minutes (7:25)

Treasurer Report

West Central Community Center Board Report

Community Assembly Representative

Cleanup Coordinator

Traffic Safety Committee

Welcoming Committee

Open Forum Sign-up 3-minute maximum per speaker (7:35)

Next Meeting: October 6, 2026, 6:15 p.m., at West Central Community Center

Adjourn

July Minutes

West Central Neighborhood Council (WCNC) Meeting Minutes

Newton Lounge, West Central Community Center

Date: July 8, 2026 Time: 6:30 PM – 8 PM

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6:35 PM — Nate Call to Order & Approval of Minutes

July meeting agenda and the June meeting minutes were approved.

6:38 PM — Spokane Police Department: Neighborhood Resource Officer

Officer Tyler Hieman, encouraged residents and council members to contact him with concerns regarding neighborhood issues, problem properties, or other community safety matters.

Email is the preferred method of contact.

Contact Information:

- Email: theiman@spokanepolice.org
 - Phone: 509-873-4760
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6:40 PM — Spokane Regional Clean Air Agency: Air Quality Update

Lisa from the Spokane Regional Clean Air Agency provided an overview of the agency and discussed air-quality concerns in the Spokane area.

Key points included:

- The agency was formed in the late 1960s following the Washington State Clean Air Act. It is overseen by elected officials and receives funding from local, state, and federal entities.
- Businesses that emit significant pollutants are required to obtain permits. The agency works with businesses to ensure compliance and can issue citations for repeated violations.

- The agency board consists of council members from diverse backgrounds who provide guidance and recommendations.
- Daily and two-day air-quality forecasts are available, along with smoke and fire maps. Residents were encouraged to visit spokanecleanair.org for current information.
- The agency provides assistance to small businesses navigating air-quality requirements and regulations.
- Odors are considered air contaminants under Washington State law.
- The agency cannot enter private homes but can monitor chimneys for smoke levels and contaminants.
- Smoke monitoring requires specialized training and scientific knowledge.
- Residents were encouraged to stay informed about seasonal fire restrictions, which generally begin in June and continue through October.
- Approved outdoor-burning materials include dried firewood and pellets.
- Grant funding may be available to assist residents with replacing older wood stoves.
- The agency also offers asbestos programs related to renovation and demolition projects.

Primary Spokane Air Pollutants:

- **PM10:** Primarily associated with dust.
- **PM2.5:** Associated with combustion sources, including vehicles and outdoor wood burning.
- An AQI above 100 is considered unhealthy and indicates elevated pollution levels.
- Ground-level ozone is a significant summer pollutant and forms through a photochemical reaction involving sunlight and pollutants.
- Gas-up in the evening, when gassing up in the morning ozone peaks in the evening after engaging with sun rays all day.

Residents were encouraged to reduce exposure during periods of poor air quality by limiting time outdoors and staying indoors when appropriate. Additional information is available through [Smoke Ready Spokane](#).

7:00 PM — Gonzaga Institute for Climate, Water & Environment

Rowan and Kai, representing the Gonzaga Institute for Climate, Water & Environment, provided information about climate and heat-related resources in the Spokane community.

The Institute's work focuses on promoting environmental resilience and addressing challenges associated with a changing climate.

Key points included:

- Spokane County experienced 19 heat-related deaths in 2021.
- There can be approximately a 14-degree temperature difference between the hottest and coolest areas of Spokane.
- The number of days with AQI readings above 100 increased from an average of 2.6 days between 2000–2014 to 9.2 days between 2015–2025.
- An open forum regarding a proposed **Renter's Right to Cooling ordinance** was scheduled for July 15.
- The Institute's website provides resources including cooling maps and information about cooling hubs. Cooling hubs include public libraries, the West Central Community Center, the Maxey Center, and other community locations.
- Members can contact the Institute at ClimateInstitute@gonzaga.edu for additional information.

7:12 PM — Congressional Candidate: Bajun Mavalwalla, 5th District

Bajun grew up in Stevens County. The 5th district is bigger than the the size of Maryland and includes a significant veteran population. Bajun discussed challenges facing the district, including farmers ability to obtain affordable parts and resources needed to repair agricultural equipment. Bajun expressed a desire to help all members of the community, regardless of political affiliation or partisan lines.

7:17 PM — Meeting Time, August Event & Treasurer

Nate led a discussion regarding the council's new meeting schedule, the August community event, and the treasurer position.

Meeting Time:

Survey results showed that the meeting time did not matter, while 6:00 PM and 6:30 PM received equal votes. Following discussion, the council voted to move meetings to **6:15 PM**.

Beginning **September 1**, West Central Neighborhood Council meetings will be held on the **first Tuesday of each month at 6:15 PM.** **The council noted that the meeting time can be revisited if the new schedule does not work well for members.**

August Event:

There will be **no regular WCNC meeting in August.** Instead, the council will participate in an event in the park.

The council discussed sponsoring **COPS West** for the event, which would allow COPS West to host the event and have the park fee waived. The Neighborhood Council voted to sponsor COPS West for the event.

Adjournment

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, September 1, 2026 at 6:15PM

Announcements

PlanSpokane

1 message

City of Spokane <planspokane@spokanecity.org>

Thu, Aug 13, 2026 at 9:00 AM

Reply-To: planspokane@spokanecity.org

To: wcnc.chair@gmail.com

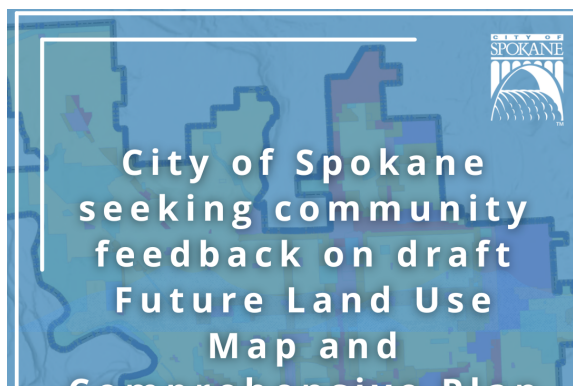
**August 13, 2026****Dear Community Member,**

Our community has been deeply impacted by the Spokane Complex Fire. If you are directly impacted by loss and evacuation, please know that our hearts are with you. The City of Spokane has compiled a list of information and City services to help you navigate this difficult time, which can be found on the [Wildfire Information page](#).

The City will continue to update the [Wildfire Information page](#) with resources for those impacted by the fire, frequently asked questions about city services, ways to help, cleanup efforts, and information on rebuilding as it becomes available.

PlanSpokane 2046 has reached a significant milestone, thanks to the countless community members who have engaged with the Comprehensive Plan Update. While we work together as a community in the face of the Spokane Complex Fire, we are also navigating the future of our City.

A formal public comment period for the PlanSpokane 2046 Future Land Use Map and updated draft Comprehensive Plan is underway, however an end date to the period has not yet been set in recognition of the need for additional time. Instead, materials are currently available for community members interested in reviewing and a





deadline will be announced once determined.

[Learn more about what is available and how to submit comments!](#)



Future Land Use Map StoryMap

Land Use is a technical designation that informs what uses can be built where. Each property within the City of Spokane is designated a Land Use to inform what uses are compatible next to each other and to ensure the right mix of residential, commercial, and industrial uses to support a thriving city and economy.

The Future Land Use Map (also known as FLUM) identifies the mix of uses desired for the next 20 years.

The Future Land Use Map StoryMap

includes an **interactive map**, where community members can zoom into specific properties and leave direct, **location-based comments**. Additionally, each neighborhood has been turned into a slide image that allows viewers to compare the existing Land Use designations, as converted to the new Land Use scheme, against what is proposed.

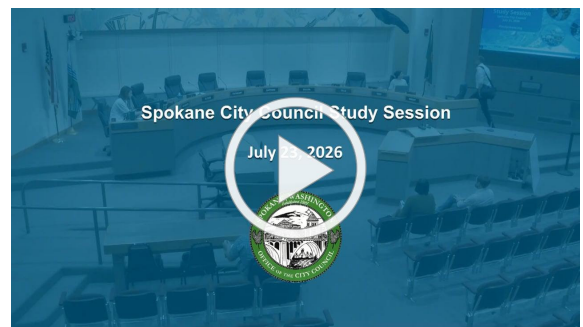
Community members are encouraged to review the draft map and provide feedback, including recommendations, support, or concerns.

[Explore the Future Land Use Map StoryMap.](#)

Comprehensive Plan Explorer Now Available

An **interactive Comprehensive Plan Explorer is now available**. This interactive dashboard allows members of the public to search all of the goals and policies found within the draft Comprehensive Plan by Chapter, key words, theme, or whether it is new or existing. This tool is a companion to, not a replacement of, the **draft Chapters** and does not include introductions, maps, graphics, or other important content.

[View the Comprehensive Plan Explorer.](#)



PlanSpokane at City Council Study Session

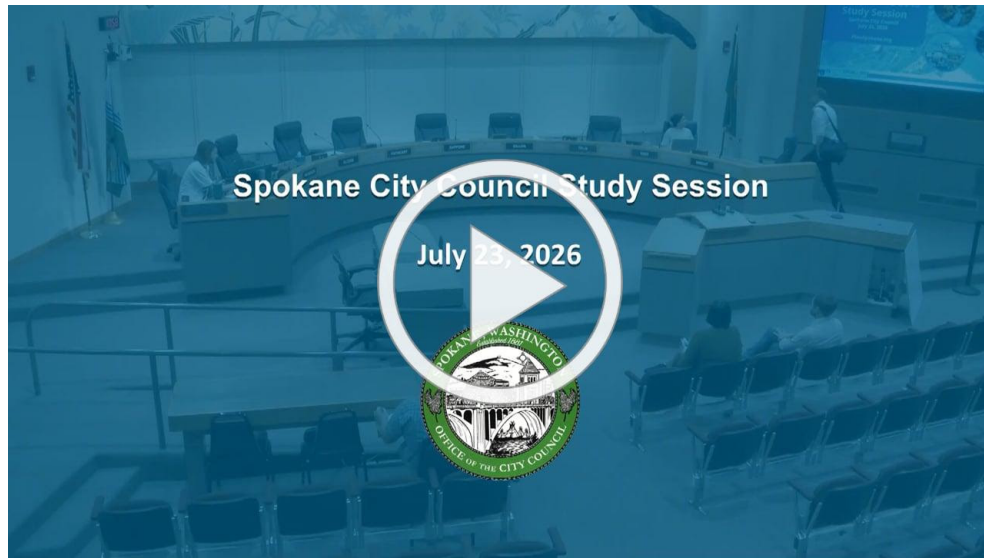
PlanSpokane 2046 presented at the June 23 City Council Study Session, providing an update on community participation and presenting the draft Future Land Use Map. [Watch the Study Session recording.](#)



BUILDSpokane Code Modernization

Help BUILDSpokane With Us

The BUILDSpokane code modernization project presented at the July 23 City Council Study Session, providing an update and discussing upcoming public engagement. Watch the presentation below and look out for upcoming ways to provide feedback on how to reflect community values and help the City of Spokane achieve its long-term goals.



Learn more and stay involved by [visiting the project page](#) for updates and materials, and keep an eye out for future opportunities to participate in the process.



Learn More About the City of Spokane's Code Modernization Project

my.spokanecity.org/projects/buildspokane-code-modernization-project/



In Other Planning News...

Planning Staff Tour Second Harvest

Last month, members of the Planning and Economic Development Services toured Second Harvest, learning about their operations and impact on our local community. Below is a word from Second Harvest about their volunteer opportunities!

Join Second Harvest's crew of hunger-fighting heroes today.

Second Harvest is the food bank for food banks across Spokane and the entire Inland Northwest. Fueled by volunteers, Second Harvest distributed nearly 42 million pounds of food over the last year – the equivalent of 18 semitruck loads a week!



You can volunteer to help close the meal gap. Sort fresh produce donated by Washington farmers, pack Bite2Go weekend food bags for schoolchildren in need, or chip in at a Mobile Market to share food with people facing hunger.

Signing up is easy. Visit the [Second Harvest website](#) to find an opportunity that fits your schedule. Individuals are welcome, or you can team up with a spouse, friend, or even a group. Large groups should contact Savannah via [email](#) or [phone](#) tel:509-252-6252.



"Our generous volunteers make healthy food available to neighbors in need," said Second Harvest CEO Jason Clark. "We'd love to welcome you."

Reminder: New Spokane City Council Meeting Days

Spokane City Council changed meeting days! If you have ever attended, watched, or planned to speak at a Spokane City Council meeting, this affects you. Here is the new schedule:

- Council Agenda Review Meetings are on Tuesdays at 11 a.m.
- Council Committee Meetings are on Tuesdays at 1 p.m.
- Council Legislative Sessions are on Wednesdays at 6 p.m.



Plan Commission

What Happened?

- **July 8 Public Workshop:** This workshop of the Spokane Plan Commission was cancelled.
- **July 22 Public Workshop:** The Spokane Plan Commission discussed Design Review in the Comprehensive Plan and heard an update on the PlanSpokane 2046 Future Land Use Map and the BUILDSpokane code modernization project. [\[watch 7.22.26 recording\]](#)
- **August 12 Public Workshop:** The regular Plan Commission meeting scheduled was cancelled due to the ongoing response to the Spokane Complex Fire.

What's Next?

- **Wednesday, Aug. 24 Public Workshop:** This Spokane Plan Commission meeting is tentatively scheduled for presentations related to the 6-year Capital Improvement Program (CIP), PlanSpokane 2046 Periodic Update, and BUILDSpokane code modernization project. The agenda may change due to the ongoing response to the Spokane Complex Fire.

Development Services Center is Open to Serve You!

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday | 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Wednesday | 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

- In person - [808 W. Spokane Falls Blvd - 3rd Floor](#) of City Hall (Office is closed Wednesday mornings from 8-11 a.m. through the near future to allow staff to focus on permit load and reduce wait times. Calls will be forwarded to voicemail during this time.)

- Online - Skip a trip to City Hall with **online permitting**, an email to permitteam@spokanecity.org or [Electronic Document Review](#)
- Phone - A representative can assist you at [509.625.6300](tel:509.625.6300)

Stay Connected

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Provide written comment in email to PlanSpokane@spokanecity.org.

Was this email forwarded to you? Sign up for the Plan Spokane newsletter [here](#).

Interested in requesting an outreach event? Email us!



You are receiving this email because you signed up via the [Spokane Housing Action Plan website](#), have been identified as an individual or stakeholder in the discussion, or expressed interest in receiving planning project updates from the City of Spokane. Please feel free to share this email with others who are interested in receiving [email announcements](#) about this project. To unsubscribe, please email planspokane@spokanecity.org.



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