



University District Development Association (UDDA) Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 7, 2025, from 3:52 – 5:20 Joint UDPDA/UDDA Session; 5:20-5:29 PM UDDA Meeting, Catalyst Bldg, Rm 309, and Via Zoom

Board Members Present: Neil Christopher Apeles, LaVerne Biel (Zoom), Lois Bollenback, Mayor Lisa Brown, Emilie Camerson (Zoom), Colleen Fuchs, Megan Hulsey, Brooke Kiener, Chuck Murphy, Lindsey Myhre, Stacia Rasmussen, Marvo Reguindin, Greg Repetti (Zoom), Rob Sauders, Katy Sheehan (chair), John Sklut (Zoom), Jonathan Teeters (Zoom), Dennis Wagner, Erin Williams Hueter (Zoom)

Board Members Absent: Catherine Brazil, Kevin Brockbank, Daryll DeWald, Thomas Tellefson, County Commissioner Amber Waldref, Council President Betsy Wilkerson

Presenters: Tirrell Black (City), John Somerlott (GSI), Soren Newman (Arrowleaf), Allison Platt and Alex Joyce (Cascadia Partners)

[Board slide deck](#), [recording](#) (starts at City of Spokane presentation)

JOINT PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION: UDPDA and UDDA Board Members

EAC Highlights

- Repetti reported that nominations are open for the 2025 UD Impact Award and that application information is on the website
- Repetti reminded the group that the application deadline for 2026 board positions is May 28 and application information is on the website.
- Sinisterra reviewed the draft June 4 annual board retreat agenda that features presentations on homelessness and the community health ecosystem.
- Sinisterra updated the group on Life Sciences and Community Health Resiliency Planning efforts given shifting federal funding.
- **Scorecard** highlights were shared, and no questions ensued.

Regional and City Updates

- **City Comprehensive Plan** (*Tirrell Black, City staff*)
 - See this link for [the presentation](#).
 - Murphy asked about connections between the Comp Plan and the UD Next Generation Conceptual Plan 2065 (NGCP). Sinisterra noted that the UD has provided input relating to NGCP needs. Kiener asked if childcare infrastructure is included; Black said no, but there would be an overlap with workforce development.
- **GSI Legislative Update** (*John Somerlott, GSI legislative intern*)
 - Somerlott shared legislative and budget updates relating to Spokane interests. A final update, when the session adjourns, will be helpful.

Presentation: UD Childcare Study Final Results (*Soren Newman, Arrowleaf Group*)

- See this link for [the presentation](#).
- The study's objective is to collect data to help attract a private company to provide services in the UD.

Presentation: District Financing Research (*Allison Platt and Alex Joyce, Cascadia Partners*)

- See this link for [the presentation](#).
- The Cascadia team shared four site-specific case studies and the capital stack for each. Sinisterra noted that the data will inform UD's Financing Playbook for projects like the U Incubation Village, 400-Block, and 201 W Main Avenue.



Sheehan asked for additional public comment and, hearing none, reminded the group of the June 4 UDPDA board meeting and adjourned the session at 5:20 PM.

UDDA Meeting Call to Order, Welcome, and Administrative Actions

Chair Sheehan called the UDDA business meeting to order at 5:20 PM, noted the quorum present, and requested a **MOTION to approve the UDDA draft April 9, 2025, meeting minutes and the UDDA financials as of March 31, 2025** (Bollenback), seconded (Fuchs), and passed unanimously.

Finance and Grants Administration

Samson asked for questions and concerns regarding the financials. Hearing none, Sinisterra then provided a grants update, particularly grant applications relating to the Next Generation Plan 2065 such as the Gonzaga University Community Climate Action Fund grant for a district-wide thermal energy analysis and bio retention pond study, and the JM Kaplan Innovation Prize grant for an urban ecological development tool.

Due to time constraints, the group omitted 30-second updates. Sheehan reminded the group of the June 4 annual board retreat at the Ruby River Hotel and adjourned the session at 5:29 PM.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Juliet Sinisterra'.

Juliet Sinisterra for Greg Repetti, Secretary

Date: May 8, 2025