

## **NOTICE OF COMMUNITY MEETING**

### **Proposed Skywalk over Spokane Falls Boulevard, Type III**

Notice is hereby given that Spokane Public Facilities District will conduct a community meeting to discuss the proposal for the construction of a new skywalk over Spokane Falls Boulevard west of Bernard Street that will connect the Spokane Convention Center and the proposed convention hotel. This Skywalk Permit Application will be processed as a Type III permit and will require a public hearing before the City Hearing Examiner and acceptance by City Council.

**COMMUNITY MEETING INFORMATION:** A Community Meeting will be held on \_\_\_\_\_  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26<sup>TH</sup>, 2014 at 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM a.m./p.m. at  
SPOKANE CONVENTION CENTER, ROOM 205 facility located at  
334 West Spokane Falls Boulevard, Spokane, WA regarding the Skywalk  
Permit Application. The applicant or their agent will make a presentation of the proposal. Any person may submit questions and comments at this meeting. For additional information, please contact the applicant, or you may contact City staff at:

Planning and Development  
Attn: Tami Palmquist, Associate Planner  
808 West Spokane Falls Boulevard  
Spokane, WA 99201-3329  
Phone: (509) 625-6157  
Email: [tpalmquist@spokanecity.org](mailto:tpalmquist@spokanecity.org)

## **APPLICATION INFORMATION**

**Applicant/** Kevin Twohig, Spokane Public Facilities District  
**Property Owner:** Spokane Public Facilities District

**Agent:** Jim Kolva  
115 S Adams, #1  
Spokane, WA 99201  
(509) 458-5517 or [jim@kolva.comcastbiz.net](mailto:jim@kolva.comcastbiz.net)

**File Number:** None Assigned Yet

**Location Description:** Across Spokane Falls Boulevard west of Bernard Street

**Description of Proposal:** The applicant is proposing the construction of a new skywalk over Spokane Falls Boulevard west of Bernard Street that will connect the Spokane Convention Center and the proposed Convention Center Hotel. This requires a Type III application, and there will be a Public Hearing in front of the City Hearing Examiner. The City Council will then consider that application and approve the Skywalk agreement.

**SEPA:** To be determined. This project will be reviewed under SMC 17E.050.

**Current Zoning:** DTC (Downtown Core); DTC-100 (DTC with 100-foot building height limit)

**Community Meeting:** A Community Meeting is an informal public meeting, in which the applicant and/or their agents present the proposed project to the public. The purpose of the meeting is to give an opportunity for the public to learn about the proposal, ask questions, and to exchange ideas about the proposal with the developer. A Community Meeting is the first step in the application process; it takes place before the applicant submits his/her application to the City of Spokane. City staff does not attend these meetings, except in the case of a combined Traffic Scoping and Community Meeting. In such cases, a member of the City Traffic Section will attend the meeting to take comments on possible transportation related issues. Such combined meetings will be noted on the header of this notice.

The Community Meeting is not a hearing, and no testimony is taken. The meeting is informational, though the meeting is recorded pursuant to requirements of the Spokane Municipal Code. Written comments are not required, and if any are submitted to Spokane Planning and Development, the letters will be forwarded to the Hearing Examiner when the application is forwarded for public hearing. However, such letters, if received before an application is submitted (i.e., Community Meeting), would need to be resubmitted prior to the closing of the public record (usually the date of the Public Hearing), in order to vest a person as a party of record.

**Public Hearing Process:** Once a Community Meeting has been completed, the applicant is authorized to make application to the City of Spokane for the review of the application and public hearing. A Notice of Application will be posted on the property and mailed to property owners, taxpayers and occupants within four hundred feet of the subject property. This Notice of Application will initiate a 15-day public comment period, in which interested persons may submit written comments to the address of the City Staff, which appears at the beginning of this document. Once the public comment period has ended, staff will obtain a public hearing date from the City Hearing Examiner. Finally, a Notice of Public Hearing will be posted and mailed (similar to the Notice of Application). This notice will contain the date, time and location of the public hearing. Written comments and oral testimony at the subsequent public hearing for this proposed action will be made part of the public record. Comments will be considered on this application and any environmental issues including SEPA or documents related to it. **Only the applicant, persons submitting written comments and persons testifying at a hearing may appeal the decision of the Hearing Examiner.**