

**CITY OF ISSAQUAH**  
**Park Board and Arts Commission Joint Meeting**

7:00 PM  
 April 28, 2025

Tibbetts Manor, 750 17th Ave  
 NW, Issaquah

**MINUTES**

**BOARD AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT**

*Park Board Members:*

Chris Kovac, Chair  
 Marlene Waxse, Vice Chair  
 Katie Bell  
 Andrew Eliquen (Excused Absence)  
 Nicholas Lee  
 David Liu  
 Tim Motley (Virtual)  
 Ryan Olson

Mari Stevens, Alternate (Excused Absence)  
 Paul Adair, Alternate  
 Martha Ginthner, Alternate

*Administration/Staff:*

Robin Spear, Park Planning and  
 Development Manager  
 Amy Dukes, Cultural Arts Manager  
 Hasanthi Piyasena, Department Operations  
 Specialist

*Arts Commission Members:*

Rachel Brannon (Virtual)  
 Chris Craven (excused Absence)  
 Tina Velazquez Hays  
 Treasure Hinds  
 Kimberly Kapustein (Excused Absence)  
 Tracie Mahadeo  
 Caroline Thienes  
 Albert Wang (Excused Absence)  
 Rachel Wright

*Community Members/Guests:*

Corby Casler, DIA

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Kovac called the meeting to order at 7:03pm. Roll call was taken.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a) Minutes of March 24, 2025.  
 There being no corrections, the minutes were approved as presented

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**Corby Casler:** Ms. Casler, DIA Executive Director, mentioned May 2<sup>nd</sup> is the start of the ArtWalk and Music Stroll downtown.

**REGULAR BUSINESS**

- a) **Creeks to Peaks: Three Trails Crossing Art, (I,D)**  
*Presented by:*  
*Amy Dukes, Cultural Arts Manager*  
*Robin Spear, Park Planning and Development Manager*  
 Introduction to the 3-trails project, overview of existing conditions and the three proposed graphic designs by Jake Wagoner. Preference by the two committees was for Option #1 that depicted mountains, Lake Sam and creeks, and junipers. Input included looking at an option from a pedestrian perspective that could easily

be recognized, forced perspective, and including a solid neutral color on the concrete and curbs to pull it together more cohesively. Questions asked by the two boards:

1. What safety regulations are required? WSDOT & Transportation standards will be followed within the street, and there are standards for the grit in the paint.
2. What is the length of time it is anticipated to last? A: 5-10+ years depending on use
3. Will the paint be safe environmentally? Yes, water-based paints.

### **Public Art Relocation, (I,D)**

*Presented by:*

*Amy Dukes, Cultural Arts Manager*

*Robin Spear, Park Planning and Development Manager*

Review of the park locations for the three sculptures; River Run, The Pillars, and Salmon Cycle. Committees liked the inclusion of art within the parks and support incorporating it into the design from an early stage of planning. Both Arts Commission and Park Board confirmed that they preferred the location of Salmon Run Nature Park for "River Run", Confluence Park for "Salmon Cycles", but would like to see "The Pillars" in a more active park so the community can interact with it more and it would be more visible. Recommended the Front St. park, or another location in Confluence Park. Further review and discussion by staff for location change needed. Additional comments: Ek House could be the start of an art walk, East Sunset Trailhead is a location where more people will see art and be less "discoverable", protects the pieces if they are more visible in the parks.

### **Capital Improvement Plan Update 2027-2032 (I,D)**

*Presented by:*

*Robin Spear, Park Planning and Development Manager*

Introduction to the Municipal Capital Planning Guide and the three stages of project development from the 20+ year picture developed from Park System Plan and system level assessments, those recommendations turn into a 6-year CIP plan, moves to a 2-year Budget, and then a funded capital project. 9 projects recommended in the Parks 27-32 CIP plan with a focus on multi-use fields and trailhead improvements, and 6 capital programs for ongoing maintenance and replacements. Projects were noted that they were based on available staff and budgets to make them feasible. Overall, the Park Board approved of the list. Question from Arts Commission on the Hillside Loop Trail and the location of where it will go.

## **REPORTS**

### a) Director's Report

No report from Jeff- Robin updated board on the progress of Ped Park and Senior Center, and Hillside Park ribbon cutting on 5/5

### b) Arts Commission Report

Amy Dukes mentioned the artwork by June Sekiguchi is currently in fabrication and on schedule for summer installation.

### c) Chairperson's Report

Chair Kovac reminded the board of items noted in other business.

## **OTHER BUSINESS / ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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Hasanthi Hoglund mentioned that the next meeting is May 19, note the date change due to Memorial Day Holiday. Park Board will be electing a new Chair and Vice Chair, determine what parks we want to tour and decide locations in July.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The next meeting is currently scheduled for May 19, 2025.