

CITY OF ISSAQUAH
City Council
Planning, Development & Environment Committee

6:30 PM
July 7, 2022

MINUTES

Council Chambers, 135 E.
Sunset Way, Issaquah WA

COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT

Committee Members:

Victoria Hunt, Chair
Chris Reh
Lindsey Walsh

Administration/Staff:

Wally Bobkiewicz, City Administrator
Chris Grabowski, Deputy City Clerk

SPECIAL MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Hunt called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Connie Marsh spoke regarding the placeholder in the urban design guidelines. Ms. Marsh indicated that if the placeholder includes single family housing, she is opposed to it.

AGENDA ITEMS

a) **ID 1155 Tile 18: Building & Design**

Following the staff presentation, the following individuals spoke at Public Comment.

- Connie Marsh made several comments regarding the Title 18 Future Projects white board, neighborhood descriptions and maintaining distinct neighborhood characters.
- Steve Bolliger spoke regarding incentives for sustainable development.

Committee comments on the staff presentation included the following recommendations:

White Board

- There was overall approval for the idea of a “white board” or future projects list related to the Title 18 rewrite.
- The white board needs to be accessible and where people can see it.
- It would be helpful to have a preamble and more information on it.
- Affordable housing is part of a larger policy discussion, but changes to housing diversity are a part of this Title 18 rewrite.
- Adequate parking while using land efficiently.
- Give Planning Policy Commission options when discussing parking requirements.
- Redefine items as goal, outcomes, or possible action. Include staff recommendation in possible action.
- Goals and outcomes define the scope.
- Should be a higher bar for putting goals on the white board.
- Add single family zone to the white board.
- The white board needs to be intentional.

ICAP Actions

- This is something that the community wants, and the Committee appreciated seeing it included.
- Would like to see the State building codes layered in.
- Building performance and efficiency vs. design needs to be better explained.

Building Design

- There was a desire on the part of the Committee to have the summary comments (1 – 17) come back to the Committee before they go to the Planning Policy Commission.
- Some comments on the list are policy related.

General Comments

- Regarding setbacks, the Committee wanted more clarity. It was felt that pictures would help with that.
- There was support for the exemption of the Issaquah Treasures list.
- Community sustainability and climate goals needs work.
- Weather protection section also needs work.
- View corridor section needs more clarity.
- Architectural standards should be less prescriptive, not more.
- Developer obligations are policy based.
- Add friendly roof materials into current draft.
- There is a delay between Title 18 adoption and Energy Code update, necessitating stopgap measures.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:36 PM.

Victoria Hunt, Chair

Chris Grabowski, Deputy City Clerk