

CITY OF ISSAQUAH
City Council
Planning, Development & Environment Committee

6:30 PM
October 3, 2023

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

CALL TO ORDER

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one spoke at public comment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) Minutes of September 6, 2023. **Chair Hunt moved to adopt the minutes as presented.**
The motion passed 3 – 0.

AGENDA ITEMS

- a) **ID 1403 Comprehensive Plan Update - Draft Land Use Element**

After the staff presentation no one spoke at public comment.

Committee comments included the following:

Question 1 – Additional Considerations for PPC to study?

- Keep “conserve and enhance”.
- Goal Q – Small agricultural uses (e.g., P-patch gardens) – encourage sustainability.
- Policy X1 – Clarify and expand. Community cares about this goal.
- Policy X2 – Put amenities and services in a different section, possibly the neighborhood section.
- Policy X4 – Annexation – Change to “work with County”.
- Results accountability – clarify who is responsible.
- Policy O2 – Committee members felt the word inspire could be changed to something more actionable.
- Goal M – Committee members discussed whether there should be a separate fiscal impact goal or policy. It was felt that the goal was too broad and needed to be split out. The recommendation was to separate the topics and have the Planning Policy Commission look at it.
- Goal C – Send back to PPC for further review.

Question 2 – Expand language on Neighborhood Character for Policies M2 & N3?

- Committee liked Policy N3.
- Committee recommended moving Policy M2 into Goal Z.

Question 3 – Edits to unchanged policies?

- Committee had no edits to unchanged policies.

Question 4 – Do proposed changes meet the expectation of the Housing Update element?

- Consider all fiscal elements of land use.
- Committee liked the Greenhouse Gas and Energy element.
- Issaquah Treasures – fit into Goal N.
- Wildland Urban Interface – flooding needs to be addressed.

Question 5 – Additional topics or considerations for staff?

- Committee members thanked staff for their work.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council President Walsh reminded everyone to attend Salmon Days, which is happening on October 7 & 8.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:56 PM.

Victoria Hunt, Chair

Chris Grabowski, Deputy City Clerk