

**CITY OF ISSAQUAH**  
**City Council**  
**Planning, Development & Environment Committee**

6:30 PM  
February 6, 2024

**MINUTES**

Council Chambers, 135 E.  
Sunset Way, Issaquah WA

**COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT**

*Committee Members:*

Victoria Hunt, Chair  
Lindsey Walsh  
Zach Hall

*Administration/Staff:*

Minnie Dhaliwal, Director of Community  
Planning & Development  
Tammy Mueller, Public Records Analyst

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

1. Brian Runberg, Principal and Founder of Runberg Architecture Group, spoke in opposition to the proposed permit approval time limit and percent of units at AMI for the Central Issaquah Pioneer Program.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a) Minutes of January 3, 2024. **Chair Hunt moved to adopt the minutes as presented.**  
The motion passed 3 – 0.

**AGENDA ITEMS**

a) **ID 1568 Central Issaquah Pioneer Program**

The following members of the public spoke after the staff presentation:

1. Brian Runberg, Principal and Founder of Runberg Architecture Group, spoke in opposition to the proposed permit approval time limit and percent of units at AMI for the Central Issaquah Pioneer Program.
2. James Rivian, attending virtually, spoke in opposition to the proposed percent of units at AMI for the Central Issaquah Pioneer Program.

Committee comments included the following:

- The Committee agreed that they would be in favor of a 2- or 3-year program.
- The Committee requested that staff be prepared with an amendment when the item comes to Council in case Council wishes to amend the staff recommendation of 8% at 60% AMI to 10% at 80% AMI.
- The Committee agreed that the program should be codified in the Affordable Housing chapter of the municipal code, with language added that the program would sunset after the completion of 2 projects.

b) **ID 1581 Comprehensive Plan Update - Draft Economic Vitality Element**

No members of the public spoke after the staff presentation.

Committee comments included the following:

- The Committee provided feedback regarding the draft element for the Economic Vitality Commission, including better promoting business diversity, innovation, and the arts, and emphasis on green necklace connections.
- The Committee was pleased with the draft's improvements overall.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:10 PM.

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Victoria Hunt, Chair

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Tammy Mueller, Public Records Analyst