

CITY OF ISSAQUAH
City Council
Planning, Development & Environment Committee

6:30 PM
October 1, 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:

Wally Bobkiewicz, City Administrator
Minnie Dhaliwal, Community Planning &
Development Director
Stephen Padua, Long Range Planning
Manager
Christen Leeson, Senior Planner
Tammy Mueller, Public Records Analyst

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Hunt called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one spoke at public comment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) Minutes of September 9, 2024. Chair Hunt moved to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEMS

- a) **COM 0017 - Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update Draft Review**

Following the staff presentation, no one spoke at public comment.

Committee comments included the following:

- Appreciate the additions of discussions to add context.
- Use of words "character," "spirit," and "charm" should be replaced with alternative terms.
- Replace references of the term "green necklace" to the new parks connectivity plan term "creeks to peaks."
- Replace references of "equal access" to "equitable access."
- Economic Vitality Policy A1 does not need to be separated into two separate policies. Instead, rewrite it to be more concise.
- Consideration to cite examples of specific policies that future policy makers could reference and consider within the plan, for the prioritization of housing needs for households at or below 30% AMI especially.
- Add an acknowledgement that recognizes future land use code changes and other future work, along with next steps to accomplish them.

The Committee recommended not splitting the Economic Vitality Policy A1 and to incorporate their additional requests, listed above. They recommended changing the Land Use policy to prioritize low-income housing for those at or below 30% AMI. When bringing the agenda bill to the City Council for consideration, the Committee recommended providing them with the

information from the September 9 staff report and from this meeting, including the matrix of changes, Environmental Board letter, public comment matrix, the PDE Committee letter (to be written), and final/clean version of the Comprehensive Plan. They recommended posting redline versions online and providing links to them in the agenda bill to Council, or in the agenda packet as supplemental/additional reference material.

Chair Hunt will write the PDE Committee letter which is to be included as an attachment to the agenda bill to Council. The letter will include an explanation of how the PDE Committee went about their review and determined their suggested revisions and recommendations.

City Administrator Bobkiewicz commended and thanked the CPD Planning Team staff for all their hard work.

Chair Hunt recommend approval of the 2024 Comprehensive Plan amendments as discussed this evening. The motion passed unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:29 PM.

Victoria Hunt, Chair

Tammy Mueller, Public Records Analyst