

CITY OF ISSAQUAH
City Council
Services, Safety & Parks Committee

6:30 PM
February 27, 2024

MINUTES

Council Chambers, 135 E.
Sunset Way, Issaquah WA

COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT

Committee Members:

Tola Marts, Chair
Barbara de Michele – attended virtually
due to illness.
Russell Joe

Administration/Staff:

Wally Bobkiewicz, City Administrator
Chris Grabowski, Deputy City Clerk

CALL TO ORDER

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one spoke.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of January 23, 2024. Councilmember Joe MOVED (DCP de Michele SECONDED) to approve the minutes as presented. MOTION PASSED 3-0

AGENDA ITEMS

ID 1552 Human Services Element - Comprehensive and Strategic Plan Updates

After the staff presentation no one spoke at public comment.

Committee comments included the following:

- Committee thanked staff for their work.
- Committee members appreciate the time it has taken to get the right staff in place to deliver services.
- Cost per person is going to be an issue and needs to be part of the conversation with the community moving forward.
- The need is there in the community for these services, but there is no quick fix.
- The Committee members saw no need to make changes to the Strategic or Comp Plan elements.

ID 1558 City Arts Program Update

After the staff presentation the following people spoke at public comment:

1. Rachel Wright – Co-Chair of the Arts Commission – Spoke about the Creative District and making art part of policy. She also spoke about active arts projects in the community.

Committee comments included the following:

- Committee members thanked the staff.
- Committee would like to staff to track the correlation between the City's population growth and its effect on the admission tax.
- Committee asked staff to look at additional revenues for funding.

- Committee members were in agreement that arts can unify a community and is valuable beyond the money spent on funding.

ID 1584 Comprehensive Plan Update - Draft Arts and Culture Element Policies

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

Committee comments included the following:

- Committee asked staff to explore more ways to include more artists of color.

ID 1662 Lodging Tax Advisory Committee Grant Recommendations

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

Committee comments included the following:

- Committee agreed with the staff recommendation for the grant funding breakdown and asked that it be brought to the full Council on the consent agenda at the March 4, 2024 meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:55 PM.

Tola Marts, Chair

Chris Grabowski, Deputy City Clerk