

CITY OF ISSAQUAH
City Council
Services, Safety & Parks Committee

6:30 PM
June 25, 2024

MINUTES

Council Chambers, 135 E.
Sunset Way, Issaquah WA

COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT

Committee Members:

Tola Marts, Chair
Barbara de Michele
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

1. Rachel Wright, president of Issaquah Arts, spoke to the Committee about the challenge of more space for arts in the city.
2. Connie Marsh, Squak Mountain, asked specific questions about the Parks Plan Update and the differences between Creeks to Peaks and the Green Necklace.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) Minutes of May 28, 2024. It was **MOVED BY JOE (DE MICHELE SECOND)** to approve the minutes as presented. **PASSED 3-0.**

AGENDA ITEMS

a) **COM 0013 - Park System Plan Update**

After the staff presentation the following members of the public addressed the Committee:

1. Ken Konigsmark spoke in support of the update and praised the parks system and the efforts of staff.
2. Connie Marsh, Squak Mountain, spoke regarding the Central Issaquah Plan, walkability, and the new Parks Plan.

Committee comments included the following:

- Committee members thanked staff and complemented the City's park system.
- Want parks to be vibrant, but also want quiet spaces for park users to enjoy.
- The Committee was pleased with the amount of public engagement in the plan.
- Some Issaquah parks rival even national parks.
- Maintain emphasis on trail connections.
- Development of playing fields so they can be used for regional tournaments brings ancillary economic benefits to the community.
- Committee would like to see more equity in the parks system, e.g. a cricket pitch. Members of the South Asian community have been asking for one.

b) **COM 0052 - Credit Card Fee Cost Recovery**

After the staff presentation no members of the public spoke.

Committee comments included the following:

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- Committee members were in support of option #1, whereby customers pay credit card fees directly.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:24 PM.

Tola Marts, Chair

Chris Grabowski, Deputy City Clerk