

CITY OF ISSAQUAH
City Council
Services, Safety & Parks Committee

6:30 PM
January 28, 2025

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

No one spoke at public comment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) Minutes of Sept. 30, 2024. **Councilmember JOE MOVED (Deputy Council President de MICHELE 2nd) to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed 3 - 0**
- b) Minutes of Oct. 15, 2024. **Councilmember JOE MOVED (Deputy Council President de MICHELE 2nd) to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed 3 - 0**

AGENDA ITEMS

- a) **COM 0079 - Inclusive Housing Investment Pool (IHIP) Application**

Presented by:

Jen Davis Hayes, Economic Development Manager

Lindsay Masters, ARCH

Patrick Tippy, ARCH

After the staff presentation the following members of the public spoke:

1. Kelly Jiang – resident – spoke in favor of the Life Enrichment Options (LEO) - Emily House project.
2. Jason Voiss – resident – Spoke in favor of the LEO project and expressed support for A Regional Coalition on Housing (ARCH).

Committee comments included the following:

- Committee members thanked staff and ARCH for their work.
- Members of the committee were in favor of the Emily House project and felt that it filled a need in the community.
- The Committee felt this project was in a good location within close proximity to services.

Committee recommended placing this item on the Consent Agenda of the February 24 Regular City Council meeting.

- b) **COM 0084 - 2025 Arts Grant Recommendations**

Presented by:

Amy Dukes, Arts Program Administrator

After the staff presentation no one spoke at public comment.

Committee comments included the following:

- The Committee thanked the Arts Commission and city staff for their hard work and dedication.
- Committee members acknowledged that making funding decisions is a difficult task.
- Arts events bring economic benefits to the community.
- The Committee supported staff's grant funding recommendations.

Committee recommended placing this item on the Consent Agenda at the February 3 Regular City Council meeting.

c) **COM 0078 - Urban Forest Management Plan Draft**

Presented by:

Dan Hintz, Urban Forester

Chris Peiffer, Director of Urban Forestry Strategy, PlanIT Geo

After the staff presentation the following members of the public spoke:

1. Jason Voiss – resident- spoke about his homeowners' association having to call an arborist to look at hazardous trees. He would like more communication and cooperation between the City and HOAs.
2. Kelly Jiang – resident and President of the Issaquah Alps Trails Club – spoke in favor of the Urban Forestry Management Plan, and forest planning in general, and thanked staff for their work on the plan.

Committee comments included the following:

- The Committee fully supported the Urban Forestry Management Plan as presented, and thanked staff for their work on it.

Committee recommended placing on the Consent Agenda of the February 3 Regular City Council meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:21 PM.

Tola Marts, Chair

Chris Grabowski, Deputy City Clerk