

6:00 PM
July 27, 2015

MINUTES

Tibbetts Creek Manor
750 17th Ave. N.W.

COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT

Councilmembers:

Eileen Barber
Stacy Goodman
Tola Marts
Paul Winterstein (*arrived late*)

Administration/Staff:

Fred Butler, Mayor
Bob Harrison, City Administrator
Emily Moon, Deputy City Administrator
Autumn Monahan, Assist to City Administrator
Christine Eggers, City Clerk
Warren Kagarise, Communication Coordinator
Bret Heath, Public Works Operations Director
Scott Behrbaum, Police Chief
Stan Conrad, Police Commander
Micah Bonkowski, Resource Conservation Coord.
Sheldon Lynne, Public Works Engineer Director
Brianna Ross, Senior Engineer, Transportation
Pam Fox, Project Coordinator
David Favour, DSD Deputy Director
Christopher Wright, Project Oversight Manager
Denise Pirolo, Senior Engineer
Lucy Sloman, Land Development Manager
Doug Schlep, RH2 Consultant
David Markley, Transportation Solutions Inc.
Victor Salemann, Transportation Solutions Inc.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Butler called the meeting to order at approximately 6:15 PM.

This open house was published as a special meeting to allow council members the ability to attend the community open house regarding safe access for pedestrians. No formal or final council action was taken.

WELCOME / INTRODUCTION

Mayor Butler summarized,

Objectives:

- To listen.
- To gather community feedback on crossings throughout Issaquah.
- To share information, and answer questions.

Next steps:

- Review of crossings around town.
- Newly hired transportation expert to comprehensively study several priority crossings, review new technologies and identify potential next steps.
- Use feedback to determine which crossings will be studied. We'll also consider accident data and areas where conditions may have changed.
- Issue summary of the input received, as well as findings and preliminary recommendations.
- Both the consultant's work and staff's review will be completed by end of September so that funding for improvements can be included in the City's proposed 2016 budget or earlier.

Development:

- As new development takes place in Issaquah, there are opportunities to make changes to existing roadways.
- As an example, we've already received one application for a development along Newport, and more applications are expected.
- For some time now, the City has been analyzing Newport west of SR 900.
- The new development will change that corridor's conditions, and likely necessitate a lower speed limit.
- While there are several steps ahead of us, we plan to take a recommendation to the City Council in September to lower the speed limit soon, instead of when the development occurs.
- We've heard from our community – and want you to know we are listening.

City Administrator Bob Harrison summarized,

- Several stations are set up to help collect attendee comments and allow interact with City staff and each other.
- Please move between stations or stay in one area.
- There are six separate maps located around the room where you can mark crossings with pins.
- Clipboards are also available at each station to write down your feedback.
- In the south side room, a map is displayed of current or planned development in Issaquah. Staff are available to answer your questions on development projects that are under review.
- In the north side room, we have tables set up with questions to help us brainstorm and gather ideas on crossings, and public education moving forward.
- In addition, materials are available on Issaquah's Walk n Roll plan, which the city recently adopted. The plan provides a framework to make walking and rolling easier in our community.
- We hope the work that takes place tonight, and the months to come, can build upon that plan's momentum.

Attendees were invited to explore the open house by visiting the various stations:

- Brainstorm Room
- Development Room
- Walk n Roll Table
- Maps Stations:
 - Squak Mountain/Historic Downtown Issaquah/Swedish Hospital
 - Talus/SR 900/Tibbetts Valley/Squak Mountain
 - State Park/Pickering Place/Providence Point
 - Newport/Montreux/South Cove/Greenwood Point
 - Central and North Issaquah
 - Issaquah Highlands

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Butler adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:45 PM.

Christine Eggers, City Clerk

Fred Butler, Mayor