

CITY OF ISSAQUAH
Economic Vitality Commission

6:30 PM
 June 18, 2025

MINUTES

Issaquah Senior Center, 75 NE
 Creek Way, Issaquah, WA

COMMISSION AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT

Commissioners:

Chris Reichley, Chair
 Kym Lee, Vice Chair
 Anuradha Tadepalli (Excused)
 Shalini Bansal (Excused)
 Robert Lerch
 Jake Magill (Excused)
 Jennifer Larson
 Barb Pexa
 Kelly Richardson

Administration/Staff:

Andrea Snyder, Deputy City Administrator
 Jack Pedlow, Economic Development
 Coordinator

Diana Djuranovic, Alternate (Excused)
 Maciej Stanski, Alternate (Excused)
 Don Crowe, Alternate (Excused)

CALL TO ORDER

CHAIR Jaime Fajardo called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments for the June 18th meeting.

AGENDA ITEMS

- a) **Bridge Disability Ministries, Meyer Medical Equipment Center:** Human Services Non-Profit Organization Presentation
Presented by:
Brenne Schario, Executive Director

Brenne Schario presented the Bridge Disability Ministries presentation

- b) **Issaquah Community Services, Financial Assistance Program:** Human Services Non-Profit Organization Presentation
Presented by:
Carol Schneider, Board President
Cris Wilkinson, Board Vice President

Carol Schneider and Cris Wilkinson presented the Issaquah Community Services presentation.

- c) **Central Issaquah Station & Alignment Study Introduction Presentation**
Presented by:
Thomas Valdriz, Sr. Transportation Planner

Thomas Valdriz presented the presentation.

Some questions, comments, and concerns included:

- Does Sound Transit have site veto powers?
 - Sound Transit is the final decision maker, Issaquah will be playing an advocacy role in the process
- Did Sound Transit choose the site that was proposed in recent locations (Redmond, Federal Way, Lynnwood, etc.)?
 - Sound Transit chose sites that included some recommendations and values that the cities brought forth but ultimately chose the sites that Sound Transit thought fit best.
 - The City of Issaquah is trying to work their processes around the best practices and learnings that these cities set forth
- The City of Issaquah is making sure to consider outside organization (KC Metro, etc.) needs to help make a strong case to Sound Transit.
- Sound Transit and KC Metro will have buses between the site and Highlands to improve connectivity

OTHER BUSINESS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

- There was no other business or announcements.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 PM.