

**CITY OF ISSAQUAH**  
**Environmental Board – Special Meeting**

6:30 PM  
 January 27, 2021

Virtual Meeting

**MINUTES**

**BOARD AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT**

Alternate Meeting Format: On March 6, 2020 the Mayor declared a civil emergency due to the outbreak of novel coronavirus (COVID-19). On March 24, 2020 the Governor issued Proclamation 20-28 relating to the COVID-19 emergency and open public meetings. The proclamation has been extended. Due to these factors, the meeting was held using a remote meeting platform.

*Board members:*

Jamie Finch  
 Dani Madden\*  
 Don McQuilliams  
 Rishi Hazra\*  
 Cameron Fisher  
 Lara Lebeiko  
 Nancy Davidson  
 Dan Hintz  
 Anne Newcomb

*Administration/Staff:*

Megan Curtis Murphy, Senior Sustainability  
 Coordinator  
 Liepa Braciulyte, Sustainability Intern

Janet Wall, Alternate  
 Tom Anderson, Alternate  
 Surya Bollapragada\*, Alternate

\*Youth/young adult members.

**CALL TO ORDER**

CURTIS-MURPHY called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM.

CURTIS-MURPHY will serve as Acting Chair until election of the Chair and Vice Chair at tonight's meeting.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a) Minutes of Jan. 13, 2021

CURTIS-MURPHY introduced the minutes of the Jan. 13, 2021 meeting. There being no objection, the minutes were approved as presented by unanimous consent.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

The following public comment was provided:

Ann Fletcher, a resident of Issaquah and member of People for Climate Action, spoke in favor of Issaquah having a strong EV charging ordinance. She suggested two changes to the proposed ordinance: 1) require EV charging ability in single family/townhomes instead of giving incentives, and 2) require EV-ready infrastructure in affordable housing units while providing incentives to reduce costs.

**AGENDA ITEMS****a) Election of Chair & Vice Chair, (A)***Facilitated by:**Megan Curtis Murphy, Senior Sustainability Coordinator*

NEWCOMB nominated DAVIDSON as Chair and FINCH as Vice Chair.

There being no other nominations, DAVIDSON and FINCH were elected Chair and Vice Chair, respectively, by unanimous consent.

**b) Electric Vehicle Charging Ordinance, (I) (D)***Presented by:**Megan Curtis Murphy, Senior Sustainability Coordinator*

CURTIS-MURPHY presented about the proposed Electric Vehicle Charging Ordinance, which would require EV charging infrastructure in new multifamily and commercial buildings and substantial retrofits. Feedback was requested from the Board on the proposal as a whole, but especially on three main points: 1) the use of incentives for single family homes, 2) waiving requirements for affordable housing, and 3) exemptions for Transit Oriented Developments. CURTIS-MURPHY presented City Council's and PPC's feedback.

**Questions:**

Board Members asked a variety of questions about the proposed ordinance, including:

- why single-family housing is not included in the EV infrastructure requirements
- whether there are any incentives for existing buildings to install EVSE or EV-ready infrastructure
- how would EV requirements impact the rent of affordable housing units
- how does this ordinance fit in with the ongoing environmental and climate efforts of the City

**Comments/Feedback:**

Board Members provided feedback, including:

- support for including EV infrastructure requirements for single family/townhomes, affordable housing, and Transit Oriented Developments
- support for the use of incentives for affordable housing and TOD's, but not single-family homes
- interest in delaying the EV requirements until when the City works on the Land Use Code update
- stronger EV infrastructure requirements for all buildings
- incentive/grant options to encourage EVSE installation in existing buildings

This is the first of two reviews of the EV Charging Ordinance by the Board. A formal Board recommendation will be requested at a future meeting.

**REPORTS**

In the next Board meeting, CURTIS-MURPHY will present about the City's past and present sustainability and climate efforts, which will give more context to the proposed Electric Vehicle Charging Ordinance.

**OTHER BUSINESS / ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- a) The City is hosting several Community Convening on Equity meetings this week and the next. Environmental Board members can attend the meetings, as long as it doesn't reach quorum.
  
- b) The next Board meeting is scheduled for Feb. 10, 2021.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 PM.