

CITY OF ISSAQUAH
Environmental Board – Special Meeting

6:30 PM
 March 24, 2021

Virtual Meeting

MINUTES

BOARD AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT

Board members:

Nancy Davidson, Chair
 Jamie Finch, Vice Chair
 Dani Madan*
 Don McQuilliams
 Cameron Fisher
 Lara Lebeiko
 Dan Hintz
 Anne Newcomb
 Rishi Hazra* (*excused absence*)

Administration/Staff:

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

Janet Wall, Alternate
 Tom Anderson, Alternate
 Surya Bollapragada*, Alternate Serving as
 Regular Member

*Youth/young adult members.

SPECIAL MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

DAVIDSON called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a) Minutes of Mar. 10, 2021

The Chair introduced the minutes of the March 10th meeting.
 DAVIDSON provided the following correction to the March 10th minutes:
 The minutes stated that the Board supports “approval of the EV ordinance as presented.”
 Instead, the minutes should say “approval of the EV ordinance as amended.”
 There being no additional corrections, the minutes were approved as corrected.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- a) Dave Osmer – resident. OSMER stated that a proposed school district development will have numerous environmental impacts, and asked whether the Board will have the opportunity to review the proposal.
- b) Connie Marsh – resident. MARSH stated that Issaquah has long history of flooding, and the fish populations are falling. Issaquah residents consume more water than what the aquifer provides, yet it still floods. She questioned whether the stormwater manual is working, how it can be improved, and what performance metrics would work best.

AGENDA ITEMSa) **Board Member Introductions, (D)**

Each member gave an overview of their individual backgrounds, why they joined the Environmental Board, and the environmental topics that most interest them.

b) **Storm and Surface Water Master Plan, (D)**

Presented by:

*Gary Schimek, Utilities Engineering Manager and
Allen Quynn, Senior Engineer*

SCHIMEK presented about the Storm and Surface Water Master Plan in order to obtain feedback from the Board. There will be future meetings on the Plan to discuss goals, performance measures, and actions. He spoke about the planning/regulatory context, the desired outcomes of the plan, project overview and schedule.

QUYNN presented about the stakeholder engagement, summary of water/flooding issue, potential solution strategies and options, and performance metrics.

In addition, SCHIMEK presented about the climate change impacts on stormwater and flooding. Afterwards, the presenters provided six feedback questions to the Board in order to gain a better understanding of the Board's views on the Storm and Surface Water Master Plan.

c) **NPDES 2021 Stormwater Management Program Plan, (I)**

Presented by:

Evan Brumfield, Environmental & Regulatory Program Administrator

BRUMFIELD presented on the 2021 Stormwater Management Program Plan (SWMP), whose goal is to reduce the discharge of pollutants from the City's Municipal Separate Storm System to the maximum extent practicable to protect water quality. He presented about the plan development schedule, public education and outreach, the illicit discharge detection and elimination (IDDE) program, Source Control Program, Stormwater Action Monitoring (SAM), and other components.

Public comment on the SWMP is open through Monday, March 29th.

REPORTS

- a) CURTIS-MURPHY gave a report on the Electric Vehicle Charging Ordinance. Since the last Board meeting on March 10th, the ordinance went to the Planning Policy Commission (PPC), and will go to City Council on Monday, April 5th for tentative final action.
- b) CURTIS-MURPHY gave an update on the Ruth & Dan Kees Award and Community Award nomination process. Awardees will no longer be presented on April 14th, but on April 28th at 6 pm instead, since Environmental Board meetings have been rescheduled. The public will be notified about who the winners are before the meeting.
- c) CURTIS-MURPHY announced that April is Earth Month, which the City of Issaquah will celebrate with small face-to-face and virtual events. Full listing of events hosted by the City and various organizations will be posted on the City website in early April. Event list will also be sent out to Board members and the public.
- d) CURTIS-MURPHY said that Board members have been receiving several events recommendations from the public related to environment and climate. Board members are welcome to attend, but need to communicate with the Chair to make sure quorum is not reached in the events.

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ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:52 PM.