

**CITY OF ISSAQUAH
Environmental Board**

6:30 PM
May 12, 2021

Virtual Meeting

MINUTES

BOARD AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT

Board members:

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

Administration/Staff:

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

Janet Wall, Alternate (*servicing as regular
 member*)

Tom Anderson, Alternate (*servicing as regular
 member*)

Surya Bollapragada*, Alternate

*Youth/young adult members.

CALL TO ORDER

DAVIDSON called the meeting to order at 6:34 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) Minutes of Apr. 28, 2021

The minutes were APPROVED as presented by unanimous consent.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- a) Ann Fletcher (Resident, Issaquah People for Climate Action leader). FLETCHER gave public comment on the City Climate Action Plan (CAP). She said that the CAP needs to be incorporated into existing City plans. The CAP should focus on buildings and transportation, the biggest sources of GHG emissions. She said that the Plan should prioritize reducing greenhouse gas emissions over climate adaptation.
- b) Connie Marsh (Resident). MARSH said that to make an impact, the CAP needs to have a goal for each of its actions. The City needs to establish a strong focus on climate and get developers, city departments and councilmembers on board to make actual long-term change. The CAP should also communicate to the residents and city staff the urgency of climate change, MARSH said.

AGENDA ITEMS

- a) **Election of Chair and Vice Chair, (A)**

DAVIDSON called for nominations for the Chair and Vice Chair positions.
 HAZRA nominated DAVIDSON for the Chair.
 LEBEIKO nominated FINCH for the Vice Chair.
 There being no other nominations, DAVIDSON was reelected as Chair and FINCH was reelected as Vice Chair.

b) Issaquah Climate Action Plan Overview, (D)

Presented by:

Megan Curtis-Murphy, Senior Sustainability Coordinator

CURTIS-MURPHY provided a brief overview of the Issaquah Climate Action Plan. She presented about how the Plan fits in with existing City plans, the steps that will be taken to create the Plan, and other aspects of the Plan development process.

She asked for the following feedback from the Board:

- 1) What are the most important areas to focus on in the plan?
- 2) What does success for the plan look like to you?

The Board members provided input on the Plan as a whole, and specifically to the two questions posed by CURTIS-MURPHY. Board members said they would like to see specific goals articulated clearly in the Plan, increased public engagement, and actions that prioritize greenhouse gas emission reduction.

c) 2021 Climate Legislative Update, (I)

Presented by:

Liepa Braciulyte, Sustainability Intern

BRACIULYTE gave an overview of the major climate legislation passed in the Washington state legislature in 2021, and how they help Issaquah reach its climate goals. She presented about the Healthy Environment for All Act, the Low Carbon Fuel Standard, the Climate Commitment Act, among a few others.

REPORTS

- a) CURTIS-MURPHY said that the Board's input on the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) was forwarded to Council last week and was part of their agenda packet in their meeting the day before. Council is expected to adopt the CIP on Monday.
- b) CURTIS-MURPHY gave a report on the citywide Earth Month activities. These included the rain barrel and compost bin giveaway, the DIA Keep Issaquah Beautiful Day, and events by the Issaquah Alps Trails Club and Friends of Lake Sammamish State Park. The events were well attended by community members.

OTHER BUSINESS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 PM.