

**CITY OF ISSAQUAH
Environmental Board**

6:30 PM
November 10, 2021

Virtual Meeting

MINUTES

BOARD AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT

Board members:

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

Administration/Staff:

Gene Paul, Management Analyst
 Briana Weekes, Sustainability Intern

Janet Wall, Alternate
 Tom Anderson, Alternate (*Serving as Regular Member*)
 Surya Bollapragada*, Alternate (*Excused Absence*)

*Youth/young adult members.

CALL TO ORDER

FINCH called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

FINCH introduced the minutes, which were included in the agenda materials. The minutes were approved as presented by unanimous consent.

- a) Minutes of October. 21, 2021

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ann Fletcher (Resident, People for Climate Action Member), explained that she thinks for the most part the Climate Action Plan is ready and appreciates the responsiveness to community feedback. She shared a few specific suggested changes to the Plan.

Connie Marsh (Resident), raised concerns with the proposed Storm and Surface Water Master Plan, including the prioritization structure and a lack of policy alignment.

Steve Pereira (Resident), suggested that the City be careful in choosing what to incentivize in the Climate Action Plan and spoke regarding a need for more precise policies in the Storm and Surface Water Master Plan.

AGENDA ITEMS

a) Climate Action Plan

Presented by:

Megan Murphy-Curtis, Sustainability Consultant

MURPHY-CURTIS presented the final draft of the Climate Action Plan to reach a recommendation for adoption from the Environmental Board.

IT WAS MOVED BY MCQUILLIAMS, SECONDED BY FINCH TO:

Recommend to move forward with the Climate Action Plan with minor changes [to be proposed].

IT WAS MOVED BY HAZRA, SECONDED BY MCQUILLAIMS TO:

Recommend review of the climate action plan to be every 3 years with the next review scheduled in 2024.

IT WAS MOVED BY HAZRA TO:

Amend the amendment by substituting it to read:

Recommend review of the Climate Action Plan in 2024.

AMENDMENT TO AMENDMENT CARRIED (5-4).

The motion before the Board was:

Recommend review of the Climate Action Plan in 2024.

AMENDMENT AS AMENDED CARRIED.

IT WAS MOVED BY FINCH, SECONDED BY LEBEIKO TO:

Recommend an action is added to create a highly visible portion of the City's website dedicated to Climate Action to help the public access information on the plan, how they can get involved and other recommended resources. These materials are to be updated on a regular basis.

AMENDMENT CARRIED (9-0).

IT WAS MOVED BY NEWCOMB TO:

Amend Page 52 [of the Climate Action Plan], Partnerships, to add "King County Forestry Program" and "Water and Land Resource Division".

There being no second, the motion was not considered.

IT WAS MOVED BY FINCH TO:

Add to the "Other Feedback" [section of the Recommendation Report] that, "Actions specific to increasing tree canopy in the ICAP and the draft Title 18 update seem insufficient to achieve the desired 55% tree canopy goal."

There being no second, the motion was not considered.

IT WAS MOVED BY NEWCOMB, SECONDED BY HINTZ TO:

Amend the wording on Buildings and Energy Action 1.3 to read, “Partner with regional collaborations to ~~evaluate-promote~~ strengthening City energy efficiency codes to reflect best practices and meet established targets.”

IT WAS MOVED BY NEWCOMB, SECONDED BY HINTZ TO:

Amend the amendment by:
 Striking “promote strengthening”
 Inserting “strengthen”

AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT CARRIED (9-0).

The motion before the Board was:

Amend the wording under Buildings and Energy, Action 1.3, to read, “Partner with regional collaborations to ~~evaluate-promote strengthening~~ strengthen City energy efficiency codes to reflect best practices and meet established targets.”

AMENDMENT AS AMENDED CARRIED (9-0).

IT WAS MOVED BY LEBEIKO, SECONDED BY FINCH TO:

Add to the “Other Feedback” [section of the Recommendation Report], “Recommend prioritizing creating a simple climate dashboard for the website, in order to clearly express current CAP status and our targets.”

AMENDMENT CARRIED (9-0).

IT WAS MOVED BY NEWCOMB TO:

Amend the wording under Buildings and Energy, p. 32, before “community solar projects” to:
 Strike “evaluate”
 Insert “promotes”

There being no second, the motion was not considered.

IT WAS MOVED BY NEWCOMB, SECONDED BY MCQUILLIAMS TO:

Amend 1.1-1.3, Partners section, to add “King County Forestry Program”.

IT WAS MOVED BY MCQUILLIAMS TO:

Amend the amendment by:
 Substituting it with, “King County Water and Land and Resources Division”.

AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT CARRIED (8-1).

The motion before the Board was:

Amend 1.1-1.3, Partners section, to add “King County Water and Land and Resources Division”.

AMENDMENT AS AMENDED CARRIED (8-1).

There being no further amendments, the motion before the Board was:

Recommend to move forward with the Climate Action Plan with minor changes [as amended].

MAIN MOTION CARRIED (9-0).

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

Presented by:

Gary Schimek, Utilities Engineering Manager

Due to the extensive length of the Climate Action Plan presentation and discussion, the Storm and Surface Water Master Plan presentation was rescheduled for the next Environmental Board meeting.

REPORTS

- a) PAUL- Sustainability Manager offer was made, and they accepted, they will be beginning in the beginning of December.
- b) PAUL- Next board meeting will include a discussion on the annual report to city council and the storm and surface water plan.
- c) FINCH- Community task force update: our primary focus is on identifying buckets of projects, transportation, parks, facilities, and utilities and evaluating other sources that might help us find funding. That recommendation will go to the Mayer. That initial prioritization is between buckets, but by far the number one priority was transportation, that's what came out of our most recent meeting based on criteria that was set.

OTHER BUSINESS / ANNOUNCEMENTS - None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:39 PM.