

**CITY OF ISSAQUAH
Environmental Board**

6:30 PM
January 12, 2022

Virtual Meeting

MINUTES

BOARD AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT

Board members:

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

Administration/Staff:

Stacy Vynne McKinstry, Sustainability
Manager
Briana Weekes, Sustainability Intern

Janet Wall, Alternate (*Serving as a Regular
Member*)

Tom Anderson, Alternate
Surya Bollapragada*, Alternate (*Serving as a
Regular Member*)

*Youth/young adult members.

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) Minutes of November 10, 2021
- b) Minutes of December 8, 2021.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

AGENDA ITEMS

- a) **2022 Work Plan and Board Schedule, (D)**
Presented by:
Stacy Vynne McKinstry, Sustainability Manager

VYNNE MCKINSTRY reviewed a proposed Work Plan and Board Schedule to gather feedback from the Board on the proposed work they will be fulfilling in the next year.

The Board suggested that each member be assigned to various initiatives and have a level of ownership in advising those items implementation. They want to be able to help advise plans to incorporate Climate Action Plan principles and goals throughout. To achieve this, they hope to see more Plans presented in their agenda items. They hope to have an impact on the municipal level and beyond the Board meeting format and into the community.

The Board encouraged collaboration within Issaquah through a variety of ways. They would like to identify partnerships that are sustainability and environmentally based to help the Office of Sustainability advance CAP implementation and various efforts. They would also like to see partnerships with the local school's sustainability efforts. The Board suggested that the City of Issaquah participate more in advocacy for State level legislative efforts for climate and sustainability measures. The Board also hoped that there would be communication in Climate Action Plan and other sustainability measures with sister cities in the area to share resources and strategies for success.

Regarding the Climate Action Plan's (CAP) implementation, the Board brought forward several considerations. It was suggested to use of the King County wedge analysis tool, page 10 of the CAP to help quantify implementation of actions. The Board hopes to see community education on upstream greenhouse gas emissions to help individuals understand their local impact and help quantify Issaquah's emissions. The Board recommended the Office of Sustainability to leverage the King County Climate toolkit.

Topics that the Board would like to hear over the next year include: Title IX Building Code updates, Title 18 updates relating to the CAP, stormwater, and tree canopy, the Parks Strategic Plan, Capitol Improvement Plan, metrics on community greenhouse gas emissions, wildlife corridors, and the Stormwater Plan update.

REPORTS

VYNNE MCKINSTRY stated that the City of Issaquah is hiring a new Transportation Manager, this will lead to more transportation related items being implemented from the CAP.

VYNNE MCKINSTRY stated the TELS Alliance, and FISH is looking for new Board Members and volunteers.

VYNNE MCKINSTRY stated that in person meetings will continue to be delayed due to the Omicron variant. She welcomes any suggestions to create a more engaging meeting process virtually.

VYNNE MCKINSTRY stated the People for Climate Action invited the Board to attend if others are interested let her know so we do not form a quorum. She will share about the meeting during the February meeting.

VYNNE MCKINSTRY stated the Mayor was awarded an honorable mention for the Small Cities for Climate Protection for EV ordinance in Issaquah. The Board had direct influence in the creation of this ordinance.

VYNNE MCKINSTRY stated that the February 24th meeting will be a joint meeting with the PPC to review Title 18 and materials for the meeting will be distributed a month in advance. The March meeting will also be joint with the PPC to review the Stormwater and Wastewater Plan, she noted that this meeting may be lengthy.

OTHER BUSINESS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 PM.