

**CITY OF ISSAQUAH
Environmental Board**

6:30 PM
May 11, 2022

Virtual Meeting

MINUTES

BOARD AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT*Board members:*

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

Administration/Staff:

Stacy Vynne McKinstry, Sustainability
 Manager
 Billy Almanza, Sustainability Intern

Janet Wall, Alternate
 Tom Anderson, Alternate
 Muthangi Ramanathan, Alternate

*Youth/young adult members.

CALL TO ORDER

Nancy Davidson called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Chair introduced the minutes, which were included in the agenda materials. The minutes were approved as presented by unanimous consent for the date of April 7, 2022. The minutes were not approved for the dates of April 5, 2022, or April 13, 2022. The Board requested additional detail be added.

- a) Minutes of April 5, 2022
- b) Minutes of April 7, 2022
- c) Minutes of April 13, 2022

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Connie Marsh, Resident MARSH attended a Council Committee meeting on the waste hauler contract and expressed interest in the Board reviewing the contract as it pertained to shifting waste collection vehicles to electric, as well as an employee assigned to a dedicated role meant to reduce the waste stream among the city's multifamily units.

AGENDA ITEMS

a) **Board Member Introductions***Presented by:**Stacy Vynne McKinstry, Sustainability Manager and Board Liaison*

VYNNE MCKINSTRY kicked off Board Member introductions as new additions were made to the Environmental Board since the last meeting. All present Board Members and participants gave introductions.

b) **Board Chair and Vice Chair Elections***Presented by:**Nancy Davidson, Environmental Board Chair*

DAVIDSON brought to order an election for a new Environmental Board Chair and Environmental Board Vice Chair. Jamie Finch was nominated for the position of Environmental Board Chair by Don McQuilliams and through unanimous consent was elected to the position. Don McQuilliams was nominated for the position of Environmental Board Vice Chair by Jamie Finch and through unanimous consent was elected to the position.

c) **Stormwater Code Update***Presented by: Evan Brumfield**Environmental and Regulatory Program Administrator, Public Works*

BRUMFIELD presented on the floodplain and stormwater code update. The Environmental Board had numerous questions on the updated standards. The Board requested an overview on the mapping of the floodplains and clarification on the BFE plus one and two standards that were mentioned, and whether entities such as the county were enforcing such standards. The Environmental Board expressed concerns about the critical drainage review and the cost it would impose on single family households, as well as commercial buildings.

The Board requested clarification on the information presented in the 2022 addendum pertaining to the Central Issaquah area alternative flow control standard and Central Issaquah's seasonally saturated soil assumption. The Board questioned whether the exception to the valley floor water flow standard, one where flooding was not seen as significant, properly took into consideration the runoff coming in from the surrounding areas. As the flow control methods were different for Central Issaquah, the Board requested clarification on whether stormwater was being transferred straight to Lake Sammamish or being passed through Issaquah Creek on its way there. A high-level summary on the report that informed these decisions would be beneficial. The Board expressed concerns that commercial buildings would use green roofs or other measures to bypass the thresholds needed to meet flow control standards.

The Board stated that the project screening for the stormwater review table was not intuitive to follow. In responding to the question as to whether all redevelopments should be treated the same when it comes to infrastructure that is new or replaced the Board felt that the language needed to be clarified so that they could be better informed in deciding as well as needing a better understanding of the cost associated with these actions. The Board agreed that that all parking lots should be required to meet the more rigorous standards (enhanced treatment) but would like to be more informed in case there are consequences they are not accounting for.

REPORTSa) **Board Schedule***Presented by:**Stacy Vynne McKinstry, Sustainability Manager*

VYNNE MCKINSTRY reminded the Board of the upcoming meeting schedule.

OTHER BUSINESS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a) The Board thanked Nancy Davidson for her contributions as the Chairman of the Board.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 PM.