

**CITY OF ISSAQUAH
Environmental Board**

6:30 PM
July 13, 2022

Tibbetts Manor, 750 17th Ave.
NW, Issaquah

MINUTES

BOARD AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT

Board members:

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

Administration/Staff:

Stacy Vynne McKinstry, Sustainability
Manager
Billy Almanza, Sustainability Intern

Janet Wall, Alternate
Tom Anderson, Alternate
Muthangi Ramanathan, Alternate (Excused
Absence)

*Youth/young adult members.

CALL TO ORDER

Don McQuilliams took the role as acting Chair for the meeting.
Don McQuilliams 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.

Minutes of May 11, 2022

Minutes of June 8, 2022

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments.

AGENDA ITEMS

a) **Stormwater and Wastewater Master Plans (D)**

Presented by:

*Allen Quynn, Senior Engineer, Public Works Engineering
Gary Schimek, Manager, Public Works Engineering*

ALLEN QUINN presented the stormwater and surface water master plan final draft. During the presentation the Board had questions on the underlying decision making and the general process of developing the draft. The Board inquired about the metrics used to determine prioritization for projects and how the environment, as well as equity, were considered. The Board requested further clarification on the need for 10 capital improvement projects and why there was one needed in each basin as opposed to selecting the 10 most impactful projects. The question arose from the Board wanting to better understand how cost and benefit were considered in terms of water quality and environmental benefits to the community. On the topic of the basins, the Board raised concerns about brake linings and tires on salmon and other fish population health, and whether there were steps taken to improve those factors. The Board asked about the possibility of collecting water into cisterns to be released during summer seasons when water is needed. The Board also urged the presenters to investigate aquifer storage and recovery for their offsite storage projects. The Board mentioned the possibility for getting greater water rights and funding in this field under a grant program by the Department of Ecology (Streamflow Restoration) that could benefit the City. As some of the proposed projects are near planned schools, the Board expressed concerns that there could be unaccounted impacts but were reassured that the schools were required to do their own treatment. The Board inquired if plans had been formed to work with private entities or other entities separate from Title 18 as had been discussed at the previous stormwater and surface water planning meetings. One such partnership that the Board expressed interest in was that of surface water and the Parks Department. The Board was generally impressed by the level of detail and care presented in the final draft and requested future discussions on specific projects.

REPORTS

VYNNE MCKINSTRY informed the Board of the updates to their schedule. In August the Board will be given an update on the climate vulnerability assessment and staff will give an update on the emergency management plan. The wastewater management plan will be brought up towards Q3.

OTHER BUSINESS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

VYNNE MCKINSTRY provided announcements and updates on other businesses. The Board was informed that the heat pump campaign for residents will launch at the end of the month with workshops every few weeks through September. The clean buildings program with focus on building energy efficiency will go to Council for budget approval in mid-July. The Department of Commerce approved a grant to the City to provide resources for climate vulnerability assessment and integration of climate planning into the comprehensive plan.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 PM.