

08-10-22 Environmental Board Minutes

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CITY OF ISSAQUAH

**Environmental Board**

6:30 PM

Tibbetts Manor, 750 17th Ave.

August 10, 2022

**MINUTES**

NW, Issaquah

**BOARD AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT***Board members:*

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

*Administration/Staff:*

Stacy Vynne McKinstry, Sustainability  
 Manager  
 Billy Almanza, Sustainability Intern

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

\*Youth/young adult members.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Jamie Finch called the meeting to order at 6:31 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.

- a) Minutes of July 13, 2022

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

CONNIE MARSH, Resident of Squak Mountain, provided public comments about the scope of the emergency management plan. She felt that food supplies were not adequately addressed in the case of future emergencies and provided suggestions such as locally supported agricultural markets.

**AGENDA ITEMS**

- a) **Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (I)**

*Presented by:*

*Lee Shin, Emergency Manager*

LEE SHIN presented on the intricate role of emergency management in the Issaquah community through the emergency management plan. The Board asked about the technologies used by emergency management to respond to situations and items such as drones and electrified vehicles. The Board sought information on how the City dealt with transportation that relies on fuels in moments when fuel was not available and how that would impact distressed community

members that could not be reached. Distribution of energy sources and batteries to be accessed during emergencies was suggested by the Board. The Board asked about the relationship between entities such as Puget Sound Energy and the City and how that impacted emergency response in events such as power outages. The Board discussed communication and the need for working communication methods across diverse formats for all aspects of emergency management, including formats such as ham radio in case of cellphone failure and newsletters with information and resources for those less technologically inclined. The Board inquired about how often the emergency management plan was updated and what the emergency management felt was becoming more common areas to look out for based on changing trends. The Board would like considerations for food planning addressed in future iterations.

b) **Climate Vulnerability Assessment (D)**

*Presented by:*

*Stacy Vynne McKinstry, Sustainability Manager*

VYNNE MCKINSTRY presented on the climate vulnerability assessment. The Board questioned if there were fiscal planning considerations due to the potential cost of implementing programs. The Board suggested a categorization of weather events to simplify how information was communicated to the community. The Board provided feedback on where stormwater fit in with the sectors. The Board would like to see more wildlife considerations and to identify what areas should be prioritized or need extra attention. The Board provided various suggestions for increasing community engagement.

## REPORTS

a) Updated Board Schedule

VYNNE MCKINSTRY provided updates on the Board schedule. The Board was informed that some of the meetings were pushed out and additional topics have been added to the 2022 schedule. The Board inquired about scheduling the Parks Department to present to them.

b) Updated Title 18 Schedule

VYNNE MCKINSTRY informed the Board that the updated Title 18 information will be brought to the Board in November.

## ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 PM.