CITY OF ISSAQUAH
Environmental Board

6:30 PM
April 12, 2023

MINUTES

Tibbetts Manor, 750 17th Ave. NW, Issaquah

BOARD AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT

Board members:
Jamie Finch, Chair
Don McQuilliams, Vice Chair
Rishi Hazra*
Ashwin Manoharan
Lara Lebeiko
Anne Newcomb
Janet Wall
Tom Anderson

*Youth/young adult members.

Nancy Davidson (excused absence)

Administration/Staff:
Stacy Vynne McKinstry, Sustainability Manager
David Reedy, Sustainability Coordinator
Stephen Padua, Long Range Planning Manager

Recology Staff:
Logan Harvey, Government Affairs

CALL TO ORDER

JAIME FINCH called the meeting to order at 6:41 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 March 8, 2023

b.) Minutes of March 16, 2023

PUBLIC COMMENTS

AGENDA ITEMS

a) **Waste Reduction and Re+ Pledge (A)**
Presented by:
Logan Harvey, Government Affairs, Recology
Stacy Vynne McKinstry, Sustainability Manager

VYNNE MCKINSTRY began the presentation regarding the RE+ pledge, providing a refresher of the information to the Environmental Board. The presentation reviewed the 9 RE+ Actions and the connection between the RE+ effort with the ICAP and existing King Country Waste Reduction Grants. HARVEY, Recology, presented the new 12-year waste hauler agreement with Issaquah. The presentation discussed the new efforts and programs including a full-time waste reduction specialist. The Board asked for additional details about the Recology agreement and the existing state of compost and recycling in Issaquah and nearby jurisdictions. VYNNE MCKINSTRY reintroduced the RE+ pledge, noted that there were no staff objections to signing the pledge, and asked for the Board to weigh in on whether the pledge should be signed by Issaquah. Board member MCQUILLIAMS proposed to recommend the RE+ pledge with comments from the Board requesting the City continue to pursue efforts in excess of the RE+ pledge

and requesting a biennial review of the RE+ pledge. NEWCOMB seconded, and the motion was passed through unanimous consent.

b) **Comprehensive Plan Update (D)**
Presented by:
Stephen Padua, Long Range Planning Manager

PADUA presents on the creation of a new environmental element of the comprehensive plan. The presentation discussed the timeline of this process and laid out the next steps including coming back to the Environment Board to discuss staff recommendations on updates to a new environment section of the comprehensive plan. The Board commented that it is difficult to draw a distinct boundary between the environment section and other sections of the comprehensive plan. Overall, the Board noted that the new environment section should discuss how it is connected to all other sections of the comprehensive plan as crosscutting concepts. The Board recommended that in creating the vision for an environmental section and for creating the section itself that CPD look at many other sections beyond just land use, including utilities. Finally the Board expressed an interest in considering applying an ecological lens to the new environment section and to other sections of the comprehensive plan.

REPORTS

a. VYNNE MCKINSTRY notes the awarding of the Ruth Kees Award to Robin Kelley and the Community Environmental Award to Anne Newcomb and Jon Smith. Board members are invited to a reception with City Council on April 17 at 6:30pm.

OTHER BUSINESS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

a.) 2023 awards

VYNNE MCKINSTRY also congratulated Rishi Hazra on being awarded a scholarship from the Washington Association of Cities Center for Quality Communities.

b.) Energy Smart Eastside

VYNNE MCKINSTRY announced the start of the Boost program and additional moderate income incentives for heat pump installations through the Energy Smart Eastside program.

c.) Environmental Board recruitment

VYNNE MCKINSTRY provided an update on the status of Board recruitment. The Board recognized the contributions of Board members who recently left the Board and Board members for who the April 12th meeting was their last.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 PM.

INQUIRIES