

CITY OF ISSAQUAH
Equity Board

6:00 PM
March 6, 2024

MINUTES

Steelhead Room, 235 1st Ave.
SE, Issaquah

BOARD AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT

Board members:

Lucrecia Choto (excused absence)
Tony Curry
Varnika Dokka
Shalanda Fleming (virtual attendee)
Lorna Gilmour
Karthik Kashinath
Ray Manahan
Priti Mody-Pan
Kelly Munn (excused absence)
Cristina Abonce (excused absence)

Administration/Staff:

Dale Markey-Crimp, Assistant to the City Administrator
Emily Moon, Public Works Director
Jennifer Rein, Deputy Finance Director
Nikki Meister, Lead Judicial Specialist
Kristi Schorn, Court Administrator
N. Scott Stewart, Issaquah Municipal Court Judge

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- Meeting ID: 236 456 431 769
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CALL TO ORDER

Equity Board Chair Priti Mody-Pan called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There was no public comment at this meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) Minutes of February 7, 2024 Meeting.
The Minutes of the February 7, 2024 Meeting were unanimously approved.

STAFF REPORT

- a) **Updates on Items from February 2024 Meeting**
Presented by:
Dale Markey-Crimp, Assistant to the City Administrator

AGENDA ITEMS**Opening Question***Facilitated by:**Priti Mody-Pan, Equity Board Chair*

As a way of building connection and grounding in our meeting, Equity Board members shared their responses to the opening question: What is something that gives you hope?

a) Equity Framework: Public Works Water Shut Off Policy and Process*Presented by:**Emily Moon, Public Works Director**Jennifer Rein, Deputy Finance Director*

Director Moon and Deputy Director Rein presented on the City's approach to water shut offs due to bill non-payment. Staff shared the overall flow of business and the requirements from state and local laws related to providing and charging for water service. Staff also shared the analysis that they have done in applying the City's Equity Framework questions to determine whether or not the current policy and process has a disparate impact on any specific communities. Next, staff will be looking into language access opportunities in the water bill payment process.

b) Equity Framework: Municipal and Community Court*Presented by:**Nikki Meister, Lead Judicial Specialist*

Lead Judicial Specialist Meister and the Court Team presented on the Community Court program, a grant-funded program designed to divert low-level offenders out of the mainstream justice system and providing a pathway to have charges dismissed through participation in a rigorous high-support program. Court staff shared observations and data related to the program population related to the mainstream municipal court population in Issaquah, and also shared needs for additional social support programs such as Peer Washington and outpatient treatment for substance use disorders.

OTHER BUSINESS / ANNOUNCEMENTS**Community Engagement Working Group Planning***Facilitated by:**Priti Mody-Pan, Equity Board Chair*

Chair Mody-Pan made the request of the group to look out for an opportunity upcoming to schedule a meeting for this subcommittee. Additionally, board member Lorna Gilmour volunteered to be an alternate in this planning group.

Closing Practice*Facilitated by:**Priti Mody-Pan, Equity Board Chair*

The board members ended the meeting by sharing one word or phrase that represented a feeling or takeaway from the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

The next meeting is currently scheduled for Wednesday, April 3, 2024 at 6PM.

INQUIRIES

Please contact Dale Markey-Crimp at (425) 340-2708 or dalem@issaquahwa.gov.

Note: Times listed for meeting topics are approximate and items are subject to change.

(A) Action, (D) Discussion, (I) Information