

CITY OF ISSAQUAH
Equity Board

6:00 PM
September 4, 2024

MINUTES

Steelhead Room, 235 1st Ave.
SE, Issaquah

BOARD AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT

Board members:

Ray Manahan
Shalanda Fleming (virtual attendee)
Tony Curry (unexcused absence)
Varnika Dokka (excused absence)
Cristina Abonce (virtual attendee)
Priti Mody-Pan (excused absence)
Karthik Kashinath (virtual attendee)
Leslie Millender-Irwin (virtual attendee)
Lorna Gilmour
Kelly Munn - Alternate
Shani Kapoor - Alternate
Kunal Srivastava - Alternate

Administration/Staff:

Dale Markey-Crimp, Assistant to the City Administrator
Andrea Snyder, Deputy City Administrator
Thomas Valdriz, Senior Transportation Planner
Gillian Straub, Management Analyst

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Join by Computer

- Microsoft Teams [meeting link](#)
- Meeting ID: 236 456 431 769
- Meeting Password: KKaUyr

Join by Phone

- Call 1-206-485-0299, enter Phone Conference ID: 110 519 608#

If planning to make verbal comments, please email dalemc@issaquahwa.gov. Submit written comments to equityboard@issaquahwa.gov.

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Ray Manahan called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comment was made by Ted Lucas of the Bahá'ís of Issaquah. Lucas invited Equity Board members and all members of the community to attend the upcoming Community Building Socials hosted by the Bahá'ís of Issaquah. The September social will take place on September 14, 2024.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) Minutes of July 17, 2024 Meeting
The minutes of the July 17, 2024 Special Meeting were approved unanimously without revision.

CHAIR REPORT

a) **Opening Question***Facilitated by:**Ray Manahan, Equity Board Vice Chair*

Vice Chair Manahan provide an opening question to start the meeting: "What is something that you want to make sure you do before the end of the summer?" All present members, virtual attendees, and City staff responded to this question.

STAFF REPORTa) **Updates from July Meeting Items***Presented by:**Dale Markey-Crimp, Assistant to the City Administrator*

Assistant to the City Administrator Markey-Crimp provided an update on the work that has been done and the impact of the feedback given and actions taken at the July 17 Special Meeting. Specifically, Markey-Crimp shared about the impact of the letter that the Equity Board wrote and approved to be sent to the Mayor and City Council related to ongoing support of Pride and Juneteenth events and asking for an Equity Impact Assessment to be included in the upcoming budget.

AGENDA ITEMSa) **Mobility Implementation Plan Update***Presented by:**Thomas Valdriz, Senior Transportation Planner*

Senior Transportation Planner Valdriz presented on updates to the Master Mobility Plan, now known as the Mobility Implementation Plan. Valdriz shared the new actions that specifically support more equitable access and outcomes for Issaquah residents and visitors. The Board requested more information about equity is assessed in infrastructure planning. Feedback was provided on different ways that King County might gather data and feedback on the safety and amenities available through the transit system.

b) **Equity Assessment***Presented by:**Gillian Straub, Management Analyst*

Management Analyst Straub provided a presentation on the proposed Equity Assessment and the role that the Board may take in support of the implementation of the assessment's recommendations. Straub provided some examples of equity assessments in other jurisdictions, the Administration's priorities for an equity assessment, and the roles that the Administration, Equity Board, and City Council will take in relation to the assessment.

c) **Public Comment Discussion***Facilitated by:**Dale Markey-Crimp, Assistant to the City Administrator*

Board members discussed two recent emails that were sent to the board on the topic of equity as it pertains to the update to the Comprehensive Plan and the new Urban Forest Management Plan.

OTHER BUSINESS / ANNOUNCEMENTSa) **Culture Fest Table***Presented by:*

Dale Markey-Crimp, Assistant to the City Administrator

Assistant to the City Administrator Markey-Crimp provided an update on the plan for the Equity Board's table at the September 6, 2024 Issaquah Culture Fest.

c) Closing Thought

Facilitated by:

Ray Manahan, Equity Board Vice Chair

Members of the Board shared parting gratitude for Cristina Abonce as this was her last meeting as a member of the Equity Board.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 PM.

The next meeting is a Special Meeting with the Human Services Commission on Wednesday, October 16, 2024.

INQUIRIES

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

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

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

**CITY OF ISSAQUAH
Equity Board & Human Services Commission**

6:00 PM
October 16, 2024

Senior Center, 75 NE Creek
Way, Issaquah

MINUTES

COMMISSION AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT

Human Services Commissioners:

Jaime Fajardo, *Chair*
Trish Bloor
Manny Brown
Maury Edwards
Madeline Fish, *excused absence*
Huma Mohibullah, *virtual*
Lucretia Choto
Preston Miele, *youth representative, virtual*

Administration/Staff:

Hannah Roberts, Human Services
Coordinator
Dale Markey-Crimp, Assistant to the City
Administrator
Thomas Valdriz, Sr. Transportation Planner

Equity Board Members:

2025 - Ray Manahan
2025 - Shalanda Fleming, *excused absence*
2025 - Tony Curry, *unexcused absence*
2025 - Varnika Dokka, *youth representative*
2027 - Priti Mody-Pan, *Chair*
2028 - Karthik Kashinath
2028 - Lesley Millender-Irwin
2028 - Lorna Gilmour, *excused absence*

Equity Board Alternate Members:

2025 - Kelly Munn
2025 - Shani Kapoor
2026 - Kunal Srivastava, *youth representative*

SPECIAL JOINT MEETING

Please note, this agenda also serves as the special meeting notice pursuant to RCW 42.30.080.

Purpose: This is a special joint meeting with the Equity Board to provide feedback on the Light Rail Station Area Vision and Guiding Principles.

CALL TO ORDER

Equity Board Chair Priti Mody-Pan called the special meeting to order at 6:18 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comment.

CHAIR REPORT

a) **Opening Question**

*Presented by:
Priti Mody-Pan, Equity Board Chair*

Chair Mody-Pan provided an opening question to start the meeting: “what is your favorite thing about Autumn as a season?” All present members and virtual attendees as well as present staff responded to this question.

AGENDA ITEMS

a) **Central Issaquah Light Rail Station Area Vision and Guiding Principles**

Presented by:

Thomas Valdriz, Senior Transportation Planner

Senior Transportation Planner Valdriz provided a presentation on the Central Issaquah Light Rail station area vision and guiding principles reviewing the background information, community engagement feedback efforts and the vision. The Central Issaquah Light Rail station area vision includes accessibility and connectivity as a central hub, feature a well balance experience for all users and is a community asset that authentically reflects the community’s character.

The Human Services Commission and Equity Board had a discussion to address the questions – 1) Do you agree with the vision and guiding principles as presented? 2) Are there any changes you would like to see? Members had questions about the implementation of the vision and plan that Valdriz was able to address. Areas of concern for consideration include fee reduction options for people with limited income, accessibility, safety for walkers, materials used, climate changes, gentrification, and wetland areas and significant delay.

Equity Chair Priti Mody-Pan suggested changes to consider in the guiding principles to remove the word “character” as it is a code language for exclusionary policies and consider using the word “value”. Mody-Pan also stated that the language in the guiding principles sounds like a word soup of all the right words, the inclusion is clear but doesn’t provide enough information to be the critical point for decision making. Equity Board member Munn asked for equity statement be considered in the vision so people who need the transportation the most are considered.

Closing Thought

Facilitated by:

Priti Mody-Pan, Equity Board Chair

Chair Mody-Pan adjourned the meeting with an opportunity for all members present to share one word or phrase to describe their feeling at the end of the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM.

The next regular Equity Board meeting is currently scheduled for November 6, 2024.