

CITY OF ISSAQUAH
Fourth of July Commission

5:30 PM
 August 11, 2025

MINUTES

Coho Room, 130 E. Sunset
 Way, Issaquah

COMMISSION AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT

Commissioners:

Paul Winterstein, Chair
 Chris Reh, Vice-Chair
 Ben Armlin
 Missy Tubbs
 Francisco Garcia
 Brenda Spears

Administration/Staff:

Wally Bobkiewicz, City Administrator
 Lindsey Marsh, Executive Department
 Coordinator

CALL TO ORDER

Paul Winterstein called the meeting to order at 5:33 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Christina Bruning commented to congratulate the team on the recent parade, and provided their support for the upcoming parade/celebration.

AGENDA ITEMS

a) **2025 Fourth of July Parade Debrief**

Presented by:

Wally Bobkiewicz, City Administrator

Chair provides brief overview of what worked well for the 2025 parade, praising city staff for helping the event run smoothly.

Takeaways- dealing with history and funding issues on the federal level, but all of that felt far away from this celebration. We had a good, diverse crowd, everyone was happy to be together and celebrate. Saw people from outside of Issaquah here for the parade. Good feedback from the community. Crowd enthusiasm was high. Some logistical/set-up could be improved for next year- timing/spacing, where to check-in, parade order, parade route, more communication about where the parade ends.

Next year, the parade could end at Memorial Field, construction this year prevented that. If floats are invited to participate in the parade, the parade route may need to be extended so there's more room for people stage along Front St. Lazy Boy parking lot could be a potential staging area, will need to discuss in more detail at a later meeting. Picnic area- food trucks ran out of food before closing, so it was a good day for them! Some people didn't realize the picnic area was not at Memorial Field.

Kids & Pets parade is an important community event for Issaquah, which gives it a small-town feel.

From the City/Staff perspective- it was a great event and went smoothly.

Chair asks about budget- any changes to budget for next year? There could be some flexibility depending on the ask. Will be important to spread the word about floats. Art Contests, live music, temporary tattoos good ideas for next year's event.

b) Review America250 Logo Options for Approval

Presented by:

Wally Bobkiewicz, City Administrator

Presented logo options to commission. Commissioner Missy Tubbs motioned to accept option Ben Armlin seconded. 6-0 voted in favor.

Councilmember Reh was excused from the meeting at 6:01pm.

Stickers could be made quickly and passed out at upcoming City events. The logo could also be used on city website, city announcements, etc. Shirts with the logo could be made, there is some interest to buy shirts with this logo. For Salmon Days, the city booth could include information about this event coming up. Will work on a website/landing page for event. Pins, challenge coins, could be options too.

Next Meeting Items:

- 2026 Parade planning
- Recruit more commission members
- Other activities or events leading up to the parade to get the community excited and involved
- Washington State 250 partner
- National America250 events happening, ideas for Issaquah events
- Executive Director of Parade volunteer position

ADJOURNMENT

With no additional business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 6:24pm.