

CITY OF ISSAQUAH
Fourth of July Commission

5:30 PM
 March 9, 2026

MINUTES

Coho Room, 130 E. Sunset
 Way, Issaquah

COMMISSION AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT

Commissioners:

Paul Winterstein, Chair
 Ben Armlin
 Missy Tubbs
 Francisco Garcia
 Brenda Spears

Administration/Staff:

Wally Bobkiewicz, City Administrator
 Lindsey Marsh, Executive Department
 Coordinator

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Winterstein will call the meeting to order at 5:31 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) Minutes of February 9, 2026

Approved 5-0

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No comments.

AGENDA ITEMS

- a) **Update on Art Project (A)**

Presented by:

Janie Bube, Volunteer Executive Director

Janie shares update on mosaic theme. New theme that we came up with last week of a map of town was a bit too complicated for our timeline and budget. Current art piece theme includes Issaquah elements: trees, creek, Issaquah Alps, paragliders. Commission members think some small changes could be made to the current design, such as edit one of the trees, remove the "waves" from the creek, and make the Issaquah 250 logo much larger. The commission likes the art work and how it highlights Issaquah's natural beauty and how it ties everyone together. Janie asks if the commission would like a preview of the art project, and we do not need one additional to the community. The plan is for the kick-off to happen on April 13 at the senior center, and another event will take place during a farmer's market/art walk in May.

- b) **Update on Parade Participation (I)**

Presented by:

Janie Bube, Volunteer Executive Director

Janie contacted dance, cheer, gymnastic studios in the area, and one dance studio would like to participate in the parade- The Studio, Issaquah. Janie also spoke with Mick from the Clown

Garage, and the Little Gym is also interested in participating in the parade. Issaquah High School Dance team will decide at a later time, but may be interested. Ben shares that he knows of some groups that may be interested to participate, but was wondering when the website will be up. Lindsey shares the website will be ready by end of this month with more information on sign-ups.

c) **Update on Logistics**

Presented by:

Janie Bube, Volunteer Executive Director

Janie shares our planning efforts with the different city departments and entities that will work on the parade. The first planning meetings are scheduled with departments.

Outreach Check-In

Presented by:

Janie Bube, Volunteer Executive Director

Janie shares how we are working on spreading the word. Ben shares how to notify downtown businesses at the next coffee with DIA. Brenda asks how we spread the word with downtown businesses for the event.

Ben asks where the sponsorship money will go towards, Lindsey explains that it will go towards paying for the event that is not already covered in the city budget.

Paul asks about sponsorships and if there's a list of who we will reach out to, and what the plan is for that and if the commission will be involved yet. Janie explains the plan to ask for sponsorships and the commission's role.

Choose theme of digital and printed assets (A)

Presented by:

Janie Bube, Volunteer Executive Director

The two mock-ups were shown to the commission to decide which option to use for marketing. The commission liked both versions, option A would work well for storefronts, option B would work well for social media marketing.

OTHER BUSINESS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Discuss next meeting date-moved to April 6th at 5:30pm

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:27pm.

The next meeting is currently scheduled for Monday, April 6, 2026.