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CITY OF ISSAQUAH
Lodging Tax Advisory Committee

2:00 PM
September 15, 2025

1185 NW Maple St.

MINUTES

MEMBERS AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT

Committee:

Russell Joe, Councilmember, Chair
Heather Berry, Village Theatre
William (Billy) Rossman, Springhill Suites
Marriott
Julie Hartwig, Chamber of Commerce
John Parizek, Hilton Garden Inn
Rachel Wright, Issaquah Arts, Alternate

Administration/Staff:

Andrea Snyder, Deputy City Administrator
Jack Pedlow, Economic Development
Coordinator

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment at this meeting.

AGENDA ITEMS

a) **Visit Issaquah Tourism Update**

Presented by:

Christy Garrard, Visit Issaquah Executive Director

The presentation was presented by Christy Garrard, details included:

- World Cup 2026
- Upcoming tourism events
- Regenerative Tourism efforts
- Business news

Issaquah Film Festival Update

Presented by:

Amy Dukes, Arts Program Advisor
Rachel Wright, Issaquah Arts CEO

The updates were given by Amy Dukes and Rachel Wright about the 2025 Issaquah Film Festival

REPORTS

b) **City Council Report Out (I)**

Presented by:

Russell Joe, Council Member

Councilmember Joe provided updates on City of Issaquah updates such as:

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- Ribbon cutting for Pedestrian Park on September 15, 2025
- Alexis Fitzsimmons, Economic Development & Housing Manager, starting September 16
- Salmon Days on October 4 and 5 in 2025

c) **2025 Work Plan (I)**
For Reference Only

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 3:29 PM.

The next meeting is currently scheduled for November 17, 2025.