

**CITY OF ISSAQUAH
Park Board**

7:00 PM
March 28, 2022

DRAFT MINUTES

Virtual Meeting

BOARD AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT

Board Members:

Bradley Book
Danielle Wolfrom Githens
Ruben Nieto (Absent)
Jonathan Richardson
Linda Whitworth
Chris Kovac
Zac Szablewski
Marlene Waxse
Jeremy Noble (Absent)
Brenda Spears

Administration/Staff:

Daniel Martinez, Associate Planner,
Community Planning & Development
Jeff Watling, Parks Director
Jennifer Fink, Parks Planning and Projects
Administrator
Milissa Ching, Department Operations
Specialist
Minnie Dhaliwal, Director, Community
Planning & Development

CALL TO ORDER 7:03 PM

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) Minutes of February 28, 2022. Book approved as written.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

David Kappler: At Hillside Park he believes there are high quality wetlands with full year springs. Adjacent to 1890's corridor. Please consider this in the project. Opportunity to involve volunteers. Thanked the staff and board for their efforts.

Connie Marsh: Inaudible in car... see video for full comments. Concerned about critical areas in the Green Necklace. Would like to hear the plan described better.

Tim Motley: Hillside park resident. Interested in the project and how the board meeting is run.

REGULAR BUSINESS

- a) **Title 18 - Land Use Code Update (I), (D)**

Presented by:

Minnie Dhaliwal, Director, Community Planning & Development

Watling introduced Dhaliwal and Martinez and introduced their agenda item.

Dhaliwal provided an overview of the intent of Title 18 and how it impacts park projects. She presented a map of the city and highlighted planned projects and connections on the map.

- How should the code be written to inform how development happens in regard to parks.

- Board members asked clarifying questions regarding what is shown on the map and how it is shown.
 - o If the map doesn't include all parks, does that mean that the code language will be limited to the spaces shown on the map?
 - o Recommends where practical, color code the map to identify areas and their requirements for developers.
 - o Inge Johnson as an example – parts of the parcel would be useful for parks use in a passive way – this park is not included on the map.
 - o Some parks are not even developed yet, unsure of what some spaces will even be in the future.
 - o Especially along the creek corridor.
 - o Does this code also apply to standards for developers' playgrounds? For example, the playground provided by the developer in Talus was not suitable.
 - o Requesting clarification about Senna Park / Atlas difference
- Board members generally do not like the idea of not having everything clearly identified on the map. Feel it is best to disclose and properly code everything (developed and undeveloped parks spaces).

Martinez presented code updates regarding tree code.

- Tree code is its own separate code; separate from landscaping
- Planning subareas
- Right Tree, Right Place Method
- Overview of Tree Preservation changes
- Board members asked clarifying questions regarding requirements for spaces like ballfields, etc.
 - o Would there be a formula that would help an applicant translate coverage at the end of 30 years – present value to future value
 - o In the case of a parks/fields, will there be adequate exceptions for ballfields to meet code requirements in the absence of trees in these spaces?
 - o How are you going about potential changes to factor in climate change and different types of trees due to drought conditions?
 - o Have there been considerations for fee in lieu?
 - o Regarding climate change, considering every few years with a perspective towards the changes.
 - o Right tree for the right place narrative.
 - o Would this also be the same for a developer in consideration of what trees they are planting as well?

Landscape code updates for private property. Softening of hardscape design.

- Consolidation of context.
- Request for the Park Board to look at these three sections and provide feedback.
 - o Any incentive for private tree owners to increase tree density on private land?

Joint meeting on April 7th will be formatted by each of these three topics for feedback and input.

b) Hillside Park Schedule/Timeline Update (I), (D)

Presented by:

Jennifer Fink, Parks Planning and Projects Administrator

Fink provided a brief update on the Hillside Park Project

- Prior engagement
- Wetland impacts
- What's being going on since July 2021 meeting
- Upcoming Community Workshop – Virtual

- The Park Board engaged in a Q+A and provided their feedback

REPORTS

a) Director's Report

- Watling thanked the youth for their contributions
- Squak Mountain Estates (Weymouth) Acquisition
- Thanked Book and board for their contributions to the Board
- Invited board members to

b) Chairperson's Report

- Earth Day April 22. City has declared April as Earth Month
- Green Issaquah Orientation 3/30
- Kokanee update
- Park Board terms ending, April announcements of new/returning board members
- Leadership elections will happen at the April meeting
- Book will be moving on from his role as Chair

c) Youth Report

- State of Mind event, new date for virtual format
- Dodgeball and donuts event
- Triathlon update
- Community service

OTHER BUSINESS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT 9:04 PM