

**CITY OF ISSAQUAH
Park Board**

7:00 PM
April 25, 2022

MINUTES

Virtual Meeting

BOARD AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT

Board Members:

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

Administration/Staff:

Jeff Watling, Parks Director
Jennifer Fink, Parks Planning and Projects
Administrator
Milissa Ching, Department Operations
Specialist

CALL TO ORDER 7:00 PM

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Connie Marsh, Squak Mountain Resident:

Requests that the Park Board looks closely at the results of the changes they requested were translated into the code. Work being done at the corner of Tibbetts Creek and Newport Way. Feels people are not looking to ensure what requirements are in place for those locations. Asks the Park Board to ensure the obligations for construction in or around parks are being followed.

REGULAR BUSINESS

- a) **Park Board Appointments and Leadership Elections (I), (A)**

Presented by:

Jeff Watling, Parks and Community Services Director and Brad Book, Park Board Chair

Watling provided an update on the Park Board appointment process:

- Recruitment process
- Mayors' recommendations
- Two new Park Board Members in May
- Katie Bell and Tim Motley
- Brad and Danielle sought to be reappointed
- Alternate Brenda was appointed to a regular position
- Waxe, Szeblewski and Kovac participated on interviews
- Legacy positions as an alternate role
- Second recruitment to fill open regular position

- Four board members that did not seek reappointment, Whitworth, Richardson, Nieto and Noble
- Watling thanked them for their time and dedication to the board
- Peer to peer mentoring for Park Board Members

Book shared that he is stepping down from his leadership role but will be available to mentor the new Chair.

The board discussed leadership roles and decided to defer leadership elections to the May meeting due to the absence of many members.

b) **Project Updates (I), (D)**

Presented by:

Jennifer Fink, Parks Planning and Projects Administrator

Fink presented her project worksheet and provided updates on each project listed.

- Dog Park Tour
- Tibbetts Valley Park Visioning
- Veterans Memorial Field / Depot Park / Pedestrian Park Visioning
- Issaquah Creek Corridor Visioning
- Blackberry Park Play Area Replacement
- Bike Skills Elements
- Harvey Manning Park Expansion
- Hillside Park Improvements
- Wayfinding

REPORTS

a) Director's Report

- Watling provided insight to information to come on the May agenda, information about the City Tree Programs
- Green Issaquah / Earth Day Events
- Touched on in person meetings – location will be in the Steelhead Room
- Clerks' office and administration still finishing details

b) Chairperson's Report

- Book thanked the exiting board members for their service to the board
- Mentor program
- April 29 – 150th Arbor Day Anniversary
- Logging in 2021 on Tiger Mountain that disrupted the trail system
- Board and Commissions back to in person meetings coming

c) Youth Report

None

OTHER BUSINESS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Richardson shared his appreciation to the Park Board, Staff and City.

ADJOURNMENT 8:35 PM