

CITY OF ISSAQUAH
Park Board – Special Meeting

7:00 PM
November 1, 2022

MINUTES

Steelhead Room
235 1st Ave. SE

BOARD AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT

Board Members:

Zach Szablewski, Chair
Chris Kovac
Marlene Waxse (*Virtual Attendee*)
Andrew Eliquen (*Virtual Attendee*)
David Liu
Nicholas Lee (*Virtual Attendee*)
Brenda Spears (*Virtual Attendee*)
Katie Bell (*Virtual Attendee*)
Tim Motely (*Excused Absence*)

Administration/Staff:

Jeff Watling, Parks & Community Services
Director (*Virtual Attendee*)
Jennifer Fink, Park Planning & Project
Administrator
Monica Negrila, Human Services Manager
Hasanthi Piyasena, Business Operations
Specialist

Community Members/Guests

Danielle Wolfrom Githens, Alternate
(*Excused Absence*)
Bradley Book, Alternate (*Virtual Attendee*)
Andrew Myers, Alternate

Cory Christensen
Connie Marsh

SPECIAL MEETING

Please note, this agenda also serves as the special meeting notice pursuant to RCW 42.30.080.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Szablewski called the meeting to order at approx. 7:01 PM.

Roll call was taken.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) Minutes of September 29, 2022 meeting.

There being no corrections, the minutes were approved as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Connie Marsh: Ms. Marsh spoke about the Heritage Tree Program application and asked the Board to update the program and ensure the trees along the road beside Tibbetts Valley Park are not removed due to right of way improvements.

Cory Christensen: Mr. Christensen asked the board to preserve the Ek House rather than turn it into a picnic shelter and commented on the Park Master Plan. He thanked Board member Tim Motely for his comments on the Hillside Park project and asked to be kept informed on the progress by email.

REGULAR BUSINESS

- a) **Community Investment Strategy - Update & Next Steps, (I, D)**

Presented by:

Jennifer Fink, Parks Planning & Project Administrator

Jeff Watling, Parks & Community Services Director

Director Watling and Park Planner Jennifer Fink summarized Council's approval of the Park Board recommendations on the Creek Corridor, Dog Park, and Pedestrian Park & Veterans Memorial Consolidated Park plans. They informed the Board of upcoming proposed 2023-2024 budget recommendations and asked for continued engagement with the Board's ad hoc committee.

Discussion from the Board supported the continuation of the ad hoc committee and next steps on park development.

b) Heritage Tree Program - Review (I, D)

Presented by:

Jeff Watling, Parks & Community Services Director

Director Watling thanked resident Connie Marsh for her comments and recommended a review of the Heritage Tree Program be added to the upcoming work plan. He then summarized the tree assessment of the stand surrounding Tibbetts Valley Park.

The Board discussed the Tibbetts Valley Park trees and supported a review of the Heritage Tree Program going forward.

REPORTS

a) Chairperson's Report

Chair Szablewski noted upcoming trail volunteer opportunities, board member recruitment for Friends of Issaquah Salmon Hatchery, and recommended the city climate survey.

b) Youth Representative's Report - none

c) Director's Report

Director Watling announced new Youth Board member interest, upcoming events including Día de los Muertos (11/4/2022) and Light Up the Night (11/19/2022) and City Clerks joining next meeting to discuss virtual attendance. The next meeting is currently scheduled for November 28, 2022.

OTHER BUSINESS / ANNOUNCEMENTS – None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.