

CITY OF ISSAQUAH
Park Board – Special Meeting

7:00 PM
 November 28, 2022

Tibbetts Manor, 750 17th Ave
 NW, Issaquah, WA 98027

MINUTES

BOARD AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT

Board Members:

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

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

Administration/Staff:

Jeff Watling, Parks & Community Services
 Director
 Jennifer Fink, Park Planner and Project
 Administrator
 Amy Dukes, Arts Program Administrator
 Hasanthi Piyasena, Business Operations
 Specialist
 Tisha Gieser, City Clerk

Community Members/Guests:

Sanvi Madan, Youth Board Representative
 Arsheya Thakkar, Youth Board
 Representative

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. 7:02 PM.

Roll call was taken.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) Minutes of November 1, 2022

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS - none

REGULAR BUSINESS

- a) **Amendments to the Rules & Regulations re: Virtual Attendance Policy, (D, A)**

Presented by:
Tisha Gieser, City Clerk

City Clerk, Tisha Gieser presented possible changes to the rules and regulations regarding virtual attendance for board members as well as proposed Alternate's protocols.

Following the presentation and discussion, Danielle moved to:

Take an informal showing of thumbs to table the discussion to the January meeting and asked the Clerk to include more flexibility in the language for virtual attendance rationales.

By a vote of 8 the Board tabled the discussion. The item will be re-evaluated at the January 23, 2023 meeting.

b) **Blackberry Park Update, (I)**

Presented by:

Jennifer Fink, Park Planning and Project Administrator

Park Planner Jennifer Fink presented past and on-going project construction at Blackberry Park.

c) **NW Trolls- Art Installation Opportunity, (D)**

Presented by:

Amy Dukes, Arts Program Administrator

Arts Program Administrator Amy Dukes shared a unique art project that may be coming to an Issaquah park in 2023 as part of a larger Puget Sound installation.

Following the presentation, the board had questions about logistics related to the art project.

REPORTS

a) Chairperson's Report

Chair Szablewski noted the Run Up For Air event will be at Tiger mountain (3/11/2022), the current Chinook adult and egg counts are available through F.I.S.H., and information about nearby Vaux Swift migration is available at vauxswift.org.

b) Youth Representative's Report

Sanvi Madan and Arsheya Thakkar thanked the board for the opportunity to participate and noted two other youth members will rotate attendance each month. They announced upcoming IYAB events including Harry Potter Night (2/2/23), Dodgeball and Donuts, and the Issy Kids Triathlon (6/5/23).

c) Director's Report

Director Watling noted upcoming changes to pickleball offerings, upcoming capital projects and new staff additions with the 2-year budget adoption and offered one-on-one time with any Board member through December for feedback. He asked for confirmation from the board on a change of location for in-person portions of meetings to Tibbetts Manor and the board agreed to the change of location by a majority show of thumbs.

The next meeting is currently scheduled for January 23, 2023.

OTHER BUSINESS / ANNOUNCEMENTS - none

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38pm.