

**CITY OF ISSAQUAH  
Park Board**

7:00 PM  
February 27, 2023

**MINUTES**

Tibbetts Manor, 750 17th Ave  
NW, Issaquah

**BOARD AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT**

*Board Members:*

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

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

*Administration/Staff:*

Jeff Watling, Parks & Community Services  
Director  
Jennifer Fink, Park Planning and Project  
Administrator  
Hasanthi Piyasena, Business Operations  
Specialist

*Community Members/Guests:*

Sanvi Madan, Youth Board Representative  
Arsheya Thakkar, Youth Board  
Representative  
Amelia Jensen, Mithun Consultant Team  
(Virtual)  
Debra Guenther, Mithun Consultant Team  
(Virtual)  
Roberta Waggoner, Community Member  
David Waggoner, Community Member  
Bill Bradfield, Community Member  
JP Doyle, Community Member  
John Arnold, Community Member  
Ivan Lee, Community Member  
Diane Lee, Community Member

**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 January 23, 2023  
There being no corrections, the minutes were approved as presented.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**David Waggoner:** Mr. Waggoner spoke about the history of the Veterans Memorial Monument and Flagpole within Olde Town Issaquah and the significance of its current location within the Senior Center Plaza as well as the flag recycling location. He would like to make sure the monument and recycling box stay in their current locations through the progress of the project and that the VFW are kept in the loop on the Pedestrian Park/Senior Center Plaza project progress.

**Bill Bradfield:** Mr. Bradfield commented on the multiple names this area has been called in reference to the presentation and would like both a determination on what the complex will be called and for the name Veterans' Memorial Field to remain.

**REGULAR BUSINESS**

a) **Community Investment Strategy Project Update, re: Pedestrian Park and Senior Center Plaza, (I,D)**

*Presented by:*

*Jennifer Fink, Park Planner and Project Administrator*

*Jeff Watling, Director*

*Mithun Consultant Team*

Park Planner and Project Administrator, Jennifer Fink presented the history of the project through City Council approvals and funding, 2019 community engagement, Park Board Ad-Hoc Committee work and on-going site analysis. The Mithun Consultant Team then reviewed a few different iterations of the project concepts and based on Park Board and other community engagement, the refined options that will be presented for wider community feedback through a survey open March 6 – 19, 2023 and open house on March 7, 2023.

Questions/discussion from the Park Board were raised around:

- designing the space for longevity and to reflect Issaquah values/aesthetics/community
- concept drawing scale verified it is based on GIS data for the area
- maintenance for water feature
- parking implications (loss/gain)
- parking lot crossing and future phases (Depot Park)

b) **6-Year CIP Criteria Follow Up, (D)**

*Presented by:*

*Jeff Watling, Director*

Due to time constraints this item was postponed.

## REPORTS

a) Chairperson's Report

Chair Szablewski noted the Washington Conservation Crew has started their 7 week engagement with the city, a Green Issaquah work party in Berntsen Park (3/18), and a Soil and Water Stewardship program through the Tilth Alliance.

b) Youth Advisory Representative's Report

Youth Reps Sanvi and Arsheya announced upcoming IYAB events including Harry Potter Night, State of Mind (3/18), Issy Kids Triathlon (6/5) and invited any member of the Park Board to an IYAB meeting to speak about how they help their community.

c) Director's Report

Director Watling mentioned structure reconnaissance work that is underway as part of the Ek House/Confluence Park project, the Park Board (live) working calendar under Director Report on the agenda, meeting with Snoqualmie Tribe members and artist on the NW Troll Art Opportunity, and the hiring process for the Urban Forest Supervisor.

## OTHER BUSINESS / ANNOUNCEMENTS - none

## ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:01 PM.

The next meeting is currently scheduled for March 27, 2023.