CITY OF ISSAQUAH
Park Board

7:00 PM
August 26, 2024

MINUTES

Tibbetts Manor, 750 17th Ave NW, Issaquah

BOARD AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT

Board Members:
Chris Kovac, Chair *Excused Absence*
Marlene Waxse, Vice Chair
Katie Bell
Andrew Eliquen
Nicholas Lee *Absent*
David Liu
Tim Motley *Excused Absence*
Ryan Olson
Brenda Spears *Excused Absence*

Mari Stevens, Alternate *Acting as Regular Member*
Paul Adair, Alternate *Acting as Regular Member*
Martha Ginthner, Alternate *Acting as Regular Member*

Administration/Staff:
Robin Spear, Park Planning and Development Manager
Hasanthi Hoglund, Department Operations Specialist, Parks & Community Services

Due to technical failures a recording of this meeting is not available.

CALL TO ORDER
Acting Chair Marlene Waxse called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m. following technical failures with room A/V equipment. Roll call was taken.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a) Minutes of July 22, 2024.
There being no corrections, the minutes were approved as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENTS
None

REGULAR BUSINESS

a) **Park System Plan Update, (D, A)**
Presented by:
Robin Spear, Park Planning and Development Manager
Hasanthi Hoglund, Department Operations Specialist
Staff led the board through proposed changes to the draft Park System Plan using the change matrix provided in the agenda packet.
The board requested changes:
- (pg. 10) Balance definition seems too soft. Desire to showcase active recreation needing a focus. Suggestion to use *Enhance* instead of *Provide*. Understanding that softer language is being requested by other parties.
- (Pg 12) For the implementation chapter introduction, a suggestion to emphasize the Core Values (Vibrancy, Resiliency, Connection, Balance) to distinguish them in this

plan as opposed to other values described in the plan or other city planning documents.

- (Pg 29) Revision for Green Necklace to describe it as a vision noted in other city planning documents and then list those documents for future updates.
- (Pg 31) Confusion around the language used to add sustainable development and recreation impact mitigation. Text edits suggested and better definition of Responsible Recreation practices needed. Understanding that this is part of the balance of vibrancy and resiliency that has strong voices within our community.
- (Pg 50) Request to review the performance-based LOS section. Scoring table reviewed from Appendix (document updated on the agenda). Review of criteria and request to look at TVP in depth. Desire to not give the impression that the park is performing so well that it doesn't need improvements as it is underutilized outside of summer months. Support for performance-based LOS but needs improvements to the criteria used to better support decisions. As it stands, would not want decisions made solely utilizing this information. Staff to review the criteria and update more often than just through park plan updates.

Following the discussion Marlene Waxse motioned to recommend the draft Park System Plan move forward to City Council adoption with the requested amended changes. Katie Bell seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously with 8 votes. All Alternate Members acted as Regular Members.

REPORTS

a) Director's Report
Robin Spear gave Directors Report that construction has begun on Hillside Park and the mitigation site at Park Pointe, the bid is published for Veterans Memorial Plazas and Confluence Park Plaza projects, the Rainier Trail Dog Park completed a pre-application meeting with CPD and is on track to submit permits this fall and a neighborhood meeting hosted by Public Works for a creek study will be happening at Corra Park with park staff available should questions arise pertaining to the park development.

b) Chairperson's Report
Acting Chair Waxse reminded the board of great events happening throughout the upcoming month including Jakob Two Trees Birthday party (9/6), Issaquah Culture Fest (9/6), Green Issaquah Steward Orientation (9/11), Salmon on Sunset (9/14), Heritage and Natural History Tour (9/12 & 18), State Park Free Pass Day (9/28), and last Farmers Market (9/28).

OTHER BUSINESS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

The next meeting is currently scheduled for September 23, 2024.