

CITY OF ISSAQUAH
Park Board and Arts Commission Joint Meeting

7:00 PM
 April 28, 2025

MINUTES

Tibbetts Manor, 750 17th Ave
 NW, Issaquah

BOARD AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT

Park Board Members:

Chris Kovac, Chair
 Marlene Waxse, Vice Chair
 Katie Bell
 Andrew Eliquen (Excused Absence)
 Nicholas Lee
 David Liu
 Tim Motley (Virtual)
 Ryan Olson

Mari Stevens, Alternate (Excused Absence)
 Paul Adair, Alternate
 Martha Ginthner, Alternate

Administration/Staff:

Robin Spear, Park Planning and
 Development Manager
 Amy Dukes, Cultural Arts Manager
 Hasanthi Piyasena, Department Operations
 Specialist

Arts Commission Members:

Rachel Brannon (Virtual)
 Chris Craven (excused Absence)
 Tina Velazquez Hays
 Treasure Hinds
 Kimberly Kapustein (Excused Absence)
 Tracie Mahadeo
 Caroline Thienes
 Albert Wang (Excused Absence)
 Rachel Wright

Community Members/Guests:

Corby Casler, DIA

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kovac called the meeting to order at 7:03pm. Roll call was taken.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) Minutes of March 24, 2025.
 There being no corrections, the minutes were approved as presented by Park Board.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Corby Casler: Ms. Casler, DIA Executive Director, mentioned May 2nd is the start of the ArtWalk and Music Stroll downtown.

REGULAR BUSINESS

- a) **Creeks to Peaks: Three Trails Crossing Art, (I,D)**
Presented by:
Amy Dukes, Cultural Arts Manager
Robin Spear, Park Planning and Development Manager
 Introduction to the 3-trails project, overview of existing conditions and the three proposed graphic designs by Jake Wagoner. Preference by the two committees was for Option #1 that depicted mountains, Lake Sam and creeks, and junipers. Input included looking at an option from a pedestrian perspective that could easily

be recognized, forced perspective, and including a solid neutral color on the concrete and curbs to pull it together more cohesively. Questions asked by the two boards:

1. What safety regulations are required? WSDOT & Transportation standards will be followed within the street, and there are standards for the grit in the paint.
2. What is the length of time it is anticipated to last? A: 5-10+ years depending on use
3. Will the paint be safe environmentally? Yes, water-based paints.

Public Art Relocation, (I,D)

Presented by:

Amy Dukes, Cultural Arts Manager

Robin Spear, Park Planning and Development Manager

Review of the park locations for the three sculptures; River Run, The Pillars, and Salmon Cycle. Committees liked the inclusion of art within the parks and support incorporating it into the design from an early stage of planning. Both Arts Commission and Park Board confirmed that they preferred the location of Salmon Run Nature Park for "River Run", Confluence Park for "Salmon Cycles", but would like to see "The Pillars" in a more active park so the community can interact with it more and it would be more visible. Recommended the Front St. park, or another location in Confluence Park. Further review and discussion by staff for location change needed. Additional comments: Ek House could be the start of an art walk, East Sunset Trailhead is a location where more people will see art and be less "discoverable", protects the pieces if they are more visible in the parks.

Capital Improvement Plan Update 2027-2032 (I,D)

Presented by:

Robin Spear, Park Planning and Development Manager

Introduction to the Municipal Capital Planning Guide and the three stages of project development from the 20+ year picture developed from Park System Plan and system level assessments, those recommendations turn into a 6-year CIP plan, moves to a 2-year Budget, and then a funded capital project. 9 projects recommended in the Parks 27-32 CIP plan with a focus on multi-use fields and trailhead improvements, and 6 capital programs for ongoing maintenance and replacements. Projects were noted that they were based on available staff and budgets to make them feasible. Overall, the Park Board approved of the list. Question from Arts Commission on the Hillside Loop Trail and the location of where it will go.

REPORTS

a) Director's Report

No report from Jeff- Robin updated board on the progress of Ped Park and Senior Center, and Hillside Park ribbon cutting on 5/5

b) Arts Commission Report

Amy Dukes mentioned the artwork by June Sekiguchi for Pedestrian Park, Senior Center is currently in fabrication and on schedule for summer installation, the utility box artwork wrap call for artists is now open through June 2 and encouraged all to promote the opportunity to any artist in their circle and Arts Commission will review submissions at their June meeting.

c) Chairperson's Report

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Chair Kovac reminded the board of the new members joining next meeting and voting for new Chair and Vice Chair will happen, if there is interest to reach out to him, the position is fairly easy running the meetings.

OTHER BUSINESS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hasanthi Hoglund mentioned that the next meeting is May 19, note the date change due to Memorial Day Holiday. Park Board will be electing a new Chair and Vice Chair and determine what parks to tour and decide locations for a July tour.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:20pm. The next meeting is currently scheduled for May 19, 2025.