

**CITY OF ISSAQUAH**  
**Transportation Advisory Board**

6:00 PM  
 July 21, 2022

Tibbetts Manor, 750 17th Ave.  
 NW, Issaquah

**MINUTES**

**COMMISSION AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT**

The meeting was held in-person at Tibbetts Manor, 750 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW, Issaquah.

*Board members:*

Cynthia Krass, Chair  
 Julian Mydlil, Vice Chair\*  
 Micah Zeitz-Chua  
 Kristi Tripple  
 Dave Waggoner (via phone)  
 Erika Boyd  
 Tom McDonald  
 Joseph Zhang\*

*Administration/Staff:*

Isabel Diaz, Senior Transportation Engineer  
 John Mortenson, Senior Transportation  
 Manager (remotely)  
 John Larson-Friend, Transportation Program  
 Coordinator

Jeri Bernstein, Alternate

\*Youth/young adult seat.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Councilmember de Michele welcomed the TAB back to meeting in person and thanked the board for its service on behalf of the City Council.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a) Minutes of June 16, 2022 were approved unanimously with the modification of removing the comment from the Chair Report.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public comment was provided at this meeting.

**REGULAR BUSINESS**

- a) **Transit Shuttle Options for Squak & Talus Neighborhoods (A)**

*Presented by:*

*John Larson-Friend, Transportation Program Coordinator*

John presented evaluation criteria and solutions for a shuttle service for Squak and Talus neighborhoods to connect to the transit center and other locations in Issaquah. The following three shuttle options were presented to the TAB:

1. On-Demand Shuttle – Partnership with King County Metro
2. City-Run Shuttle - Invest in third party system
3. Alternative to Shuttle – Partnership with Uber/Lyft

The TAB was asked to rank the three options presented in priority order. Four TAB members chose Option #1 (On-Demand Shuttle – Partnership with King County Metro) as highest priority and provided the following feedback:

- Provides low costs to users
- Provides the lowest costs to the City

Four TAB members selected Option #3 (Alternative to Shuttle - Partnership with Uber/Lyft) as highest priority and provided the following feedback:

- Provides an easy solution to implement
- May be seen as a temporary solution if Option #1 is chosen
- May be used more effectively within the City
- Concerns about equity - users who would benefit from this program may not be the same users who would benefit from a Metro-run program
- When subsidized the geographic service may be limited

Micah presented a motion to pursue Option #1 (On-Demand Shuttle – Partnership with King County Metro) while alternate short-term options are considered. Motion was seconded with no opposition.

The TAB requested to hold a Special Meeting in August to continue discussion about the evaluation criteria for the Shuttle Program due to attendance conflicts for several TAB members.

## REPORTS

### a) **Board Work Plan**

Isabel to contact TAB members to request their feedback for dates to hold a special meeting in August and shared that the work plan will be shifting within the next months to hold policy-related discussions during future meetings.

### b) **Staff Report**

Isabel shared that the City advertised the Newport Way Pedestrian Bridge and Raised Intersection Project for construction and reminded the TAB to the ITS Survey. John Mortenson shared the City has an open survey for ADA Transition Plan and hosted a virtual open house for Newport Way Maple to Sunset project design concept. John Larson-Friend shared that the scooter program was not approved during City Council meeting.

### c) **Chair Report**

Cynthia reported that Joseph Zhang and Janie Walzer have submitted resignations from the Board and encouraged members to start thinking about recruitment process for next year's recruitment process

### d) **Youth Report**

No youth report was provided at this meeting.

## OTHER BUSINESS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Isabel invited the Board to join Concerts on the Green and receive a gift bag in appreciation to their service.

## ADJOURNMENT