

**CITY OF ISSAQUAH
Transportation Advisory Board**

6:00 PM
December 4, 2024

Tibbetts Manor, 750 17th Ave.
NW, Issaquah

MINUTES

COMMISSION AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT

Board members:

Julian Mydlil, Chair
Tom McDonald, Vice Chair
Erika Boyd
Cynthia Krass
Lamir Magus
Micah Zeitz-Chua

Administration/Staff:

John Larson-Friend, Transportation Program Coordinator
John Mortenson, Senior Transportation Manager

Adam Fuchs – Alternate

Excused Absence:

Avi Mattikali
Hany Maklad

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Chair Mydlil at 6:09 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) Minutes of October 23, 2024
Due to the need to adjust some of the included language, the Minutes of October 23, 2024 were not approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments made.

REGULAR BUSINESS

- a) **Squak Mt. Non-Motorized Improvement Plan (D)**
Presented by:
John Larson-Friend, Transportation Program Coordinator
Brent Powell, Consultant Project Manager (Perteet)
Janessa Donato, Consultant Lead Engineer (Perteet)

John Larson-Friend, Brent Powell (Perteet), and Janessa Donato (Perteet) presented an overview of the Squak Mountain Non-Motorized Improvement Project. This included an update on the public engagement conducted and suggested design alternative. TAB members asked clarifying questions about the public engagement data, response rates, and response rates. There were also questions about the existing infrastructure and how the project would tie in.

The TAB discussed the pros and cons of each alternative, including construction time and costs, city budget, and impacts to trees along the corridor. The TAB's final recommendation was to concur with City staff's recommendation of Alternative 2 as the preferred alternative.

- b) **Street Standards - Landscaping (D)**
Presented by:

John Larson-Friend, Transportation Program Coordinator

John Larson-Friend presented an overview of the introduction from October. He then proceeded to present on the first category: Tree Protection. John described the “guardrails” and both presenters answered clarifying questions. There was a discussion about tree types, adding cultural and historical trees, prescriptive vs guidelines, and sidewalk jogs vs consistency. Over the course of the conversation, TAB members provided the direction needed, showing support for tree protection, prioritizations of native species and certain classes of non-native trees, arborist use during planning, using sidewalk jogs, and using a prescriptive model (including a certain number of jogs per distance). Next, John presented the second category of the evening: Critical Areas. John described the “guardrails” and both presenters answered clarifying questions. Over the course of the conversation, TAB members provided direction needed, showing support for deviations for wetlands and streams and evaluations for other critical areas and buffers.

To foster robust conversation among TAB members, only two of four suggested categories were discussed. The final two categories will be covered by John Mortenson, Transportation Engineering Manager at the TAB’s January meeting.

REPORTS

a) **Board Work Plan**

The work plan will be developed with the TAB and the incoming TAB liaison.

b) **Staff Report**

This will be John Larson-Friend’s last meeting on Issaquah staff. John Mortenson announced successful grant awards, including an enhanced crosswalk at the East Sunset Way trailhead, an RRFB at 2nd & Evans, for intersection enhancements using video surveillance, and an RRFB at Front St and Bush.

c) **Chair Report**

No Chair report.

d) **Youth Report**

No youth report.

OTHER BUSINESS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 7:52 PM.