1279-RES
12/2/2004

ORIGINAL

CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON

RESOLUTION NO. 7119

A RESOLUTION approving the Pedestrian Bridge location and design plan and findings that the proposal satisfies the public benefit test set forth in LUC 20.25A.130.C and the development standards of LUC 20.25A.130.D and is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan.

WHEREAS, Comprehensive Plan Policy S-DT-80 provides "Pedestrian Crossings may be appropriate over the public right-of-way on Bellevue Way between NE 4th Street and NE 8th Street, and over NE 4th and NE 8th Streets between Bellevue Way and 110th Avenue NE, provided that there is a clear demonstration of public benefit and design criteria are fully met." and;

WHEREAS, LUC 20.25A130A allows pedestrian bridges at or near the mid-block in certain locations including on NE 8th Street between Bellevue Way and 110th Ave NE, if certain conditions are met; and,

WHEREAS, the Council may approve, or approve with modifications, a proposed downtown pedestrian bridge if it finds that the bridge provides a public benefit provided in LUC 20.25A130C and meets the development standards provided in LUC 20.25A.130.D and is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan, and

WHEREAS, City Council has been presented with information, including an analysis contained in the November 22, 2004 City Council Study Session item 3(b), demonstrating that the proposed pedestrian bridge linking the second floor of Bellevue Square to the second floor of Lincoln Square (Pedestrian Bridge) meets the aforementioned criteria as conditioned below; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bellevue has complied with the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA), RCW 43.21C, and the City Environmental Procedures Code, BCC 22.02; , now therefore,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON, DOES RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City Council of the City of Bellevue makes the following findings based on the information presented to it including the analysis contained in the November 22, 2004 City Council Study Session item 3(b):

a. The Pedestrian Bridge improves pedestrian mobility. The presence of the Pedestrian Bridge will greatly enhance a convenient, safe, and barrier and vehicle-free mid block crossing of Bellevue Way.

ORIGINAL

b. The Pedestrian Bridge does not detract from street level activity, but is likely to increase it as it becomes a landmark and focal point attracting people to the enhanced streetscape and mid block building entry points. The proposed location and design of the Pedestrian Bridge integrates pedestrian mobility across the bridge with the current and proposed streetscape at the street level. Vertical circulation adjacent to the bridge provides points of connection between the bridge and the street level.

c. The Pedestrian Bridge functions as part of the public realm. The architectural character of the bridge has been designed in a different language than both of the adjacent developments on the street so that the bridge is an element of its own and not an extension of either one of the adjoining buildings. The tree-like supports on either side of the bridge relate the public street to the sky bridge and have a clearly unique identity to distinguish them from the adjacent buildings and create an extension of the public realm through the adjacent buildings and onto the Pedestrian Bridge.

Section 2. Based on Section 1 above, the proposed Pedestrian Bridge meets the public benefit standard in LUC 20.25A.130C.

Section 3. The City Council of the City of Bellevue finds that based on the information presented to it, including the analysis contained in the November 22, 2004 City Council Study Session item 3(b), the proposed Pedestrian Bridge is consistent with the comprehensive plan and meets the development standards of LUC 20.25A.130D with the following conditions:

1. Prior to issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy, signs shall be installed at/on the exterior of the Lincoln Square and Bellevue Square buildings and at the second level entrances of each development stating the bridge is open for nonexclusive right of pedestrian use and access by the public during hours between 6AM and midnight, or during the hours of operation of adjacent uses, whichever is greater.

2. To ensure that the pedestrian connections are proximate and easily identifiable, prior to issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy, wayfinding signs shall be installed at/on the exterior of the Lincoln Square and Bellevue Square buildings and at the second level entrances of each development identifying the barrier-free pathways and publicly accessible spaces.

3. To ensure that the Pedestrian Bridge enclosure is limited to that necessary for pedestrian weather protection, additional enclosure may only be approved through Design Review and demonstration that additional weather protection is required.

ORIGINAL

4. To ensure that the lighting is consistent with public safety standards, specific lighting, including seasonal and special event lighting, will be described in the initial building and electrical permit documents. Modifications to the approved lighting schemes will be subject to Design Review to ensure that impacts upon public facilities and streets are mitigated.

Section 4. The City Council of the City of Bellevue approves the Pedestrian Bridge location and design plan.

Section 5. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Passed by the City Council this 6th day of December, 2004, and signed in authentication of its passage this 6th day of December, 2004.

(SEAL)

Connie B. Marshall
Connie B. Marshall, Mayor

Attest:

Myrna L. Basich
Myrna L. Basich, City Clerk