

## Hearing Notes

### 1st Budget Hearing May 15th 8:00 PM

#### Human Services

Sara Langtn / Casey Otley (Director financial ops @ T-Mobile)—Kidsquest Museum

*Issues:*

- Requests funding for children's museum expansion.

Marty Jacobs—Parent Services for Childcare Resources

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- CDBG funding possibly running out in 2008. Looking for funding for "childcare scholarships".

Loretta Story—Eastside Legal Assistance Program (ELAP)

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- Requests funding to help provide free legal assistance to poor in Bellevue.

David Smukowski—Boys and Girls Club

*Issues:*

- Requests downtown Community/Teen center, BelRed corridor community center.

Lisa Goodman, Jim Praft—Bellevue Youth Theater Association

*Issues:*

- Requests a renovated theater for rehearsals.

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- \$1.8 million from city, \$70,000 from them.

Linda Wolf—Hopelink

*Issues:*

- Talked about Hopelink & services provided to Bellevue residents.

#### DARE / SROs in schools

Sharon Taubel—Parent

*Issues:*

- Requests to budget for new school resource officer in elementary schools

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- \$170,000 a year

Wayne Rector—(address or affiliation unclear)

*Issues:*

- Requests police officers to keep a presence in elementary schools

## **Bellevue Downtown Association**

Leslie Lloyd—Bellevue Downtown Association

*Issues:*

- Managing traffic/congestion, increasing “walkability” of downtown, open spaces/parks.

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- \$180 million thru 2020, want debt to cover it. City should immediately bond about \$40 million; this new line of credit would fund the \$180 million of projects thru end of period (2020).
- Would like City to evaluate all resources—including bonding. Claims city has \$1.6 billion in debt capacity.

Lisa Rowe—Bellevue Downtown Association chair, Bentel Capital

*Issues:*

- Transportation and accessibility.

## **Bellevue Chamber of Commerce**

Jim Hill—Bellevue Chamber of Commerce

*Issues:*

- Doesn't like the way the City forecast shows a reduction in capital spending.
- Thinks New City Hall should be funded by debt, not out of CIP.
- Chamber doesn't want an increase in property, B&O tax.
- Improving transportation should be a top priority.

## **Bellevue Economic Partnership**

Steve Gilbert—Bellevue Economic Partnership

*Issue:*

- Requests continued funding

## **Neighborhood improvements**

Lindy Bruce—Sunset Community Association

*Issues:*

- For 145th pl SE in 2007-2008, Requests sidewalk and bike lane from SE 16th to SE 8th
- For 145th PL SE in 07-13, Requests various improvements south from Camber Rd to 24th SE.

Marty Nizlek—West Lake Sammamish Board

*Issues:*

- West Lake Sammamish Parkway—shoulder of road is a worry

## **Bellevue Fire Department**

Bruce Ansell—President of Bellevue Professional Firefighters IAFF local #1604

*Issues:*

- “Vertical” response time. Not enough firefighters for various catastrophic scenarios.

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- Want more staff. Also mentioned, but did not directly request, a downtown fire station.

## **PACE**

Skip Rowley, Kemper Freeman and Karen Lytle—PACE

*Issues:*

- \$14 million already raised.
- Should be completed in 2009.
- Want 75% private, 25% public funding (local, state, fed).
- Land already donated, located @ NE 10th & 106th NE.
- Council passed a resolution in 2002 stating that they may consider donating money to this facility.

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- Requests \$10 million from Bellevue’s CIP in 07-08

## **Swimming Pool**

Sharon Simas—President of SPLASH

*Issues:*

- Requests a new public swimming pool complex for Bellevue.

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- Requests \$\$ for planning in 07-08 and partnership to build & operate. Pool estimated to cost \$25-30 million

Also for swim pool:

Carolyn Behse—Pacific NW Aquatic, USMS

Tom Hutchnison—Issaquah swim team

Michael McKenly—Older Swimmer

Candy Bondgaard (address or affiliation unclear)

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Budget Hearing—July 17, 2006

### **Human Services**

Kari Andrews—Children's Response Center board member

*Issues:*

- Asking for continued financial support of the Children's Response Center. Need for services in increasing.

Elizabeth Westburg—Regional Director for YWCA and  
member of Alliance of Eastside Agencies

*Issues:*

- Alliance of Eastside Agencies is a group of 40+ social service agencies.
- Asked for more investment in human/social services.
- Asked for funding to help a new YWCA pilot project, which would provide a drop-in 1-stop referral center in Bellevue for women.

Ellen Rush—Former client of YWCA

*Issues:*

- Would like continued support for programs to assist women escaping domestic violence

David Downing—Youth Eastside Services (YES)

*Issues:*

- Would like continued, on-going funding for YES. The number and intensity of services are increasing.

Amber Wolf—Elder and Adult Day Services

*Issues:*

- Asked for continued support.

Marcy Curtain, Michael Speer, Chris Jones—Friends of Youth and "The Landing"

*Issues:*

- Shelter to house homeless youth. 9-10 clients a night. Asked for increased funding.
- "The Landing" is currently open 5 nights a week. 1 of 2 youth shelters in the region (the other is in Seattle). 200 people through last year.

Rachael Black—Eastside Domestic Violence Program

*Issues:*

- Asking for continued support. 1 in 4 women will be victims. Turn-away rate currently 19:1.

Alaric Bien—Chinese Information and Service Center

*Issues:*

- Would like funding to provide a “cultural navigator”—a translator and guide who would help immigrants gain access to current services.

Debby Lacey—Eastside Refugee and Immigrant Coalition

*Issues:*

- More support of the “cultural navigator” (see Chinese Information and Service Center above).

Cameron Kyna—Catholic Community Services of King County Offices in Bellevue

*Issues:*

- Needs increased funding for services. Difficulties in affording qualified staff, and finding an affordable place for staff to live.

Jeannette Yudovski—Director Jewish Family Services in Kirkland

*Issues:*

- Thanked Council for their continued support.

Joe Cunningham—Kindering Center

*Issues:*

- Serves 0-3 year old children with special needs—provides speech and language therapy. Enrollment has doubled. Asking for continued support.

Steve Roberts—Congregation for the Homeless and Eastside Homeless Advisory Council

*Issues:*

- Coordinator of the Eastside response to the 10 yr. plan to end homelessness in King County.
- Would like to see a women’s shelter (see YWCA), expanded services from the youth shelter (see “the Landing”)

## **Fire Department**

Bruce Ansell— President of Bellevue Professional Firefighters IAFF local #1604

*Issues:*

- Expressed the urgency of their concerns re current and future staffing requirements
- Believes that without staffing increases, Fire department will not be able to respond, and services will degrade.

## **Bellevue Downtown Association**

Leslie Lloyd—Bellevue Downtown Association

*Issues:*

- A preliminary study claims that City will receive \$40 million in additional revenues in the next five years from current development.

- Want's to earmark this "development dividend" towards projects that will help improve downtown.
- Currently working a more detailed study of effects of downtown growth.

## **PACE**

Karen and Chuck Lytle, Skip Rawley, Kemper Freeman –PACE

Nancy Walker—ACT funding Guild

*Issues:*

- Gave an update on the project. Contract selection in Sept., construction expected to begin end of 2007.
- Working with Cong. Richert to get federal funds. Also in contact with 48th District representatives, staff of 41st district, and Gov Gregoire.
- "Everybody is watching; they will look to see what the City of Bellevue does."
- Fundraising arm for PACE. Brought in a large group of supporters to the meeting. Raised \$144,000 for PACE so far.
- Listed various contributors—there will be more. Passed the \$15 million mark in funding. This is a grassroots effort on the Eastside.

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- Requested at least \$10 million in funds. Ideally, the project would be 25% public supported, 75% private.

## **Leadership Eastside**

Stephanie Marpelli—President of Leadership Eastside

*Issues:*

- Requested continued funding. Seeking funding from other cities.

## **Neighborhood improvements**

Lisa Schiling—Concerned Parent

Frank Klein—Concerned neighbor

*Issues:*

- A portion of Sommerset Ave is dangerous for her children. Would like to see a sidewalk for 11 homes.
- Tried to get improvements through the NEP, but not selected. Various school renovations also did not improve the conditions. Many people use the road to walk or run. Potential safety hazard.

Teri Fujinawa—Families from Clyde Hill Elementary

*Issues:*

- Requests to replace a playground at Clyde Hill Elementary. Other school districts, cities participating.

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- Asking for \$28,000 from City. Have already raised \$47,000 of a needed \$75,000.

## **Parks**

Denise Lane—Bellevue Botanical Garden Society

*Issues:*

- Asking for a new, expanded visitor's center at the Bellevue Botanical Gardens. Possibility of rental income.

Lizel Zappler—Bellevue IMP Committee (IPM stands for Integrated Pest Management)

*Issues:*

- Requests City Parks department to reduce its use of pesticides.

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- Would require additional staffing, operating, and record's management costs. New parks would be models of IPM

## **Bellevue Youth Theater**

Jim Praft—President of Bellevue Youth Theater Foundation

Kevin Hagen—Treasurer

*Issues:*

- Requests to renovate the Youth Theater.

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- City would provide money; they would make up the difference. Have raised \$70,000 so far.