East Bellevue Community Council
Summary Minutes of Regular Meeting

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February 1, 2011
6:30 p.m.

Lake Hills Community Clubhouse
Bellevue, Washington

PRESENT: Chair Kasner, Councilmembers Erwin, Gooding and Seal

ABSENT: Councilmember Elwin.

STAFF: Monica Buck, Legal Advisor

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. with Chair Kasner presiding.

2. ROLL CALL

The Clerk called the roll. All Councilmembers present with the exception of Mr. Elwin. Chair Kasner led the flag salute.

Election of 2011 Community Council Officers

Acting Chair Kasner opened nominations for the position of Chair.

Councilmember Seal nominated Steve Kasner to serve as Chair.

Mr. Kasner asked for further nominations. Hearing none, the nomination for Chair was closed.

Chair Kasner opened nominations for the position of Vice Chair.

Councilmember Kasner nominated Richard Erwin to serve as Vice Chair.

Hearing no further nominations, Chair Kasner closed nominations.

Chair Kasner opened nominations for the position of Alternate Vice Chair.

Councilmember Gooding nominated Ken Seal to serve as Alternate Vice Chair.

Hearing no further nominations, Chair Kasner closed nominations.

Councilmember Seal moved approval of Resolution 514 naming Steve Kasner as Chair, Richard Erwin as Vice Chair and Ken Seal as Alternate Vice Chair for the term ending February 2012. Councilmember Gooding seconded the motion which carried by a vote of 4-0.

Resolution 514 was adopted.

3. **COMMUNICATIONS - WRITTEN AND ORAL**:

Chair Kasner noted that, in Council's Desk Packet, Council will find a new page 82.1 that restores LUC 20.20.135, inadvertently deleted in the last update to the Land Use Code.

4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Councilmember Kasner requested the addition of discussion related to council absences under New Business.

Mr. Seal moved approval of the agenda as amended. Mr. Gooding seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

5. **PUBLIC HEARINGS:** None.

6. **RESOLUTIONS**: None.

7. **REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL, BOARDS, AND COMMISSIONS**: None.

8. **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**: None.

9. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**: None.

10. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**:

(a) Review & Update of Community Council Rules and Procedures

Monica Buck, Assistant City Attorney, provided an overview of proposed revisions to the Council's rules and procedures. She stated that there have been several amendments to the Land Use Code since its last update. There was Council discussion with Ms. Buck related to the proposed changes along with additional revisions requested by Council.

A draft rules and procedures resolution will return for Council consideration in March.

11. **NEW BUSINESS**:

(a) Council Absences

Ms. Buck explained state law related to council absences. Basically, there are excused and unexcused absences. There is no process under current Community Council rules that establishes criteria as to what constitutes an excused versus unexcused absence. Under state law, if a councilmember has three consecutive unexcused absences he/she can be at risk for losing his/her seat by motion of the council.

Councilmember Seal stated he felt the allowance of electronic participation at meetings would address the current special circumstance and resolve issues related to attaining a quorum.

Chair Kasner clarified Ms. Buck's suggestion that at the very least Council should develop criteria as to what constitutes an excused or unexcused absence. Ms. Buck provided examples by which compliance is met related to an excused absence. As to the declaration of vacancy, she stated Council can rely on state law or develop criteria within their own rules.

12. **CONTINUED COMMUNICATIONS**: None.

13. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**: None.

14. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**:

Mr. Erwin moved approval of the January 4, 2011 Summary Minutes as presented. Mr. Seal seconded the motion which carried by a vote of 4-0.

15. **ADJOURNMENT**

Councilmember Erwin moved to adjourn. Councilmember Seal seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Chair Kasner declared the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Michelle Murphy, CMC
Deputy City Clerk