East Bellevue Community Council
Summary Minutes of Special Meeting

April 9, 2013
2:30 PM

Lake Hills Library
15590 Lake Hills Blvd.
Bellevue, WA 98007

PRESENT: Chair Kasner, Vice Chair Hughes, and Councilmember Seal
ABSENT: Councilmembers Capron and Gooding

STAFF: Julie Ellenhorn, Community Relations Coordinator
Carol Ross, Community Relations Coordinator

The East Bellevue Community Council gathered with staff in the Lake Hills Library parking area and proceeded to a library conference room to orient a rolling car tour of the Lake Hills area.

Chair Kasner called the special meeting to order at 2:42 PM.

Ms. Ellenhorn provided a brief description of the Neighborhood Outreach program and staffs' expectations of today's Lake Hills tour. She introduced Carol Ross, stating both she and Ms. Ross were the assigned liaisons for the Lake Hills area.

Ms. Ellenhorn noted the Diversity Initiative tentatively planned at Lake Hills Elementary on June 11, 2013.

Chair Kasner stated, to his mind, Lake Hills is made up of two parts, people and places. He stated the need to focus on the people infrastructure to draw in Lake Hills diverse communities.

Mr. Seal provided a brief history of the Lake Hills area and the changing face of the community from the 1950's to present. The community at its inception was populated by young professionals, primarily employed by Boeing, and their families. Common interests were high in the 50's resulting in a more cohesive community. Today's population includes more diverse age groups, ethnic backgrounds and social economic ranges.

Chair Kasner reviewed the two annexation attempts in the East Bellevue area prior to the successful annexation in 1969. He stated his desire to begin building community from the bottom up, starting with Conifer Crest.

Neighborhood Outreach disagreed with the bottom up approach in favor of a top down approach to build critical mass.

Ms. Ellenhorn asked for ideas to generate interest and engage the peoples of Lake Hills.

Chair Kasner suggested the Lake Hills history board currently display at Winter's House be moved to the Lake Hills Shopping Center.

Ms. Pender, Lake Hills Library Site Manager, stated a good deal of her clientele were foreign born with a passion for the American dream but little interest in the immediate area.

Chair Kasner suggested the possibility of story boards introduced at the schools as a passive alternative.

Chair Kasner began the rolling tour at 3:30 PM.

Points of interest included:

- Lake Hill Shopping Center
- Samena Club
- Lake Hills Clubhouse
- Lake Hills Boys & Girls Club
- Larsen Lake
- Kelsey Creek Center
- Saint Louise Church
- Original Lake Hills area
- Future site of the Crossroad's Youth Theatre
- Lake Hills Park
- Lake Hills Farm
- Lake Hills Pea Patch
- Telephone Switching Center
- Big Picture School
- Robinswood Park and Tennis Center
- Washington State Patrol Offices
- Eastgate Park & Ride
- Jubilee Reach
- Lake Hills Elementary
- Blueberry Court
- Lake Hills Greenbelt
- Conifer Crest

The rolling tour culminated at the Lake Hills Shopping Center and the special meeting adjourned at 4:30 PM.

Michelle Murphy