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East Bellevue Community Council
Summary Minutes of Regular Meeting

May 3, 2011
6:30 p.m.

Lake Hills Community Clubhouse
Bellevue, Washington

PRESENT: Chair Kasner, Councilmembers Gooding and Seal

ABSENT: Mr. Elwin

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. with Chair Kasner presiding.

2. **ROLL CALL**

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

Agenda Interruption

4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mr. Seal requested the addition of candidate interviews related to the filling of the position vacated by Mr. Erwin last month be taken up under New Business and a possible Executive Session to review submitted applications.

Mr. Seal moved approval of the agenda as amended. Mr. Gooding seconded the motion which carried 3-0.

Agenda Resumed

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

Wendy Pender, Manager of the Lake Hills Library, reported on the grand reopening of the newly remodeled Newport Library. In response to Mr. Seal, she stated the old Lake Hills Library building has been sold to the Boys & Girls Club.

(a) Lake Hills Shopping Center Development Update

Oscar DelMoro reported on development at the Lake Hills Shopping Center, noting the positive response from the surrounding community. Phase one of construction is complete and moving on to the next phase. Permit applications have been made for phase two with an expectation of completion 2.5 years out. Phase two includes a 350 stall underground parking garage, 125 stalls of surface parking, retail and 76 residential units.

In response to Mr. Kasner, Mr. DelMoro stated professional office space leasing is a little slow. He noted competing medical professional facilities and the move towards owner/operator facilities.

In response to Mr. Seal, Mr. DelMoro pointed out the proposed location for two restaurants.

There was discussion related to cell towers and their aesthetic impact on the Center.

Chair Kasner recommended a diorama of what the completed project will look like be displayed at the Lake Hills Library for public viewing. He commended Mr. DelMoro for staying true to his vision.

Mr. Capron expressed his appreciation for Mr. DelMoro's perseverance and vision for the Lake Hills Shopping Center.

Chair Kasner thanked Mr. DelMoro for his report.

5. **COURTESY PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

(a) Shoreline Master Program Update

Chair Kasner opened the courtesy public hearing.

Catherine Drews presented a map of the East Bellevue Community Council shoreline jurisdiction.

David Pyle, Sr. Land Use/Environmental Planner, provided a brief outline of tonight's presentation. He stated that the Bellevue Shoreline Master Program was first adopted in 1974 and updated in 1997. Since that time, the State Department of Ecology adopted revised shoreline master program guidelines in 2003.

Mr. Pyle explained the State Shoreline Management Act objectives, including environmental quality or no net loss of ecological function; preferred water oriented uses and improve opportunity for public access. Bellevue's objectives acknowledge urbanized shoreline conditions; ensure no net loss while still accommodating development; enhance neighborhood livability; recognizes shared responsibility for shoreline protection; protects resources through city resource management practices; and, creates user friendly codes with predictable outcomes.

Mr. Pyle noted that the City is not the final authority in the adoption of a shoreline master program. That authority belongs to the State of Washington.

In response to Mr. Kasner, Ms. Drews stated adoption of a shoreline master program is an iterative process with the Washington State Department of Ecology. Once Council approves and

adopts the SMP, it will be forwarded to the Department of Ecology for their review and public process.

Mr. Pyle next reviewed the project's timeline through final adoption by the City Council and its return to Community Council for approval.

Mr. Pyle outlined the East Bellevue Community Council's shoreline jurisdiction and entertained questions.

In response to Mr. Seal, Mr. Pyle discussed water flow from Phantom Lake. The surface water flows through Weowna Park down to Lake Sammamish. The ground water actually flows north through the Lake Hills Greenbelt. The entire system is connected by ground water to Phantom Lake regardless of the existing berm intended to isolate some of the surface water. All of the areas within the East Bellevue Community Council considered shoreline jurisdiction are also wetlands. And, as such, are protected by the Critical Areas regulations. He explained when the need for a shoreline permit would be triggered.

Mr. Pyle continued responding to questions of wetland boundaries, identifying specific area of interest.

In response to Council questions related to public concerns, Mr. Pyle stated no concerns raised related to the East Bellevue wetland areas as there is no change to current regulations. The public concerns voiced centered on lakes outside the East Bellevue jurisdiction.

Ms. Drews stated this matter will return to the Community Council for final consideration in the late fall.

Hearing no further public testimony, there was Community Council consensus to close the courtesy hearing.

6. **RESOLUTIONS**: None.

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

8. **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**:

(a) 2010 U.S. Census Report

Gwen Rousseau provided a brief outline of tonight's presentation, which covered a comparison of the decennial Census, the American Community Survey and other East Bellevue Community Council specific information. The decennial Census occurs once every ten years and reflects true counts, while the American Community Survey is an average of those surveyed (1 in every 15 households) over a five year period. She reviewed East Bellevue's blocks and tracts used for demographic analyses.

From 2000 to 2010 the City of Bellevue's population grew 11.4% through a combination of annexation and new development.

In response to Mr. Kasner, Ms. Rousseau stated Bellevue's population grew at a slower rate in comparison to the state growth rate of 14.1%.

She continued the presentation, noting a 15% growth in housing units resulting in an overall increased vacancy rate. She stated the residential vacancy rates citywide were 9.4% in 2010, up from the 5.3% in 2000.

Responding to Mr. Kasner, Ms. Rousseau stated East Bellevue encompassed 5 census tracks. The entire City is comprised of just over 30 census tracks in all. East Bellevue's population is just under 12,000, nearly 10% of the City's overall population.

Bellevue's under 18 population grew by over 2,800 children or 12%, slightly faster than Bellevue's overall population. She reviewed race and ethnicity data, stating an overall growth in Bellevue's minority population at approximately 40.8% in 2010. In East Bellevue, minority race or ethnicity reached 47% in 2010. She broke down Bellevue's increasingly multi cultural cosmopolitan population by ethnic groups, predominant language spoken in the home, education, income per household and preferred modes of transportation.

There was continued Council discussion related to the statistics presented.

Ms. Rousseau reviewed the timeframe for further release of Census data related to population counts and housing characteristics (i.e. age, tenure, and household types).

Council thanked Ms. Rousseau for her presentation.

9. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**:

10. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**:

11. **NEW BUSINESS**:

(a) Review of Applicants for the Community Council Vacancy

Chair Kasner noted that three applications have been received. He suggested that the applicants introduce themselves, providing a brief background and explanation of their interest in appointment to the East Bellevue Community Council. He noted that the third applicant was not in attendance and asked if Mr. Seal would be willing to briefly review Mr. Van Duzor's application for the record.

Mr. Seal stated Mr. Van Duzor is a longtime resident of the East Bellevue area and that he is a self employed manufactures agent. Past community involvement includes the Boy Scouts of America between the years of 1990 and 2000. He reported Mr. Van Duzor's interest in becoming more active in community affairs.

Mr. Capron explained his interest in serving on the East Bellevue Community Council and his current involvement in the community. He stated that he is a long time resident and business owner in the East Bellevue area. And, that he is interested in maintaining family oriented neighborhoods and supports a proactive approach to community issues.

Ms. Alpisa reviewed her background, length of residency and interest in serving on the East Bellevue Community Council. She provided her professional credentials that she would bring to bear if appointed and her history of community involvement with past organizations.

Chair Kasner explained the duration of the appointment and questioned the candidates' willingness to stand for election in 2013. Both candidates indicated a willingness to participate in the 2013 election process.

Agenda Interruption.

13. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**:

(a) Application Review for Community Council Vacancy

Chair Kasner adjourned to Executive Session for review of applicant qualifications for approximately 15 minutes.

Chair Kasner reconvened the meeting at 9:40 p.m.

Mr. Seal moved appointment of Mr. Capron. Mr. Gooding seconded the motion which failed 2-1 for lack of majority.

Chair Kasner requested this matter be taken up at their next regular meeting. There was Council consensus to place this item on the June 7, 2011 agenda.

12. **CONTINUED COMMUNICATIONS**:

Chair Kasner reported attendance at the Neighborhood Forum held in April where well-known author Mr. Peter Lovenheim spoke about his experiences getting to know his neighbors. The Neighborhood Forum focused on personal connections being the solid building blocks of safe, vibrant, livable communities.

He also attended a police outreach at Lake Hills Elementary focusing on a current outbreak of burglaries in the Lake Hills area and tips for keeping the community safe.

14. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Seal moved approval of the April 5, 2011 Summary Minutes as presented. Mr. Gooding seconded the motion which carried with a vote of 3-0.

15. ADJOURNMENT

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

Chair Kasner declared the meeting adjourned at 9:47 p.m.

Michelle Murphy, CMC
Deputy City Clerk