East Bellevue Community Council
Summary Minutes of Regular Meeting

August 2, 2011
6:30 p.m.

Lake Hills Community Clubhouse
Bellevue, Washington

PRESENT: Chair Kasner and Councilmembers Capron, Gooding, and Seal

ABSENT: Vice Chair Elwin

STAFF: Geoff Bradley, Parks
Sally Nichols, Planning and Community Development

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 Vice Chair Elwin. Chair Kasner led the flag salute.

3. COMMUNICATIONS - WRITTEN AND ORAL

Amro Youssef, representing the Islamic Center of the Eastside, described the Center's interest in community outreach and education. Salim Dada explained that the organization began meeting in 1993, and then purchased the current site in 1996. He noted the need for a larger facility to serve the community, and shared his concerns about the City's permitting process.

Responding to Chair Kasner, Mr. Youssef said that the two issues with expanding the facility are parking and traffic impacts. The Center has an agreement with a neighboring church to share parking. However, more parking is needed to support expansion of the facility. The Center's peak attendance is midday on Fridays, when up to 350 people visit for prayer.

Sally Nichols, Land Use Planner, estimated that approximately 300 cars were parked at or near the facility the previous Friday.

Chair Kasner noted that some neighboring businesses have experienced overflow parking.

Responding to the Council, Mr. Dada indicated that the Center owns other parcels in Snohomish County and Redmond. However, a larger Center is needed in Bellevue.

Ms. Nichols noted constraints with the Bellevue site due to the need to provide a sufficient buffer between the surrounding residential land uses.

Mr. Dada questioned whether splitting the one service into two services might be acceptable to the City as a way to mitigate parking impacts.

Ms. Nichols noted that the City has an appeals process.

Chair Kasner thanked the gentlemen for attending to discuss the project.

4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Councilmember Seal moved approval of the agenda, amended to add Item 11(b), Ng Critical Areas Modification (13612 SE 7th Street). Councilmember Gooding seconded the motion, which carried by a vote of 4-0.

5. **PUBLIC HEARING**: None.

6. **RESOLUTIONS**: None.

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

8. **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

(a) Lake Hills Greenbelt-Larsen Lake Management Plan

Geoff Bradley, Environmental Programs Supervisor for the Natural Resource Division/Parks Department, explained that redevelopment of the Kelsey Creek Shopping Center involved an agreement removing the requirement previously placed on the site to daylight the stream under the Center. The agreement allows the developer to provide an environmental mitigation project at a nearby site, and requires the developer to make a payment to the City of approximately $535,000.

Mr. Bradley described the adjacent Larsen Lake/Lake Hills Greenbelt stream restoration project that focuses on stream outlet and channel work. The project includes clearing existing exotic vegetation, applying herbicide, developing wood debris habitat, and installing native plants and mulch. The project also includes monitoring and maintenance for the first three years.

Mr. Bradley said the project will go out for bids by mid-August, and Council approval will be requested in September. Construction is anticipated to begin in September, and the project will be completed in phases. Mr. Bradley explained that the volunteer Master Naturalist Program will likely assist with related project components.

Ms. Nichols clarified that Phase 1 is required through the agreement with the developer, and Phase 2 goes beyond that work.

Mr. Bradley invited Councilmembers to participate in the Lake-to-Lake Greenway Trail Walk on September 17, which extends between the Mercer Slough and Weowna Park.

Responding to Leslee Jaquette, KOMO Communities Reporter, Mr. Kasner explained that the original concomitant agreement for the Kelsey Creek Center site would have required the daylighting of the stream with redevelopment. However, it was determined that it was unrealistic to expect a developer to provide a project that could accommodate a surface stream through the property. The existing culvert will be renovated, and will allow air and light to the stream at specific points.

Staff responded to additional questions of clarification, and the Council discussed the history of the Kelsey Creek Center site and surrounding area.

Chair Kasner thanked staff for the presentation and asked them to provide periodic updates on the project.

9. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**: None.

10. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**: None.

11. **NEW BUSINESS**

(a) Amendment to Community Council Rules of Procedure

Chair Kasner explained that any changes to the Community Council Rules of Procedure must be proposed at one meeting and scheduled for action at a future meeting. He questioned whether the Council was interested in the consideration of an amendment to the Rules of Procedure.

Councilmember Seal moved to consider amending the Community Council Rules of Procedure, and Councilmember Capron seconded the motion. The motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

Mr. Kasner recalled that the Rules of Procedure were adopted on March 1, 2011, by Resolution 517. He proposed amending the Community Council Rules to add a subsection related to attendance and excused absences. The amendment is consistent with state law, which is applied to the City Council. The law states that a Councilmember shall forfeit his or her office by failing to attend three consecutive Council meetings without being excused.

Responding to the Council, Deputy City Clerk Michelle Murphy explained that Resolution 517 repealed the rules previously adopted by Resolution 419. However, Resolution 517 incorrectly referenced Resolution 416 in one instance. The current proposed amendment corrects this error and adds a subsection on attendance and excused absences.

Chair Kasner reiterated that action on the proposed amendment will be scheduled for a future meeting if agreeable to the Council.

Councilmembers concurred with moving the amendment forward for action.

(b) Ng Critical Areas Modification (13612 SE 7th Street)

Councilmember Seal read the description for the Ng Critical Areas Modification project: Land use approval of a Critical Areas Land Use Permit to reduce the 25-foot structure setback from a Type-N Stream and to use buffer averaging in order to construct a new single-family home. The appeal deadline was July 28.

Responding to Mr. Seal, the Clerk said she will request a staff report on the project.

12. CONTINUED COMMUNICATIONS

Councilmember Seal reported that he visited Community Council Vice Chair Elwin. He attended the previous night's City Council meeting, which included a discussion and public comments on the East Link light rail project.

Councilmember Capron said that he toured the Kelsey Creek Center project, which is moving forward according to schedule.

Chair Kasner attended the Lake Hills community picnic. He encouraged Councilmembers to provide updates to their profiles or any other information for the web page to the Clerk.

Responding to Mr. Capron, the Clerk said she will email him the link to the East Bellevue Community Council web page on the City's web site.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

14. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Seal moved to approve the Summary Minutes of the July 5, 2011, meeting, and Councilmember Capron seconded. The motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

15. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Seal moved to adjourn, and Mr. Capron seconded the motion. The motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

Chair Kasner declared the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Michelle Murphy, CMC
Deputy City Clerk

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