East Bellevue Community Council
Summary Minutes of Regular Meeting

January 3, 2012
6:30 p.m.

Lake Hills Community Clubhouse
Bellevue, Washington

PRESENT: Chair Kasner and Councilmembers Capron, Gooding, Hughes[1], and Seal[2]

ABSENT: None.

STAFF: Leah Chulsky, Development Services Division

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m. with Chair Kasner presiding.

2. ROLL CALL

The Clerk called the roll. All East Bellevue Community Councilmembers were present.

Chair Kasner led the flag salute.

3. COMMUNICATIONS - WRITTEN AND ORAL

Sergiv Codreano expressed opposition to the Walmart store coming into the Kelsey Creek Shopping Center. He is concerned about traffic impacts and that the City is subsidizing the project. He said that Walmart is notorious for being destructive to communities by destabilizing the sales of local retailers and failing to provide adequate wages and benefits.

Steve Marquardt said he was distressed to read that a Walmart store might be coming to the Kelsey Creek Shopping Center. He observed that Walmart brings down wages and the standard of living, and adversely impacts existing businesses. He said that when a similar store opened in Chicago, approximately 25 percent of businesses within a three-mile radius ultimately closed. He asked the City to consider whether Walmart would be good for the community.

[1] Mr. Hughes was appointed to the Council later in the meeting.
[2] Councilmembers Gooding and Seal participated via speakerphone.

Elena Perez, representing United Retail Commercial Workers Local 21, said they are the largest private sector union in the state representing more than 38,000 members. She expressed concern that Walmart undermines wage standards, health care benefits, and retirement pensions. The union belongs to the Making Change at Walmart Coalition, whose members include nonprofit organizations, faith-based groups, and human services providers. She invited the Council to an event that the group is hosting at Kelsey Creek Shopping Center on January 5 to educate the public about Walmart.

Chair Kasner thanked the speakers for their comments, noting that the Community Council had not yet verified whether a Walmart store is scheduled to open at Kelsey Creek Center.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Kasner noted that Resolution 522 regarding the conditional use permit (CUP) application of the Boys and Girls Club of Bellevue has been added as agenda item 6(a).

Councilmember Capron moved approval of the Revised Agenda. Mr. Seal seconded the motion, which carried by a vote of 4-0.

5. PUBLIC HEARING

(a) Proposed Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to Operate a Youth Center at 15228 Lake Hills Boulevard

Chair Kasner opened the Public Hearing on the proposed conditional use permit (CUP) of the Boys and Girls Club of Bellevue to operate a youth center at 15228 Lake Hills Boulevard.

Leah Chulsky, Land Use Planner, recalled that a Courtesy Public Hearing on this topic was held before the East Bellevue Community Council on September 6. The City Council adopted Ordinance No. 6033 approving the CUP application, as conditioned by the Hearing Examiner.

Seeing no one wishing to comment, Chair Kasner closed the Public Hearing.

Responding to Chair Kasner, Ms. Chulsky said that the permit language regarding hauling and the use of the right-of-way is a standard condition for any project involving construction work. She noted that the applicant will be completing minor tenant improvements.

Mr. Kasner questioned the absence of any public comment on the project. Ms. Chulsky stated her understanding that the Boys and Girls Club of Bellevue was proactive in notifying and working with the neighborhood regarding the application.

Councilmember Seal said he is pleased to see the noise-related provisions.

6. RESOLUTIONS

(a) Resolution No. 522 of the East Bellevue Community Council approving City Council Ordinance No. 6033 approving the conditional use permit (CUP) application of Boys and Girls Club of Bellevue to operate a youth center at 15228 Lake Hills Boulevard. [File No. 11-119329-LB]

Chair Kasner read Resolution 522 into the Record.

Councilmember Seal moved to adopt Resolution No. 522 approving City Council Ordinance No. 6033. Councilmember Capron seconded the motion, which carried by a vote of 4-0.

[Return to Agenda Item 3 (a) under Oral Communications]

(a) Consideration of Community Council Appointment to Fill Vacant Unexpired Term

Chair Kasner invited the Community Council candidates to introduce themselves.

Daniel Warwick, a senior at Interlake High School, expressed his interest in serving on the Community Council. He noted that he lives near Sammamish High School, and he is interested in the proposed redevelopment of the school. He is interested in transportation planning and land use issues.

Gerald Hughes said he has lived in Bellevue since 1982. He operated a business as a financial planner in Downtown Bellevue for 27 years and is now retired. Mr. Hughes said that he previously acknowledged that Mr. Warwick, as a young man with many years ahead to serve, would be a benefit to the Community Council. He then learned that Daniel might be leaving the area to go to college in the fall, so he decided to continue to pursue the vacant Community Council position.

Councilmember Capron questioned Mr. Warwick's ability to make a long-term commitment to the Council. He would like to enhance the Council's diversity, although he noted that the area's demographics are consistent with the current Community Council membership.

Mr. Warwick said that his application was deferred by Harvard University, meaning that it was neither accepted or rejected. He will know where he will go to college by April/May. He has applied to the University of Washington, as well as other East Coast schools. He said that, if he leaves Bellevue for college, he will continue to focus on and care about the community. He recently volunteered as an intern at City Hall, and he served as a volunteer on the King County Metro Sounding Board to advocate for extending bus route 245 to Hopelink and Sammamish High School. Daniel attended Stevenson Elementary School and Odle Middle School. He attends City Council meetings because he has a strong interest in what is best for the community.

Chair Kasner clarified that this is an appointment to complete an unexpired term, and all of the requirements related to elected positions apply. In April, Councilmembers are required to file public disclosure forms demonstrating income and assets. During an election campaign,

candidates are required to report expenditures and contributions. Although the Community Council meetings are not heavily attended, all of the rules for elected officials are applicable.

Councilmember Gooding observed that, if Daniel were to take office and then later chose to move away for college, it would not be unexpected. Mr. Gooding said that opportunities arise and life can take new directions. However, he does not believe this should exclude Mr. Warwick from serving. Mr. Gooding appreciates Daniel's maturity and enthusiasm, and would welcome a younger citizen on the Council.

Mr. Hughes concurred that it is wonderful to see a young man who is interested in public service. He noted that he raised four children in Bellevue, and now has three grandchildren in Bellevue, one of which attends Interlake High School. He came to the area in the late 1960s to work at Boeing. He was involved with the Rotary for a number of years and served as president of the Lake Washington Technical College Foundation for seven years.

Councilmember Seal nominated Mr. Hughes to fill the vacant Community Council position.

Councilmember Gooding nominated Mr. Warwick to fill the vacant position.

Mr. Hughes was elected for appointment to the Council by a vote of 4-0.

Chair Kasner thanked Daniel for his interest in the Council, and encouraged him to continue to be involved in the community and to attend East Bellevue Community Council meetings.

Mr. Kasner declared a brief recess for the swearing in of the new Councilmember.

The meeting resumed at 7:16 p.m.

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

8. **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**: None.

9. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**: None.

10. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

11. **NEW BUSINESS**: None.

12. **CONTINUED COMMUNICATIONS**: None.

13. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**: None.

14. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Councilmember Seal moved to approve the Summary Minutes of the December 6, 2011, meeting. Councilmember Capron seconded the motion, which carried by a vote of 5-0.

Chair Kasner asked that his recent comments before the City Council be included here for the minutes.

From the Minutes of the November 21, 2011, City Council Regular Session:

4. Reports of Community Council, Boards and Commissions

(a) East Bellevue Community Council Report

Steve Kasner, EBCC Chair, stated his disappointment with the recent election due to the negative and difficult rhetoric it generated. Mr. Kasner noted that former East Bellevue Community Councilmember Richard Erwin moved out of the area, and Bill Capron has been appointed to fill that seat. Mr. Capron owns the Union 76 station at Main Street and 148th Avenue in the Kelsey Creek Center.

Mr. Kasner announced that Michael Elwin, a member of the East Bellevue Community Council, passed away on October 11. He remembered Mr. Elwin as an individual who worked hard for his church and for the community. Mr. Kasner invited citizens to apply for the open Community Council seat and to get involved in their neighborhoods.

Mr. Kasner thanked the City for completing the 145th Place SE extension project in the vicinity of Bellevue College, and for facilitating the Kelsey Creek Center redevelopment and related environmental projects.

Mr. Kasner noted that Diane Carlson, Director of Intergovernmental Relations, recently left the City to work for King County. He encouraged the City to keep in mind, as it fills that position, that what happens at the state and national level is important at the local level as well. Mr. Kasner recalled that House Bill 1812 proposed by the state legislature last year might return during the next session. He requested that legislative briefings to the City Council be forwarded to the East Bellevue Community Council as well.

Noting the constraints on the City's capital budget, Mr. Kasner encouraged the Council to enhance communication with residents regarding the limitations and tradeoffs related to the Capital Investment Program (CIP) Plan.

Mr. Kasner praised the commitment of outgoing Councilmember Grant Degginger and his contributions to making Bellevue a better community.

Mayor Davidson thanked the East Bellevue Community Council for its work. Mr. Kasner noted that the Community Council will monitor the state legislature regarding potential proposals that are similar to the previous year's HB 1812.

Responding to Councilmember Wallace, Mr. Sarkozy said staff will provide the Council with an update on the 145th Place and 148th Avenue projects. Mr. Kasner thanked the City for expediting work on 148th Avenue in front of the Kelsey Creek Center.

15. ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Hughes thanked the Council for his appointment.

At 7:20 p.m., Chair Kasner declared the meeting adjourned.

Michelle Murphy, CMC
Deputy City Clerk

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