

CITY OF BELLEVUE
EAST BELLEVUE COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting
Lake Hills Clubhouse, 15230 Lake Hills Boulevard, Bellevue WA

October 2, 2001, 6:30 PM

Present: Vice Chair Halgren, Councilmembers Lemieux and Seal.

Absent: Mr. Bell and Mr. Keeffe

Staff: Nicholas Matz, Senior Planner

1. Call to Order

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

2. Roll Call

Upon roll call by the Deputy City Clerk, all Councilmembers were present with the exception on Mr. Bell and Mr. Keeffe.

Mr. Halgren led the flag salute.

3. Communications: Written and Oral

Mr. James Eder, 15422 SE 7th Place, spoke regarding the seasonal buried creek at the Lake Hills Shopping Center and periodic flooding experienced. Mr. Lemieux suggested that Mr. Eder seek assistance from the City's Storm Drainage Utility to see what can be done to restore that creek.

Mr. Eder next reported on his attendance at the September 27th Transportation Commission's meeting and his comments regarding Ordinance No. 5308. He asked that the East Bellevue Community Council copy the Transportation Commission on their Disapproval Resolution No. 437A and their letter to the Mayor and City Council dated July 6, 2001. In response, Council declined the request due to the current appeal before the Growth Management Board.

Mr. Eder expressed appreciation to the East Bellevue Community Council for their commitment to the community.

Ms. Ashiem, 710 155th Avenue SE, also expressed her thanks.

4. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Lemieux moved approval of the October 2, 2001 agenda with the addition of item 11(a) Discussion of the November meeting date/location change.

Mr. Halgren requested the addition of 10(a), Discussion of the letter sent August 13 regarding Robinswood Park.

Mr. Seal seconded the agenda as amended. Motion to approve the October 2, 2001 agenda as amended carried 3-0.

5. Courtesy Hearings

- (a) Land Use Code Amendment to codify the processes and decision criteria used for the annual review of the Comprehensive Plan that are required under the Growth Management Act. (Kathleen Burgess/Nicolas Matz, PCD)

Nicholas Matz, Department of Planning and Community Development, made the staff presentation. This Land Use Code Amendment modifies the City's Comprehensive Plan amendment process. The proposal is basically amendments to the text of the Land Use Code. It will include reference to a Procedures Guide to assist in broadly disseminating the Comprehensive Plan Amendment program and identify opportunities for early and continuous public participation. It describes how suggested CPAs are considered by the City.

Mr. Matz stepped through program process, outlining who may make suggestions, how the docket criteria is applied, and identified the reviewing bodies. He briefly reviewed the criteria for evaluating docketing suggestions and continued to explain each phase of the amendment process.

Responding to Mr. Seal, Mr. Matz clarified that to be considered, a suggestion can not refer to a site, or policy or land use issue that has been docketed within the last three years, or at least three years have elapsed from the date of action to change the land use designation of a property. He stated the purpose of this criteria is to ensure neighborhoods of stability in how change is processed and to elongate the change process itself. Although property owners are allowed to suggest site specific changes every year, they might not be considered for a two year period, depending on the docketing cycle. For example, a site specific suggestion comes in, passes the evaluation criteria and makes it onto the docketing list. If it is not the year the City is considering site specific suggestions (done only in the even numbered years) then that proposal waits.

In response to Mr. Halgren, Mr. Matz described the current amendment process.

Responding to Mr. Lemieux, Mr. Matz stated the Planning Commission's role in the CPA amendment process is to hold an initial public hearing and make a recommendation to the City Council as to which of the suggestions qualify under the following categories:

1. Review;
2. No further review;
3. Other work programs; or
4. Defer to 5 year scoping update.

City Council then determines the final review list and remands that list to the Planning Commission for more detailed review, an additional public hearing and final recommendation.

Mr. Lemieux pointed out that following City Council action, Comprehensive Plan Amendments return for final approval/disapproval to the Community Councils whenever said amendment falls within their jurisdictional boundaries.

In response to Mr. Seal, Mr. Matz stated staff reviews the amendment suggestions per the outlined criteria and make recommendations to the Planning Commission.

Mr. Matz anticipated that City Council would act on this proposed legislation at its first November meeting.

Mr. Halgren expressed the inappropriateness of conducting a courtesy public hearing without benefit of review of the draft materials, only just received. He stated his hope that staff could return for an additional courtesy public hearing so that there could be substantive discussion. He expressed disappointment that this matter will not return to the Community Councils until after City Council's final action.

Mr. Matz stated that, although this matter would not return to the Community Council until after City Council action, ample opportunity exists for the Community Councils' to participate at the Planning Commission level.

Responding to Vice Chair Halgren, Mr. Matz stated he would inquire if City Council action could be delayed until their second meeting in November.

In response to Mr. Eder, Mr. Matz stated the proposed process is similar to that used by other jurisdictions that plan under GMA.

Vice Chair Halgren opened the courtesy hearing.

Mr. Eder, 15422 SE 7th Place, expressed no confidence in the amendment process, stating it doesn't work. He stated the need for unbiased legal review and oversight.

Seeing no one further wishing to speak, Mr. Lemieux moved to close the courtesy hearing. Mr. Seal seconded the motion which carried 3-0.

Mr. Seal noted that in Section 20.301.130 (B), the draft proposal omits 'or agent' after 'property owner'. Mr. Matz stated he would make the correction.

Vice Chair Halgren reiterated his request that City Council delay action until their second meeting in November.

In response to Mr. Seal, Mr. Matz clarified Section 20.301.135 regarding public participation.

Vice Chair Halgren expressed his desire that proposals are identified sufficiently for public involvement. He noted the ineffectiveness of noticing via the Blue Bulletin, suggesting area residents receive individual site specific notifications. Mr. Matz explained that the statutory noticing requirements are fulfilled with distribution of the Blue Bulletin.

Agenda Interruption:

11. East Bellevue Community Council November 7th Meeting

Due to building maintenance scheduled for the Lake Hills Community Clubhouse during the week of November 7, 2001, there was Council consensus to change the venue for their

November 7th meeting to the City Council Conference Room at City Hall.

6. **Resolutions** None.
7. **Reports of City Council, Boards and Commissions** None.
8. **Department Reports** None.
9. **Committee Reports**

Vice Chair Halgren reported his attendance at the West Lake Hills Citizen Advisory Committee. Mr. Halgren stated that Mr. Keeffe attended the second meeting for Mr. Bell and that he would attend the third meeting.

10. Unfinished Business

- (a) Letter on Robinswood Park

Vice Chair Halgren reported there has been no response from the City Manager regarding the Community Council's letter of August 13, 2001. He requested that the Community Council send a follow up letter, again asking the question regarding the existence of a Robinswood Park Master Plan. There was Council concurrence.

11. New Business

- (a) November 7 Community Council Meeting Change

Topic discussed prior to Item 6.

12. Continued Communications

Jeffery Hummer, 14541 SE 26th, stated he was attending on behalf to his wife, Betsi Hummer.

13. Executive Session None.

14. Approval Summary Minutes

- (a) September 4, 2001 Summary Regular Meeting Minutes

Mr. Seal moved approval of the September 4, 2001 Summary Regular Minutes. Mr. Lemieux seconded the motion which carried 3-0.

- (b) September 5, 2001 Continued Summary Regular Meeting Minutes

Mr. Lemieux moved approval of the September 5, 2001 Continued Summary Regular Meeting Minutes. He asked that the second full paragraph on page four be appended with the following verbiage:

“Mr. Lemieux noted the potential of a 57.8% increase in floor space under the existing Lake Hills Shopping Center Concomitant Agreement.”

Mr. Seal seconded the motion as amended. The September 5, 2001 Continued Summary Regular Meeting Minutes were approved as amended with a vote of 3-0.

(c) September 19, 2001 Summary Special Meeting Minutes

Mr. Lemieux moved approval of the September 19, 2001 Summary Special Meeting Minutes. Mr. Seal seconded the motion which carried with a vote of 3-0.

15. Adjournment

Upon conclusion of Community Council business, Vice Chair Halgren adjourned the October 2, 2001 Regular Meeting at 7:54 PM.