

East Bellevue Community Council
Summary Minutes of Regular Meeting

September 4, 2007
6:30 p.m.

Lake Hills Community Clubhouse
Bellevue, Washington

PRESENT: Chair Bell, Vice Chair Seal, and Councilmembers Elwin and Kasner

ABSENT: Councilmember Gooding

STAFF: Matt Jackson, Planning and Community Development

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

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

2. **ROLL CALL**

Upon roll call by the Clerk, all Councilmembers except Mr. Gooding were present. Chair Bell led the flag salute.

3. **COMMUNICATIONS - WRITTEN AND ORAL**

Chair Bell noted included in Council's desk packet a copy of a portion of the May 1 meeting minutes summarizing the courtesy hearing on the proposed Hancock/Muren rezone application.

4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mr. Seal added as Agenda Item 11(a), Wolter Short Plat, and 11(b), Baker Short Plat. Mr. Bell added as Agenda Item 10(a), East Bellevue Community Council retreat.

Mr. Kasner moved to approve the agenda, as amended. Mr. Elwin seconded the motion, which carried by a vote of 4-0.

5. **PUBLIC HEARING**

(a) Ordinance No. 5757 – Hancock/Muren Rezone Application

Matt Jackson, Senior Land Use Planner, recalled previous discussion with the Council regarding the Hancock/Muren application to rezone 3.77 acres on 156th Avenue SE from R-1 to R-3.5 (3.5 units per acre) to facilitate future single-family residential development. The matter went before the Hearing Examiner on June 28. The applicants were present, and no one from the community was there to comment. The Hearing Examiner recommended approval of the rezone proposal.

On August 6, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 5757 approving the rezone. Mr. Jackson said staff is asking the East Bellevue Community Council to approve the rezone application as well.

Chair Bell opened the public hearing. No one came forward to comment.

Councilmember Kasner moved to close the public hearing. Councilmember Elwin seconded the motion, which carried by a vote of 4-0.

Mr. Kasner expressed concern regarding what he sees at times as a piecemeal approach to zoning and rezoning, and the resulting loss of trees. Mr. Jackson said 15 percent of the diameter inches of existing trees must be saved when a subdivision is developed. In addition, the Planning Commission and staff are currently reviewing the issue of tree retention associated with redevelopment on single-family lots. This will ultimately be discussed with the City Council.

6. **RESOLUTIONS**

- (a) Resolution 495 approving/disapproving City Ordinance No. 5757

Mr. Seal moved to adopt Resolution 495 approving City Council Ordinance 5757. Mr. Elwin seconded the motion, which carried by a vote of 4-0.

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

8. **DEPARTMENT REPORTS:** None.

9. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:** None.

10. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- (a) EBCC Retreat

Chair Bell noted the draft agenda for the Community Council retreat scheduled for September 19. There was a consensus to rearrange the order of agenda items, with the topic of transportation planning to occur first. Mr. Kasner expressed an interest in the parks discussion in general as well as items specific to the East Bellevue area including Robinswood Park, trail linkages, and pocket parks. Councilmembers concurred and expressed a similar interest in learning Land Use Code processes applicable to the East Bellevue area.

11. **NEW BUSINESS**

- (a) Wolter Short Plat

Mr. Seal noted that he visited the Wolter Short Plat site.

(b) Baker Short Plat.

Mr. Seal requested information from staff regarding the exact location of the Baker Short Plat.

12. **CONTINUED COMMUNICATIONS**

Councilmember Kasner announced the grand opening on October 20 of the Chestnut Hill Academy, a grade school affiliated with Bright Horizon schools.

13. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**: None.

14. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Seal moved to approve the Summary Minutes of the August 7, 2007 meeting. Mr. Elwin seconded the motion, which carried by a vote of 4-0.

15. **ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:09 p.m., Mr. Kasner moved to adjourn, and Mr. Bell seconded the motion. The motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

Chair Bell declared the meeting adjourned.

Michelle Murphy, CMC
Deputy City Clerk

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