

East Bellevue Community Council
Summary Minutes of Regular Meeting

September 7, 2004
6:30 p.m.

Lake Hills Community Clubhouse
Bellevue, Washington

PRESENT: Chair Bell, Vice Chair Keeffe, and Councilmember Eder

ABSENT: Councilmembers Seal and Wiechmann

STAFF: None

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 were present with the exception of Mr. Seal and Ms. Wiechmann. Chair Bell led the flag salute.

3. **COMMUNICATIONS - WRITTEN AND ORAL**

Mr. Eder stated his intent to write a letter to the City pertaining to Comprehensive Plan Policy UD-76 and the preservation, enhancement and interpretation of Bellevue's historical identity. He provide examples of some suggestions for historical acknowledgement. He asked if there was Community Council support for such a letter.

Mr. Keeffe suggested that Mr. Eder present his draft letter to Council for consideration.

4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mr. Eder requested the addition of agenda item 11(a), Minimum Density Land Use Code Amendment.

Mr. Keeffe requested the addition of 11(b), Parking Stall Dimensions; 11(c), Decision Criteria Review; and 11(d), 156th Avenue SE Boardwalk.

Mr. Keeffe moved approval of the agenda as amended. Mr. Eder seconded the motion which carried with a vote of 3-0.

5. **PUBLIC HEARINGS:** None.

6. **RESOLUTIONS:** None.

7. **REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL, BOARDS, AND COMMISSIONS:** None.
8. **DEPARTMENT REPORTS** : None
9. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:** None.
10. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS** : None
11. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - (a) Minimum Density Land Use Code Amendment

Mr. Eder questioned why the Blue Bulletin omitted mention of the East Bellevue Community Council in the approval process. In response, Chair Bell stated that it was probably an inadvertent omission. He assured that any changes such as this to the Land Use Code would be within the Community Council's purview.

Mr. Keeffe commented on the minimum density amendment, stating his concern. He suggested, in consideration of the issue raised by Mr. Eder, that staff be asked to re-notice with the Community Council noted in the approval requirements. Mr. Keeffe asked that the Council note the omission to establish a paper record.

There was Council consensus to ask staff to re-notice the above issue with East Bellevue Community Council's approval authority recognized.

(b) Parking Stall Dimensions

Mr. Keeffe stated his objections to compact parking stalls but would be amenable to reduced stall dimensions for motorcycles.

Mr. Eder noted an article in the newspaper regarding this matter. He stated that staff commented that Bellevue was out of step with the trend towards full size vehicles. On the other side of the coin, developers are concerned with the cost associated with meeting parking stall requirements if more of those stalls must accommodate full size vehicles. Mr. Eder reminded Council that there is no easy solution.

Mr. Keeffe stated that he would add one more thing. He has never seen enforcement with regard to what is occupying compact parking stalls.

(c) Decision Criteria Review

Mr. Keeffe noted that both this topic and the one preceding are annotated in the Blue Bulletin for East Bellevue Community Council approval.

Mr. Keeffe noted a syntax error in the notice establishing the comment deadline in the Blue Bulletin. He submitted that a minimum comment period September 16, 2004 is not a period. The insertion of the word “until” prior to the date would be the correct form. There was Council consensus to bring this grammatical error to the department’s attention.

(d) 156th Avenue SE Boardwalk

Mr. Keeffe noted that this project is outside the Community Council’s area. He questioned the use of a boardwalk versus a sidewalk. In response, Mr. Eder stated that it may be due to the wetland situation in that area.

12. **CONTINUED COMMUNICATIONS**

Mr. Bell announced that he would be out of town for the remainder of September but back in time for the October meeting. Any Community Council business should be referred to Vice Chair Keeffe until his return.

13. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**: None.

14. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Eder moved to approve the August 3, 2004 Regular Meeting Summary Minutes. Mr. Keeffe seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

Mr. Eder moved to approve the August 17, 2004 Special Meeting Summary Minutes. Mr. Keeffe seconded the motion.

Mr. Keeffe noted for the record that although he was not in attendance at the August 17, 2004 Special Meeting, he studiously reviewed the meeting materials and carefully read the summary minutes.

The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

15. **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Keeffe moved to adjourn the meeting, and Mr. Eder seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

At 7:08 p.m., Chair Bell declared the meeting adjourned.

Michelle Murphy, CMC
Deputy City Clerk

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