

East Bellevue Community Council
Summary Minutes of Regular Meeting

November 3, 2004
6:30 p.m.

Lake Hills Community Clubhouse
Bellevue, Washington

PRESENT: Chair Bell, Vice Chair Keeffe, and Councilmembers Eder, Seal and Wiechmann

STAFF: Cheryl Kuhn, Neighborhood Outreach Manager
Drew Folsom, Associate Planner

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 Deputy City Clerk, all Councilmembers were present¹. Chair Bell led the flag salute.

3. **COMMUNICATIONS - WRITTEN AND ORAL**

Mr. Eder reported on the recent remodel of the Lake Hills Library; new crosswalk system on 156th Avenue; and, City's expenditures for Human Services.

In addition, Mr. Eder reported on remedies to prevent harassment phone calls.

4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Chair Bell polled the Council for additions to the published agenda.

Mr. Keeffe requested the addition of the recent Supreme Court decision under Unfinished Business.

Mr. Eder requested the additions of meeting noticing and East Bellevue's neighborhood liaison under Unfinished Business.

Ms. Wiechmann asked to add a flyer regarding minimum wage labor on a Bellevue School District project.

Chair Bell noted the addition of the Neighborhood Investment Strategy Update under Department Reports.

Mr. Keeffe moved approval of the agenda as amended. Mr. Eder seconded the motion which carried with a vote of 5-0.

¹ Mrs. Wiechmann arrived at 6:36 pm.

5. **PUBLIC HEARINGS:** None.
6. **RESOLUTIONS:** None.
7. **REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL, BOARDS, AND COMMISSIONS:**
 - a) Wilson Short Plat at 225 140th Avenue NE

Drew Folsom, Department of Planning and Community Development, reported that a 2-lot short subdivision had been submitted by Bill Wilson. The property is a .91 acre lot, currently developed with a single-family residence. The applicant has indicated that they will be retaining the residence. Access to the short plat is proposed to be off 140th Avenue NE via a private easement (NE 2nd Place). This property is zoned R-2.5 and is designate single-family, medium density in the Wilburton/NE 8th Street Subarea Comprehensive Plan. The minimum comment period ends on November 12, 2004.

Mr. Folsom stated that this application meets all applicable dimensional criteria, noting that the front yard setback is twenty feet.

In response to Mr. Keeffe, Mr. Folsom explained the asterisk designation next to the lot area denotes the option to lot size average. In retrospect, Mr. Folsom stated that he would remove the designation from this application. Continuing to respond to Mr. Keeffe, Mr. Folsom confirmed the identified easements.

Chair Bell questioned the impact of the proposed minimum density requirement on this short plat. Mr. Folsom stated that he was fairly confident that a minimum density requirement would not apply to this application as there is no way to create more than two lots from this property.

- b) Neighborhood Investment Strategy Update

Cheryl Kuhn, Department of Planning and Community Development, provided a brief background of the Neighborhood Outreach Program, its mission and core programs.

She explained the purpose of the Neighborhood Liaison Program, stating that Patricia Knight is the liaison for the East Bellevue Community Council area.

Ms. Kuhn stated that Outreach has been an evolving program, changing with the needs of the community. She noted that, as the programs began to change, resources were refocused. Previously all neighborhood programs were based on equity, treating all areas the same. In 2001 focus shifted to target problem solving via the Neighborhood Investment Strategy and addressing one neighborhood at a time. The Neighborhood Investment Strategy pilot was West Lake Hills. She updated Council on current project status.

Ms. Kuhn next provided a brief overview of the upcoming Neighborhood Investment Strategy Phase 2 and discussed the implications of related census data with Council.

Mr. Eder explained his reason for inviting Ms. Kuhn to tonight's meeting. He stated that he had hoped to influence the establishment of a community square in the East Bellevue Community Council area. Responding, Ms. Kuhn explained that the neighborhood gathering places referenced in the Neighborhood Investment Strategy toolkit is only one idea among a list of ideas that could potentially invigorate older neighborhoods. She stated the toolkit was developed in response to the community's sense of vulnerability and is under City Council consideration.

There was Council discussion with Ms. Kuhn regarding the changing demographics and challenges faced in the Lake Hills area.

8. **DEPARTMENT REPORTS** : None.

9. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**: None.

10. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS** :

(a) Recent Supreme Court Decision

Mr. Keeffe pointed out the notice in the Blue Bulletin regarding the repeal of the neighborhood shopping center exemption of the Traffic Standards Code. He requested a staff update on the status of the repeal at the December meeting.

Mr. Seal noted that there was a small article in the King County Journal regarding the Supreme Court decision related to the above.

Chair Bell stated that next week the Community Council's It's Your City article is due. He reported that Mr. Eder has authored an article which he has expanded to include information regarding this case.

(b) Meeting Notices in the Newspaper

Mr. Keeffe stated notice of the Community Council meeting appeared in the Tuesday newspaper.

Mr. Eder stated his view that there may be a bias against the Community Council by the King County Journal management because of the Community Council's adversarial relationship with the City. He suggested that to ensure meeting notices are published, a budget be established to pay for such noticing.

Chair Bell stated that Community Council public hearing legal notices are published and paid for by the City Department bringing the matter forward. The Clerk noted, in addition, Community Council meetings are noticed on the Community Council's webpage and mailed to the Crossroads Mini City Hall and both Bellevue libraries for posting.

11. **NEW BUSINESS:**

(a) Neighborhood Liaison

Chair Bell stated that, in the past, he had invited the then Lake Hills Liaison, Alex O'Reilly, to attend a Community Council meeting but that she regrettably had previous commitments on Tuesday nights. He noted that the Neighborhood Liaison Program is staffed by volunteer City employees, above and beyond their full-time jobs. He reported that Patricia Knight has represented this area as the Liaison for the last couple of years.

Mr. Eder asked that Council invite Ms. Knight to attend an upcoming meeting to provide information regarding the Liaison Program activities in the Community Council area.

(b) Flyer Regarding Minimum Wage

Ms. Wiechmann reported on a flyer she received claiming a contractor working on a Bellevue School District construction project was violating state minimum wage law. She asked that copies of the flyer be distributed to Council.

12. **CONTINUED COMMUNICATIONS**

(a) Minimum Density Land Use Code Amendment

Mr. Keeffe noted the staff had calculated density using the 4700 square foot lot size at 9.2 units. He stated that the rounding was incorrect and should have been 9.268 or 9.3 units.

(b) 140th Avenue NE Project Update

Mr. Seal noted this project is outside the Community Council area.

Chair Bell stated that he believed that this project is an extension to the project completed by Redmond.

Chair Bell reported that it appears that the West Lake Hills Citizen Advisory Committee project recommendations related to SE 16th and 145th Place are still in the proposed budget.

13. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None.

14. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Ms. Wiechmann moved to approve the October 5, 2004 Regular Meeting Summary Minutes. Mr. Seal seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

15. **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Seal moved to adjourn the meeting, and Chair Bell seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

At 8:50 p.m., Chair Bell declared the meeting adjourned.

Submitted by:

Michelle Murphy, CMC
Deputy City Clerk