

East Bellevue Community Council
Summary Minutes of Regular Meeting

March 1, 2016
6:30 p.m.

Lake Hills Clubhouse
Bellevue, Washington

PRESENT: Chair Capron, Councilmember Kasner, Councilmember Gooding,
Councilmember Hughes, Vice Chair Hummer

ABSENT: None.

STAFF: None.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m. with Chair Capron presiding.

2. **ROLL CALL**

The Deputy City Clerk called the roll. All Councilmembers were present.

3. **FLAG SALUTE**

Chair Capron led the flag salute.

4. **COMMUNICATIONS: WRITTEN AND ORAL**

Steve Fricke requested an update on the litigation with Puget Sound Energy (PSE) regarding the Lake Hills Transmission Line project. Chair Capron said there might be information to share following the Community Council's Executive Session later in the evening.

Mike Richardson noted an article in today's newspaper regarding PSE's Energize Eastside project. It indicates that the purpose of the project is to carry power to Canada. He feels the project is not in the best interest of the Bellevue community. He questioned whether the power capacity is needed.

Chair Capron said the Energize Eastside project does not fall under the Community Council's jurisdiction.

Chair Capron thanked everyone for their comments and concerns.

5. REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

(a) Community Council Business and New Initiatives

Vice Chair Hummer reported that she attended two City Council meetings. She participated in a presentation of comments to the City Council with Chair Capron.

Councilmember Hughes said he attended a meeting regarding PSE's Energize Eastside project. Richard Lauckhart, a former PSE executive and current consultant for the Coalition of Eastside Neighborhoods for Sensible Energy (CENSE), provided a presentation. Mr. Hughes said the first phase of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) review is underway.

Mr. Hughes commented on traffic congestion in the neighborhood. He said he attended the Lake Washington Institute of Technology open house. He attend the Lake Hills Neighborhood Association meeting, which had approximately 50 people in attendance. Mr. Hughes encouraged residents to attend the next Lake Hills Neighborhood Association meeting on April 14. The topic will be housing, and Bellevue College will provide a presentation.

Councilmember Kasner said he attended a number of meetings. A presentation on traffic and potential solutions was provided by Bill Bryant, Port Commissioner, during the Eastside Transportation Association (ETA) meeting. Mr. Kasner attended the neighborhood outreach community leaders forum and the City's cultural competency training. He attended CENSE-sponsored meetings regarding electrical energy projects.

Mr. Kasner said the City Manager has agreed to attend the April 14 meeting of the Lake Hills Neighborhood Association.

Chair Capron said he attended the City Council meeting to submit the Community Council's request for necessary expenses.

6. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Vice Chair Hummer moved to approve the agenda, amended to add an Executive Session for 30 minutes to discuss one item of pending litigation. Councilmember Kasner seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

7. DEPARTMENT REPORTS: None.

8. PUBLIC/COURTESY HEARINGS: None.

9. RESOLUTIONS: None.

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS: None.

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(a) Discussion of Potential Community Council Retreat

Chair Capron opened discussion regarding whether to hold a Community Council Retreat. He observed that additional agenda items could be accommodated during the regular meetings, without the need for a special meeting/retreat. He suggested a discussion about the objective and role of the Community Council. He noted that, under the Charter, the Community Council is structured to be more reactive than proactive.

Councilmember Kasner said the Community Council has discussed this for seven months. He noted that the EBCC meets monthly and the Lake Hills Neighborhood Association meets quarterly, but there are no interactions between the two bodies. He said there are other neighborhood associations within East Bellevue. He suggested a future discussion about community outreach.

Chair Capron invited the LHNA Board and members to attend the EBCC meetings. He noted that meeting minutes are available as well.

Vice Chair Hummer suggested holding special meetings over the next few months, beginning at 5:00 p.m. before the regular meetings, to address specific retreat topics.

Mr. Kasner said there might be a conflict with the Boys and Girls Clubs programs in the afternoon. He noted that the Houghton Community Council in Kirkland periodically holds its meetings in different neighborhoods within its jurisdictional boundaries.

City Councilmember Robertson, liaison to the Community Council, said retreats allow less structured discussions and a free flow of ideas and visioning.

Councilmember Kasner said he would be absent from the April meeting and that Mr. Hughes would be absent in May. Mr. Kasner said he would like to talk about the Capital Investment Program (CIP) budget. He would like the EBCC to discuss how to solicit input from the community.

Councilmember Gooding questioned whether Mr. Kasner would be interested in providing updates to the Lake Hills Neighborhood Association.

Vice Chair Hummer moved that the East Bellevue Community Council hold special meetings at 5:00 p.m., before the 6:30 p.m. regular meetings, over the next three months to discuss special retreat topics. Councilmember Hughes seconded the motion.

The Community Council identified potential retreat topics:

- Objective of East Bellevue Community Council (i.e., role, proactive versus reactive, community outreach, and relationship to Lake Hills Neighborhood Association).
- CIP project list and update by Transportation staff.
- Sound Transit 3 package.

The motion to hold three special meetings over the next three months to discuss retreat topics carried unanimously.

Councilmember Kasner said he would participate telephonically for the April special meeting.

12. **NEW BUSINESS**

(a) Potential Future Agenda Items *[No discussion]*

- National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit
- Shoreline Master Program *[Pending review by the State Department of Ecology.]*
- Subarea Plan Update
- Affordable Housing Update
- Group Homes/Adult Family Homes/Skilled Nursing Facilities Presentation

Chair Capron noted the Council's interest in information on the CIP program and budget process. He said there will be a staff presentation on Puget Sound Energy's Energize Eastside project in the coming months.

Vice Chair Hummer requested an update in May regarding the City's enforcement efforts and outcomes related to the single-family room rental regulations.

(b) Diversity Advantage Presentation

Terry Smith, Assistant Director of the Parks and Community Services Department, provided a presentation on the City's Diversity Advantage Plan. He introduced the Diversity Advantage staff team:

- Elaine Acacio, Diversity and Inclusion Administrator
- Jennifer Mechem, ADA/Title VI Administrator
- Mark Manuel, Diversity Outreach and Engagement Administrator.

Staff said the City Council identified 60 recommendations adopted in the Diversity Initiative on December 8, 2014, which are categorized into six focus areas: Cultural Competence, Human Services, Public Safety, Education, Economic Development, and Civic Engagement.

Staff responded to questions from the Community Council. The full Diversity Advantage report and list of focus areas, priorities, and recommended actions are provided in the meeting packet.

13. **CONTINUED COMMUNICATIONS:** None.

14. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 8:07 p.m., Chair Capron declared recess to Executive Session for approximately 30 minutes to discuss one item of pending litigation.

The meeting resumed at 8:39 p.m.

15. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

(a) Summary Regular Meeting Minutes of February 2, 2016

Councilmember Kasner moved to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2016 Regular Meeting, and Chair Capron seconded the motion. The motion carried by a vote of 4-0, with Vice Chair Hummer temporarily away from the table.

(b) Summary Special Meeting Minutes of February 16, 2016

Councilmember Kasner moved to approve the minutes of the February 16, 2016 Special Meeting, and Councilmember Gooding seconded the motion. The motion carried by a vote of 4-0, with Vice Chair Hummer temporarily away from the table.

16. **ADJOURNMENT**

At 8:41 p.m., Vice Chair Hummer moved to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously, and Chair Capron declared the meeting adjourned.

Charmaine Arredondo
Deputy City Clerk

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