

East Bellevue Community Council
Summary Minutes of Regular Meeting

December 2, 2014
6:30 p.m.

Lake Hills Boys & Girls Club
Bellevue, Washington

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

ABSENT: None

STAFF: Michael Bergstrom

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 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**

None.

5. **REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

(a) Community Council Business and New Initiatives

Councilmember Hummer went to the Eastside Transportation Association meeting and learned that more money is being spent on light rail than what was originally anticipated.

Councilmember Gooding listened to the president of the Port of Seattle and port authority members at an alumni event he attended. It was a very interesting presentation. The Port of Seattle is merging with Port of Tacoma.

Chair Capron offered an update on the crosswalk that has been previously requested. The update is on the list for completion as a high priority project and is at 50% design. There is funding placed in the budget and the city expects to have resources for construction in early summer. Also, Chair Capron spoke with Brian Franklin regarding the fence at Kelsey Creek. Key Bank needs to be contacted to repair the blown down fence.

Councilmember Kasner appeared at the budget hearing on November 17 to speak to City Council about the proposed budget. The items of interest to EBCC were approved. There was a discussion at the end about deferring some projects so that the city would not have to borrow so much money. However, in the end the final budget includes a 2% property tax increase in 2015 and a proposed 1% increase in 2016. Councilmember Kasner also attended the ETA meeting where they talked about Sound Transit funding. Out of the original 80 mile project, only 34 miles have been built. They are currently asking for ST3 funding, but it showed that it was very unlikely to be used for ST3. The money would likely go to finish funding ST2. Councilmember Kasner also heard a presentation on the Affordable Care Act. He also met with Oscar del Moro today. Mr. Del Moro apologized for not getting back to people quickly. He promised to get on the January or February agenda to update everyone on the Lake Hills Shopping Center. He is hoping to have a soft grand-opening by May or June of 2015.

Councilmember Hughes has been out on a tour of the area with Chair Capron. He noted that he has seen a lot of articles lately and has sent them to Mayor Balducci and Councilmember Robinson. One article was about a corporate benefit to employees where they pay a good portion for converting to solar energy. It reduces the demand for energy in the whole system and will keep the rates down for everyone.

Councilmember Kasner thanked Mr. Bergstrom for his contributions to the City over the years and specifically for his work with the EBCC. Mr. Bergstrom will be retiring on January 6, 2015.

6. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilmember Kasner moved to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Chair Capron and passed unanimously.

7. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

None.

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- (a) Public Hearing to Consider Approving City Council Ordinance No. 6197 Relating to Land Use Code Clean-Up Amendments

Michael Bergstrom presented the staff report. He noted that the Ordinance covers mostly outdated or incorrect references and gets them up to date. There were some questions at the courtesy hearing regarding clarification on proposed definitions of floor area ratio and definition of kitchen. Those questions have been addressed in the staff report.

Chair Capron opened the public hearing.

Councilmember Kasner questioned regarding the parking for movie theaters. He noted that the parking spaces per total seats is the same. It appears to him that it does not matter the size of the facility.

Mr. Bergstrom responded that the change in that section was only to remove the footnote. No other changes were made to that particular section.

Councilmember Kasner noted that there is no “blue tarp” rule in the EBCC jurisdiction.

Mr. Bergstrom responded that again, the only changes here were the references to the RCW’s.

Councilmember Hummer questioned what is different about the transition area section on page 15.

In response, Mr. Bergstrom noted the change was regarding the building heights. He noted that this change came about due to an incident occurring by Newport high school. There is a building that wants to redevelop and it is surrounded by single family zoning. Whatever is built there has to comply with transition area requirements. City Council determined that the fix for this situation was not through a Comprehensive Plan amendment but was through clarifying the intent of transition areas.

Hearing no further comments, Chair Capron closed the public hearing.

(b) Public Hearing to Consider Approving City Council Ordinance No. 6190 Relating to Land Use Code Amendment - Camp and Conference Center Land Use District

Mr. Bergstrom presented the staff report. The Planning Commission and City Council made no revisions to the Ordinance since it last came before EBCC on a Courtesy Hearing. The Ordinance was unanimously well received.

Councilmember Hummer questioned if the store space could be considered a mini-mall.

Mr. Bergstrom responded that they can only have a total of 10k feet. The uses of that nature have to be subordinate to the main use. The main use is the conference center and structures. The next line is subordinate uses such as a bookstore or gift shop.

Councilmember Hummer questioned if childcare services could be run separately.

In response, Mr. Bergstrom said that the childcare service could be run separately.

Councilmember Hummer said she was surprised by the mention of religious activities and questioned what those activities entail.

Mr. Bergstrom noted that the religious activities are part of their theme. It is a faith based activity so they spelled out the religious activities.

Mr. Bergstrom also noted that SAMBICA will have to go through a rezone process after this.

Hearing no further comment, Chair Capron closed the public hearing.

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9. RESOLUTIONS

(a) Resolution No. 544

Councilmember Kasner moved to approve Resolution No. 544. Councilmember Hughes seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

(b) Resolution No. 545

Councilmember Kasner moved to approve Resolution No. 545. Councilmember Hughes seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

12. NEW BUSINESS

(a) Potential Future Agenda Items

13. CONTINUED COMMUNICATIONS

Don Boettiger asked if Councilmembers could look into what is happening with the old Maple Leaf restaurant. They appeared to be open but then closed again.

14. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

15. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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Councilmember Kasner moved to approve the minutes. Councilmember Hummer seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

16. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Capron adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Charmaine Arredondo
Deputy City Clerk