

East Bellevue Community Council
Summary Minutes of Regular Meeting

June 3, 2008
6:30 p.m.

Lake Hills Community Clubhouse
Bellevue, Washington

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

ABSENT: Councilmember Gooding

STAFF: Toni Pratt, Planning and Community Development
Nicholas Matz, 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**: None.

4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Councilmember Seal added item 11(a), 145th Place SE project.

Chair Bell added item 11(b), Kelsey Creek Shopping Center Rezone.

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

5. **COURTESY PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- (a) Administrative Conditional Use Application - St. Louise Parish School Master Plan

Toni Pratt, Senior Land Use Planner, described the conditional use application submitted by St. Louise Parish to upgrade its existing school through a phased modernization project. This is a

Process II application that involves staff review and does not require a public hearing. The Director of Planning and Community Development makes the decision on the application.

Kevin Broderick, Broderick Architects, distributed handouts and described the proposed project. The school currently houses 450 students and that will not change. The existing buildings were built in the early 1960s, and the master plan involves replacing the buildings. Mr. Broderick described the layout of the site. Phase 1 constructs a new school building. If funds are available, Phase 2 will extend the classroom wing. Phase 3 removes the existing portable buildings and creates additional parking and a play area. Phase 4 represents a classroom addition, and Phase 5 is a small addition to the church building.

Chair Bell opened the courtesy public hearing.

Seeing no one wishing to comment, Vice Chair Kasner moved to close the public hearing. Mr. Elwin seconded the motion, which carried by a vote of 4-0.

Mr. Broderick continued his review and provided additional details on each project phase. Construction is slated to begin in June 2009.

Responding to Chair Bell, Ms. Pratt said the project involves demolishing 35,000 square feet of existing structure and replacing it with a two-story building. She noted that any type of redevelopment in a residential district requires the administrative conditional use process.

Mr. Broderick responded to questions of clarification regarding the conceptual plans.

Responding to Vice Chair Kasner, Mr. Broderick said his firm held a neighborhood meeting in January to discuss the project. All residents within 500 feet of the site were invited, and approximately 15 attended. Some of the adjacent residents expressed concern about traffic and parking. The administrative conditional use hearing was held at City Hall, and no residents attended to testify.

Chair Bell thanked staff for the presentation.

6. **RESOLUTIONS:** None.

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

8. **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

- (a) Bellevue Redmond Overlake Transportation Study (BROTS) Successor Interlocal Agreement

Nicholas Matz, Senior Planner, introduced Sue Barclift, a planning intern who will be assisting staff in work associated with the BROTS agreement.

Mr. Matz referred the Council to informational materials beginning on page 5 of the meeting packet regarding the development of the Bellevue Redmond Overlake Transportation Study (BROTS) successor Interlocal Agreement. The current BROTS agreement was established in 1999 to enable Bellevue and Redmond to cooperatively manage congestion and address transportation issues in the Overlake area.

Mr. Matz described the BROTS East Bellevue Study Area, which is a new component under review as part of the effort to update the BROTS Interlocal Agreement. The study will analyze transportation facilities needs in East Bellevue, as they relate to development in the Bel-Red and Overlake areas.

Mr. Matz referred to Resolution No. 7665 [Page 21 of the meeting packet], approved by the City Council on December 10, 2007, and expressing the City's intent to enter into a successor BROTS Interlocal Agreement. Attachment 2 in the packet [Page 9] is the original list of projects from the 1999 BROTS Interlocal Agreement. Attachment 4 indicates the current status of the projects.

Mr. Matz reviewed traffic and growth patterns in the East Bellevue and Overlake areas. Staff is seeking input from the East Bellevue Community Council as the BROTS successor agreement is developed. Mr. Matz said that projects in the agreement will relate to the Transportation Facilities Plan, and code amendments are not anticipated. The agreement will be negotiated between the Bellevue and Redmond City Councils.

Mr. Matz responded to questions concerning expected growth. He noted there are no proposals to add lanes to existing arterials.

Responding to Mr. Bell, Mr. Matz said the original BROTS agreement identified a maximum development of 15.4 million square feet in the Overlake area, with 12.3 million square feet of this development expected to occur in Redmond. Most of this development has been accomplished. Mr. Matz explained that Redmond's Overlake area has been designated as an urban center. The successor BROTS agreement will reflect newly established development caps, which will take this designation into consideration.

Responding to Mr. Kasner, Mr. Matz said Redmond's downtown is designated as an urban center as well. Redmond's Overlake area was formerly designated as a manufacturing-industrial center.

Vice Chair Kasner encouraged a strong focus on neighborhood livability strategies including traffic calming measures, neighborhood amenities, sidewalks, and streetscape improvements.

Councilmembers discussed concerns regarding pedestrian and bicycle safety.

Mr. Matz responded to additional questions from the Council.

Responding to Mr. Kasner, Mr. Matz said the two arterials most affected by trips starting or ending outside of Bellevue are West Lake Sammamish Parkway and 140th Avenue. Travel on 156th Avenue is more likely to represent local trips by residents.

Mr. Matz asked Councilmembers to submit additional input as it arises.

9. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:** None.

10. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

11. **NEW BUSINESS**

(a) 145th Place SE Project

Councilmember Seal discussed safety concerns to be addressed by the 145th Place SE project, which will include lighting and landscaping enhancements as well.

Chair Bell recalled that the original intent of the project was to provide improvements between NE 8th Street and the connection to 148th Avenue that were similar to those previously completed along 140th. The project scope was later adjusted to complete smaller segments over time.

Chair Bell requested that staff provide a briefing to the Council at a future meeting.

(b) Kelsey Creek Shopping Center (Costco Rezone Application)

Chair Bell suggested holding an additional Courtesy Public Hearing regarding the Kelsey Creek Shopping Center/Costco rezone proposal in August. Mr. Kasner expressed concern that community participation might be low at that time of year. Noting a majority in favor, Mr. Bell asked the Clerk to schedule the hearing for August.

Referring back to the BROTS successor Interlocal Agreement, Chair Bell asked the Clerk to schedule a discussion for the July meeting in order for the Community Council to draft comments and input to be submitted to staff.

12. **CONTINUED COMMUNICATIONS**

Mr. Bell reported that a community event was held on the previous Saturday to celebrate the new 140th Avenue art project.

Mr. Elwin attended the grand re-opening of the Samena Club.

13. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None.

14. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** None.

15. **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Kasner moved to adjourn the meeting, and Mr. Elwin seconded the motion. The motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

At 8:17 p.m., Chair Bell declared the meeting adjourned.

Michelle Murphy, CMC
Deputy City Clerk

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