

East Bellevue Community Council
Summary Minutes of Regular Meeting

July 1, 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: Marina Arakelyan, Transportation
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**

Chair Bell read an email from Councilmember Gooding requesting an excused absence for tonight's meeting while he is on vacation.

Councilmember Seal moved to excuse Mr. Gooding's absence. Mr. Elwin seconded the motion, which carried by a vote of 4-0.

4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Councilmember Seal added item 11(a), Puget Sound Energy Gas Main - Lake Hills Connector/SE 8th Street.

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:** None.

6. **RESOLUTIONS:** None.

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

8. **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

(a) 145th Place SE Project

Marina Arakelyan, Sr. Project Manager, provided an update on the 145th Place SE project. Improvements to 145th Place SE and SE 22nd Street were identified as a high priority in 2002 by the West Lake Hills Citizen Advisory Committee working with the Neighborhood Investment Strategy (NIS) program. Preliminary design was completed in 2005, and the project was split into two phases. Phase I, 145th Place SE from SE 8th Street to SE 16th Street, was completed in May 2007.

Phase II (145th Place SE from SE 16th Street to SE 24th Street, and SE 22nd Street from 145th Place SE to 156th Avenue SE) was funded in the 2007-2013 Capital Investment Program (CIP) Plan. Phase II is currently in preliminary design, and construction is slated to begin in spring 2009. Ms. Arakelyan reviewed the project scope which includes left-turn lanes, striped bike lanes, and curb, gutter and sidewalk at some locations.

Responding to Chair Bell, Ms. Arakelyan described crosswalk location options for the school and church.

Ms. Arakelyan reviewed an aerial map of the project area with the Council, and responded to questions of clarification.

Responding to Mr. Kasner, Ms. Arakelyan said the majority of the project will be constructed in 2009, although some items will be left for completion in 2010. She said some right-of-way issues still need to be worked out.

Mr. Bell feels sidewalks are a true community asset, noting that he sees many more people walking after sidewalks are added to specific areas.

9. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:** None.

10. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

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

Chair Bell recalled the staff presentation to the Community Council in June regarding the Bellevue Redmond Overlake Transportation Study (BROTS) Successor Interlocal Agreement, which is being developed by the City of Bellevue and the City of Redmond.

Mr. Kasner suggested that neighborhood livability should be emphasized equally with managing traffic impacts.

Mr. Seal would like to see improvements to SR 520 and I-405 that would relieve traffic on surface streets. He is concerned about the increased level of development to occur in Redmond's Overlake area.

Following additional discussion, Chair Bell noted a Council consensus that freeways should be improved and expanded to mitigate traffic impacts in and around neighborhoods.

The Community Council reviewed materials regarding the BROTS successor agreement, including a memo to the Council from Senior Planner Nicholas Matz and a document outlining the framework of principles being used by the two cities in developing the agreement.

Chair Bell recalled neighborhood meetings in 1991 in which residents communicated that they did not want improved mobility that would increase traffic flow through surface streets and neighborhoods. However, residents were supportive of safety improvements.

Councilmembers continued to discuss their concerns about neighborhood traffic impacts. With regard to the memo from Mr. Matz, Councilmembers concur with the objectives of directing regional trips that do not begin or end in Bellevue to the regional transportation system, and identifying strategies to minimize cut-through traffic in neighborhoods. Councilmembers were skeptical about the possibility of decreasing the number of single-occupancy vehicle trips. They are not in favor of lane widening, due in part to concerns about the impacts on individual property owners.

Chair Bell will draft a memo summarizing the Community Council's position.

11. **NEW BUSINESS**

- (a) Puget Sound Energy Gas Main - Lake Hills Connector/SE 8th Street

Councilmember Seal noted Puget Sound Energy's plans to work on SE 8th Street/Lake Hills Connector from 148th Avenue SE toward the west.

12. **CONTINUED COMMUNICATIONS**

Chair Bell suggested discussing the Costco development application at the September meeting, prior to the matter going before the Hearing Examiner in late September.

13. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**: None.

14. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Vice Chair Kasner moved to approve the Summary Minutes of the May 6, 2008, East Bellevue Community Council meeting. Councilmember Elwin seconded the motion, which carried by a vote of 4-0.

Mr. Kasner moved to approve the Summary Minutes of the June 3, 2008, East Bellevue Community Council meeting. Mr. Elwin seconded the motion, which carried by a vote of 4-0.

15. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

At 8:15 p.m., Chair Bell declared the meeting adjourned.

Michelle Murphy, CMC
Deputy City Clerk

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