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EAST BELLEVUE COMMUNITY MUNICIPAL CORPORATION
OF THE CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON

Resolution No. 246

A RESOLUTION of the East Bellevue Community Council approving City Council Resolution No. 4921, amending the Comprehensive Plan by adoption of a new Urban Design Element as Chapter 21.Q to the Comprehensive Plan of the City of Bellevue

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Bellevue, Washington did pass Resolution No. 4921, amending the Comprehensive Plan by adoption of a new Urban Design Element as Chapter 21.Q to the Comprehensive Plan of the City of Bellevue on September 8, 1987; and

WHEREAS, the subject matter of said Resolution falls within the jurisdiction of the East Bellevue Community Council pursuant to RCW 35.14.040; and

WHEREAS, following a public hearing before the East Bellevue Community Council on October 6, 1987 the Community Council did vote to approve Bellevue Resolution No. 4921,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Community Council of the East Bellevue Community Municipal Corporation of the City of Bellevue:

Section 1: The Findings, Conclusions and Conditions adopted by the Bellevue City Council relative to Resolution No. 4921 are hereby adopting by the East Bellevue Community Council as though fully set forth.

Section 2: The comments expressed at the East Bellevue Community Council meeting of January 6, 1987 (see attachment #1) are reaffirmed herein as though fully set forth.

Section 3: Resolution No. 4921 of the Bellevue City Council is hereby approved.

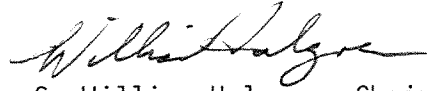
Section 4: The Clerk is hereby directed to certify the original of this Resolution, to file the same and to keep the same on file in her office. The Clerk is further directed to distribute conformed copies of this Resolution to the Bellevue City Council, the Bellevue Planning Department, and the Department of Design and Development.

PASSED by a majority vote of the East Bellevue Community Council on

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the 6th day of October, 1987 and signed in authentication of its passage
on this 4th day of November, 1987.

(SEAL)



S. William Halgren, Chairman

ATTEST:



Sharon Mattioli
Deputy City Clerk

ATTACHMENT #1

Excerpt of Minutes of East Bellevue Community Council meeting of January 6, 1987.

11. NEW BUSINESS

(a) Urban Design Element of the Comprehensive Plan

Mark Hinshaw, Urban Planner, used slides to demonstrate the four sections of the Urban Design Element, which has been developed to complete the Comprehensive Plan and address several City Council priorities. The Urban Design Element was drafted by a Design Advisory Committee of interested and qualified Bellevue residents who have met for six months. The draft will be forwarded to the Planning Commission later this month, he added.

The slides illustrated various design concepts grouped under four headings: Community Image, Places and Focal Points, Corridors and Connections, and Edges and Transitions. Mr. Hinshaw explained the design values in the Urban Design Element, which take the approach of Bellevue as "a city in a park". He emphasized the importance of open space in the City for both active and passive uses and open areas in commercial developments.

After the presentation, Mr. Kranzler made the following comments:

You're picking up on the theme which sounds very nice, and I like the theme of "a City within a Park". Certainly that's a very important idea. It creates a beautiful image in our minds when we say that. But looking from where my constituents are in this part of the City, I see the City as being more. And it's been a classic kind of an issue between the City and the East Bellevue and Sammamish Councils--and that is that we're really not a City within a park. We are an emerging City, emerging metropolitan area, within an older, established neighborhood. I think that we need to address the issue of a new emerging city being a good neighbor with the existing neighborhood.

I heard you address several components that I think directly do have that effect. I think that it's important to make that distinction because at some point in time, we're going to see, (as we have a planner here from Palo Alto, California and he can tell you, or from Concord, or places that I've had some experience with) where the residents and the City staff and the development community went along for a long time and for some reason, with some particular cataclysmic event, all of a sudden, we ended up at odds. And I can see that potentially occurring here, where the residents have

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felt that not enough has been addressed to meet their needs. This is a good way to facilitate the interchange. So we don't end up silently drawing sides, which later become more distinct.

On the transition zones, I think you made a very good point. There are some older transition zone codes that I think need to be updated. There are a lot of people interested in participating who would give some input. We need to really have that transition between the residential community and the urban environment. So that they don't become literally two cities. Again, I really can see, if it's done well, a lot of the aspects of what you said--a good neighbor to the neighborhood. One of the residents in a residential community is our Central Business District, instead of being a place the residents avoid.

Corridors and connections: I understand there's a series of things happening but I'd like to put my support very strongly behind traffic flow improvements. I think that I haven't heard anything (except this parking business with compacts) more in public than the fact that there's a lot of frustration in residents trying to get to their homes near the CBD and being unable to utilize some of the major corridors. And we really need to work on ways of developing those flow patterns more effectively. I think that's absolutely critical in this Design program.

Dr. Wilson arrived at 8:52 p.m.

A brief discussion followed of illegal signs, particularly realtor's signs, which Mr. Kranlzer called a "tremendous eyesore" and Mr. Hinshaw noted were a "constant nuisance for the staff".

Chairman Halgren said he had reacted favorably to the Design Element and had agreed with the most of the concepts. He was concerned about its relationship to the goal in the current Comprehensive Plan which says that Bellevue is a suburban community.

Mr. Hinshaw felt there was not necessarily a conflict because Urban Design looks at ways of enhancing the entire City environment and not just the commercial sector. He stressed many of the concepts do not just address problems in the CBD. He also added the Comprehensive Plan is being redrafted to make it more readable and understandable, and perhaps the contrast of this part to other drier sections makes it appear "sugar-coated".

Chairman Halgren emphasized his concern with preservation of the rest of the City. He said open spaces are extremely important throughout the City, particularly in multi-family areas.

Mr. Hinshaw agreed that standards governing multi-family open space should be developed from the Comprehensive Plan policies.

Mr. Seal, a previous speaker, commented he felt the City is headed in the right direction with this Element.