

East Bellevue Community Council
Summary Minutes of Regular Meeting

February 4, 2014
6:30 p.m.

Lake Hills Boys & Girls Club
Bellevue, Washington

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

ABSENT: None

STAFF: Monica Buck, East Bellevue Community Council Legal Counsel

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m. with Acting Chair Capron presiding.

2. **ROLL CALL**

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

Acting Chair Capron led the flag salute.

(a) 2014 Election of Officers

Acting Chair Capron called for the Community Council's 2014 nomination of officers.

Councilmember Gooding nominated Councilmember Capron for Chair. Hearing no further nominations and upon a vote of the Community Council, Councilmember Capron was elected to serve as the 2014 Chair.

Councilmember Gooding nominated Councilmember Hummer for Vice Chair. Hearing no further nominations and upon a vote of the Community Council, Councilmember Hummer was elected to serve as the 2014 Vice Chair.

Councilmember Hughes nominated Councilmember Gooding for Alternate Vice Chair. Hearing no further nominations and upon a vote of the Community Council, Councilmember Gooding was elected to serve as the 2014 Alternate Vice Chair.

3. **FLAG SALUTE**

4. **COMMUNICATIONS: WRITTEN AND ORAL**

Oscar del Moro spoke and gave a short presentation on the upcoming construction at Lake Hills Village. In three weeks the Bank of America site will be demolished. Phase I was the library and

the daylight garage. Phase II and Phase III are currently under construction. There will be an underground garage at the center of the project. Two retail buildings with 72 residential units will be built on top. A corner building will also contain retail space. The garage and retail should be open by the middle of July this year. Retailers have not been locked in yet.

Phase IV and Phase V are going through the final permitting process right now.

Chair Capron questioned whether Cosmos Development would control the units. Mr. Del Moro said that Cosmos would be shepherding the project through the process.

Mr. Del Moro spoke about how they have turned a parking lot into a parking plaza. He explained how it will not feel like a parking lot but more like an Italian piazza. Weekends will host special events, arts and crafts or farmer's markets. There will be two areas of food courts on the piazza.

During Phase V there will be an extension of the plaza and garage with construction of an elevator tower. There will be some finishing work underneath the library. Another retail building will be developed along Lake Hills Boulevard. There will be a stage for music and concerts.

A resident in the audience questioned how many total residences there will be. Mr. Del Moro responded that there are 90 residential units, 75,000 square feet of retail and 45,000 square feet of office and then the King County Library. Construction should be done before Christmas.

Mr. Del Moro compared the residential units at Lake Hills Village to the retail space at Gillman Village in Issaquah.

Tammy Foss questioned how much retail space has been leased out and what is being charged per square foot. Mr. Del Moro responded that 12 or 13k square feet are spoken for at a rate of approximately 24 or 25 dollars per square foot.

Chair Capron thanked Mr. Del Moro for sticking with this project over the years.

Steve Kasner asked how the public will be kept up on the progress. Mr. Del Moro responded that the boards are still in the library for public view. Mr. Kasner thanked Oscar for coming and presenting the materials to the community.

Steve Kasner reported that Lake Hills Neighborhood Association has been working hard at getting reconstituted. All of EBCC is within Lake Hills Neighborhood Association. A meeting will occur across the street at Samena next week on February 13. Paul Ingraham will present the Comp Plan. On March 6 there will be a program to talk about Spiritwood.

Councilmember Hughes asked if Lake Hills Neighborhood Association has selected officers.

Mr. Kasner responded that the officer selection will take place at the February 13 meeting.

Lyndon Heywood spoke about a project he has going on and wants support in the Lake Hills area. He has met with Parks staff and was told to get a wide range of community support. The project is to develop pedestrian maps and put up approximately 20 directional signs. There have

been positive reactions in the community. Mr. Heywood is also proposing pedestrian maps in the neighborhoods in kiosks or on posts. The cost is about \$100 per sign. There is also a possibility of some neighborhood match money. Mr. Heywood is asking for the support of EBCC.

Councilmember Capron says this is a great idea.

Councilmember Hummer says she has seen the signs at the bottom of the Lake Hills Connector.

Councilmember Hughes stated that he would find it helpful to have maps on the walking trails. He walks the Tiger Mountain area a lot and when you get there you see a whole map of the area. That would be useful here.

The EBCC gave their unanimous support of Mr. Heywood's project.

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

6. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Councilmember Hughes moved to approve the agenda. Councilmember Hummer seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

7. **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

8. **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

9. **RESOLUTIONS**

(a) Resolution 537 Electing 2014 Community Council Officers

Selection of officers has already occurred. The clerk will fill in the blanks and the Chair will sign the original Resolution.

(b) Resolution 538 Adopting by Reference State Laws Relating to Ethical Code of Conduct for Municipal Officers

Councilmember Hughes says this seems too complicated. It is interesting to note on page 44 it talks about writing. It does not mention social media, emails, Twitter, etc. Is this already out of date? RCW 40.14 speaks about maintaining records. Who is responsible for our records?

Monica Buck responded that it is the responsibility of the EBCC members to maintain records of any emails sent from their personal emails conducting EBCC business. She spoke about a training for each of the Boards and Commissions with outside counsel. Everything will be covered with regard to maintaining records.

Councilmember Hughes asked specifically about quasi-judicial issues and ex parte communication. He stated that he has received numerous emails from residents regarding quasi-judicial issues and he has had to tell them that he cannot speak about those issues. He stated that

in these new materials it appears that he can speak about quasi-judicial issues so long as he states the conversations on the record.

Monica Buck responded and reiterated that this will all be covered in the training. She went on to say that as long as all correspondence is placed on the record, then yes you can speak about quasi-judicial issues. The problem is tracking and maintaining the conversations. She advised that it is better if all conversations are on the record so that the applicant can hear the comments and choose whether or not to respond. You cannot have verbal conversations because those cannot be documented. You can have written correspondence that can be documented.

Councilmember Gooding thanked Ms. Buck for coming.

Ken Seal spoke and stated if someone communicates a statement on a quasi-judicial issue, it must be sent to City Clerk, but you cannot respond. As a judge you cannot state a position on an issue.

Councilmember Hughes moved to adopt Resolution 538. Councilmember Gooding seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

10. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- (a) Community Council Business and New Initiatives

No reports.

11. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- (a) Interviews for Vacant EBCC Position

Chair Capron introduced the applicants, who were all present. The Chair called Steven Fricke to interview first. The remaining three candidates were asked to wait in the next room. Steve Kasner, Tammy Foss, and Crystalyn Clark-Bell all left the room.

Steven Fricke was questioned about whether he would like to provide any other information that was not contained in his application. He stated that his work history and information is in his application. He feels that he had a varied background and he has many skills that would be beneficial to the EBCC.

Councilmember Hughes asked what issues or projects concern Mr. Fricke or are of interest to him.

Mr. Fricke said he has been very vocal with the rental housing issue. He is a broad user of all the services that the city has to offer. Making Bellevue an even greater place to live is important.

Councilmember Hughes asked what Mr. Fricke brings to the EBCC that will address the issues he is concerned about.

Mr. Fricke stated that he has a wide variety of experience here in both private and government agencies. He is not afraid to take on issues.

Councilmember Hughes asked Mr. Fricke if he would be available to work on projects that concern the EBCC, other than at the regular meetings.

Mr. Fricke stated yes, he works at Microsoft currently, but he can typically maneuver meetings and make things work.

Chair Capron questioned if Mr. Fricke is willing to serve the full four year term.

Mr. Fricke stated that he would fill the full four year term, if selected.

Chair Capron asked if Mr. Fricke has ever resigned from a board or panel that he has served on?

Mr. Fricke stated that he has not resigned from a board or panel.

Hearing no further questions, Mr. Fricke left the room and asked Tammy Foss to step in for her interview.

Councilmember Capron asked Ms. Foss if she has anything she would like to expand on that was not included in her application.

Ms. Foss stated that for 6 years she was a junior league representative and participated at the chair level. She is currently a sustainer. She was sent as an advocacy delegate to Spokane to represent the greater Seattle area. She helped organize Capitol Days in Olympia. In addition, she has helped start many community clubs. The latest club is a fly ball club within the Bellevue community. She is a Program Manager and an Account Manager for Verizon Wireless. She manages three of Verizon Wireless' largest accounts and manages their e-newsletter which goes out to 14 million customers.

Councilmember Hughes asked what projects or issues most concern Ms. Foss.

In response, Ms. Foss stated she is most interested in helping individual neighborhoods increase their pride. She has lived here for 14 years and has watched neighborhoods degrade in their appearance. Residents are getting older and cannot maintain properties the way they used to. She wants to be more involved in East Bellevue so she can help motivate neighborhoods from more of a leadership role. She started a Next Door website for her own neighborhood. She stated she is great at motivating individuals and is very visionary.

Chair Capron asked of Ms. Foss if she would serve the full four year term, if selected.

Ms. Foss stated that she would serve the full term.

Chair Capron asked of Ms. Foss if she has ever resigned from a panel or council.

Ms. Foss stated that she has never resigned from a panel or council. She has gone from an active member of Junior League to a sustainer.

Ms. Foss mentioned that she was part of the inaugural Bellevue Essentials. There were 32 residents of all ages and backgrounds that went through the program.

Hearing no further questions, Ms. Foss left the room and sent Crystalyn Clark-Bell in for her interview.

Chair Capron asked Ms. Clark-Bell if there was anything she wanted to expand on in her application.

Ms. Clark-Bell stated that she has a younger perspective and can add that to the EBCC. She is part of younger community with young families. She would love to be part of the community and keep it amazing while maintaining its integrity.

Councilmember Hughes asked what issues or projects concern or interest Ms. Clark-Bell the most, relative to the EBCC jurisdiction.

In response, Ms. Clark-Bell stated that she has a young child and so keeping the community as safe as possible is important. She goes to the parks a lot and wants to make sure the trails and places that keep kids fit are maintained. She is concerned with keeping too much traffic from going through our community.

Councilmember Hughes asked what Ms. Clark-Bell brings to implement her concerns.

Ms. Clark-Bell responded that she brings a different perspective because she comes from a different generation and has a young family. She is interested in keeping the community close to the way it is now. She is planning on being here for a long time and has a long future here with her family.

Chair Capron asked, if Ms. Clark-Bell was selected, would she serve the full four year term.

In response, Ms. Clark-Bell said she could serve the full term.

Chair Capron asked if Ms. Clark-Bell has ever resigned from a board or panel.

Ms. Clark-Bell stated she has not ever resigned from a board.

Hearing no further questions, Ms. Clark-Bell left the room and sent in Mr. Kasner.

Chair Capron asked Mr. Kasner if he has anything he wants to expand on from his application.

Mr. Kasner stated that this community is really important to him. Having been to trainings on appropriate conduct with respect to quasi-judicial issues, Mr. Kasner feels that he brings a lot to the table. The EBCC agenda over the next couple of years will be chock full of meaty and

difficult issues. He stated that the background and history that he has with city and with the council would be very useful for the EBCC until the next term of office.

Councilmember Hughes asked Mr. Kasner what issues or projects concern him the most.

Mr. Kasner responded that one of his highest priorities, and one he feels that has been achieved, is an open forum where everyone is comfortable with bringing issues, whether they are ripe for discussion or not. He is concerned with making sure the public process includes all the pieces. The public process takes longer than just ramming things through, but you get better projects and better decisions when you follow the process.

Councilmember Hughes questioned Mr. Kasner about what he brings to the EBCC to implement his concerns.

In response, Mr. Kasner stated that through the transitions of the neighborhood program and through the transition of the Deputy City Clerk, the institutional memory of EBCC took a precipitous fall with Ken Seal and himself leaving. Sometimes to understand current issues you have to understand the twists and turns in the background. Mr. Kasner stated that the history he has is unique to his candidacy.

Chair Capron asked Mr. Kasner if he would serve the full four year term, if selected.

Mr. Kasner responded that yes, he would serve the full term. He stated he enjoyed some part of his City Council campaign, but the EBCC is his happy spot. He stated he does not intend to run again.

Chair Capron questioned whether Mr. Kasner has ever resigned from a board or panel.

In response, Mr. Kasner stated that he completed his full term with the EBCC, but withdrew from the election due to his City Council campaign. He stated he has never failed to complete a term that he was elected or appointed to.

Mr. Kasner made the comment that he is in a conflicted position. He believes strongly in diversity and with the exception of Mr. Elwin, the council was five white men for a very long time. The idea that the EBCC has candidates that are young and have small children, or no children, reflects the diversity.

Chair Capron commented that he strongly agrees with the diversity statement of Mr. Kasner. However, he feels that diversity is deeper than just skin color. It's in the background of the individuals.

Hearing no further questions, Mr. Kasner left the room.

Ken Seal stated from the audience that the councilmembers should write their choice on a piece of paper and hand it to the Chair.

Each Councilmember wrote their selection. Chair Capron read the selections on the record. Chair Capron selected Steven Fricke, Councilmember Gooding selected Steven Fricke, Councilmember Hughes selected Steve Kasner, and Councilmember Hummer selected Tammy Foss.

With no majority vote, Chair Capron recessed to Executive Session at 8:02 p.m. to discuss the qualifications of the candidates.

Chair Capron called the meeting back in session at 8:11 p.m.

Chair Capron stated that all four candidates are very well qualified. He encouraged the candidates not selected to continue being involved in their community.

Chair Capron opened the floor to nominations.

Councilmember Hughes nominated Steve Kasner for the vacant position. He stated that Steve Kasner fought for the continuation of the EBCC in front of the state legislature. He led the charge and the EBCC is here today because of Steve Kasner. He has spearheaded most issues in this community in the last few years.

Councilmember Gooding nominated Steven Fricke. He brings a large amount of experience living in our neighborhood and he has a strong resume’.

Councilmember Hummer nominated Tammy Foss. Councilmember Hummer is impressed with her activities and her energy. Ms. Foss’ plans for her own neighborhood were impressive and it shows a lot of energy and vision.

Hearing no other nominations, Chair Capron called for a vote on Steve Kasner. The EBCC unanimously appointed Mr. Steve Kasner to fill the vacant EBCC position.

12. **NEW BUSINESS**

13. **CONTINUED COMMUNICATIONS**

Councilmember Hughes went to Interlake high school for the Comp Plan meeting. He suggested that Bellevue have high speed wireless covering the whole city. He also sent an article about Chattanooga and how the whole city is on high speed wireless.

Councilmember Gooding visited a number of local schools watching basketball. He noticed lots of people driving around the city frantically with Seahawks flags hanging out their windows.

Councilmember Hummer visited Sammamish High School. Her son is number 5 in the state in wrestling.

Councilmember Hughes commented that his grandson got his 4th full scholarship offer to a PAC-12 school.

14. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- (a) Discussion of EBCC candidate qualifications

15. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- (a) Summary Regular Meeting Minutes January 7, 2014

Councilmember Hummer moved to approve the minutes of January 7, 2014. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Gooding and carried unanimously.

16. **ADJOURNMENT**

Steve Kasner was sworn-in by the Deputy City Clerk.

Chair Capron adjourned the meeting at 8:32 p.m.

Charmaine Arredondo
Deputy City Clerk