

East Bellevue Community Council
Summary Minutes of Regular Meeting

July 5, 2011
6:30 p.m.

Lake Hills Community Clubhouse
Bellevue, Washington

PRESENT: Chair Kasner and Councilmembers Capron, and Seal

ABSENT: Councilmembers Elwin and Gooding

STAFF: Carol Helland, Land Use Director

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. with Chair Pro Tem Seal presiding.

2. **ROLL CALL**

The Clerk called the roll. All Councilmembers were present with the exception of Councilmembers Elwin and Gooding. Mr. Kasner participated via speaker phone.

Chair Pro Tem Seal led the flag salute.

3. **COMMUNICATIONS - WRITTEN AND ORAL:** None.

4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Councilmember Kasner requested the addition of item 10(a) Islamic Center to the agenda.

Councilmember Kasner move approval of agenda as amended. Councilmember Capron seconded the motion which carried 3-0.

5. **COURTESY HEARING**

- (a) Prohibition of Nonemergency Helicopter Landing Facilities

Chair Pro Tem Seal opened the courtesy hearing.

Carol Helland, Development Services Department, provided the staff overview. She stated that the proposed land use code amendment was initiated by City Council to prohibit future nonemergency helicopter landing facilities city-wide. Ms. Helland reviewed the three options considered by City Council and the purpose of this targeted land use code amendment.

In response to Councilmember Kasner, Ms. Helland explained the appeal process and the ultimate approval of the Kemper Development application for a helistop facility on the top of the Bank of America building with conditions. The approval is currently being appealed to Superior Court.

Ms. Helland explained that the current proposed prohibition does not affect the outcome of the Kemper Development helistop. The new proposed legislation is prospective and cannot be applied retroactive. She further explained that at this time she foresees no impact to the Community Council area.

Councilmember Capron recounted the approval process for the Kemper Development helistop, stating an outright prohibition at this time seems extreme.

In response to Councilmember Kasner, Ms. Helland explained the appeal process to Superior Court.

Continuing her response, Ms. Helland noted the City Council's frustration that the current rules governing helistops in the City's Code did not adequately address noise, health and safety impacts.

Ms. Helland stated that the Planning Commission's public hearing on this topic is scheduled for July 13, 2011.

Mr. Kasner stated his concern with the fairness of allowing one such facility and no other.

Ms. Helland stated that Mr. Kasner's concern is shared by the Planning Commission as well.

In response to Mr. Kasner, Ms. Helland explained current code limitations on the number of landings and duration. She stated the most common temporary use permit is for construction purposes such as removal or installation of HVAC units. Such uses are sporadic.

Mr. Kasner thanked staff for their hard work.

Seeing no one wishing to testify, Mr. Seal closed the courtesy hearing.

6. **RESOLUTIONS:** None.

7. **REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL, BOARDS, AND COMMISSIONS:**

Councilmember Capron provided an update on the Kelsey Creek Center redevelopment. He stated he had spoken to Mr. Nat Franklin and has been assured that the project is on schedule. He reported that the job site is clean and noted minor parking issues with non center use parking.

8. **DEPARTMENT REPORTS:** None.

9. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:** None.

10. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

(a) Islamic Center

Mr. Kasner reported his attendance at the Islamic Eastside Center's community meet and greet a couple of weeks ago. He stated that he had asked about their pending project and was told that the City was denying the application based on the parking plan and shared parking option. Mr. Kasner stated that he has invited representatives of the Islamic Eastside Center to come to an upcoming Community Council meeting to talk about the status of their expansion plans.

Mr. Capron stated that he has read the materials forward to the Community Council related to the status of Islamic Center's application and has viewed firsthand the parking issues on Friday afternoons. He stated he sees no solution to the Center's overflow parking.

11. **NEW BUSINESS:** None.

12. **CONTINUED COMMUNICATIONS:** None.

13. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Councilmember Kasner requested an Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a personnel issue.

Chair Pro Tem Seal adjourned to Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue for approximately five minutes.

Chair Pro Tem Seal reconvened the meeting at 7:31 p.m.

14. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Councilmember Kasner moved to approve the Summary Minutes of the June 7, 2011. Mr. Capron seconded the motion, which carried by a vote of 3-0.

15. **ADJOURNMENT**

Councilmember Capron moved to adjourn. Councilmember Kasner seconded the motion which carried 3-0. Chair Pro Tem Seal declared the meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.