

**East Bellevue Community Council**  
Summary Minutes of Regular Meeting

October 4, 2011  
6:30 p.m.

Lake Hills Community Clubhouse  
Bellevue, Washington

PRESENT: Chair Kasner and Councilmembers Capron, Gooding, and Seal

ABSENT: Vice Chair Elwin

STAFF: None.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

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

2. **ROLL CALL**

The Clerk called the roll. All Councilmembers were present with the exception of Vice Chair Elwin. Chair Kasner led the flag salute.

3. **COMMUNICATIONS - WRITTEN AND ORAL**

Rick Whitney and John Kappler, representing the Houghton Community Council in Kirkland, provided an update on the activities of the Council, which represents the Lakeview and Central Houghton neighborhoods.

Mr. Kappler described the Community Council's work related to the Lakeview neighborhood plan. He noted that the neighborhood plan was considered separately from the City of Kirkland's half of the Bellevue-Kirkland Park and Ride lot. He reported that the Houghton Community Council has had joint meetings and public hearings with Kirkland's Planning Commission.

Chair Kasner stated his interest in determining whether the two Community Councils have common issues and training needs that they could work on together. He suggested discussing this later in the agenda.

Don Boettiger inquired about the status of the vacant gas station at Kelsey Creek Shopping Center.

Chair Kasner explained that the City permit was not finalized as of the previous week. The shopping center is under redevelopment, and the new health club is scheduled to open by

Thanksgiving. The gas station property has a separate owner and will eventually become a Key Bank branch.

Councilmember Capron said he spoke with two gentlemen on the site; one was from Key Bank and the other was from a construction company. They indicated that they were awaiting a permit from the City to demolish the building.

Chair Kasner recalled that, earlier this year, the City received mitigation funds from the developer of the Kelsey Creek Shopping Center for a nearby environmental restoration project. He noted that the project is scheduled for completion by the end of the year.

Chair Kasner said he will check with staff on the permit status for the gas station demolition.

4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Chair Kasner suggested adding agenda item 11(a), Discussion with Houghton Community Council, and moving the Community Council Web Presence item to 11(b).

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

5. **PUBLIC HEARINGS:** None.

6. **RESOLUTIONS:** None.

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

8. **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

(a) Construction Update on 145<sup>th</sup> Place SE [Written Staff update only]

Chair Kasner explained that the 145<sup>th</sup> Place SE and SE 22<sup>nd</sup> Street roadway improvements were initially funded in the Capital Investment Program (CIP) Plan. However, with the downturn in the economy, residents indicated that other projects might be higher priorities.

Chair Kasner said that he researched the project further and identified the safety related benefits. He and others advocated for the project before the City Council, which agreed to provide the funding needed to complete the project. The written report in the meeting packet lists work completed to date, work to be completed this fall and winter, and the finalization of the project in Spring 2012.

Mr. Kasner noted that this is an example of the ability of residents, including the East Bellevue Community Council, to influence the City's priorities.

(b) Phantom Lake Restoration Project Update [Written Staff update only]

Mr. Kasner noted the email from staff in the meeting packet which reports that the bids for the Phantom Lake restoration project came in below the engineer's estimate, and the City will therefore be able to restore an additional 2.79 acres of wetlands.

Councilmember Seal said the contractor has completed the culvert restoration work at the Kelsey Creek Shopping Center, and is preparing to pave the site.

Councilmember Capron stated his understanding that paving of the west portion of the lot could begin within a week. The developer has not announced additional tenants for the building on the south edge of the site, which has office space on the upper floor. Mr. Capron explained that the challenge of locating restaurants in the lower retail spaces relates to exhaust fan requirements. He noted that restaurant space is planned in other buildings on the site.

The Council briefly discussed additional details about the Kelsey Creek Center redevelopment project.

9. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:** None.

10. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

11. **NEW BUSINESS**

(a) Discussion with Houghton Community Council

Rick Whitney, Chair of the Houghton Community Council in Kirkland, described the Council's concern regarding HB 1812, which proposed changes to provisions relating to community municipal corporations (community councils). The legislation is expected to be presented again during the next legislative session.

The group briefly discussed the history of community municipal corporations.

Chair Kasner suggested that the East Bellevue Community Council and Houghton Community Council hold a joint meeting this fall.

The Clerk noted that the East Bellevue Community Council's next meeting is November 1, and she suggested holding the joint meeting/workshop at Bellevue City Hall.

Chair Kasner said he would like to discuss HB 1812 as well as other topics of mutual interest.

Mr. Whitney said he will raise the issue of a November 1 meeting with the Houghton Community Council, and get back to the East Bellevue Community Council's Clerk about planning the meeting.

(b) Community Council Web Presence

Chair Kasner referred to printouts of the Community Council's web pages, and suggested updating and expanding the information.

The Clerk encouraged Councilmembers to submit new information to update their online biographies.

The Council reviewed the web page printouts and discussed possible changes and additions.

12. **CONTINUED COMMUNICATIONS**

Councilmember Seal provided an update on Vice Chair Elwin.

13. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**: None.

14. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Councilmember Capron moved to approve the Summary Minutes of the September 6, 2011, meeting. Councilmember Seal seconded the motion, which carried by a vote of 4-0.

15. **ADJOURNMENT**

Councilmember Seal moved to adjourn, which carried by consensus.

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

Michelle Murphy, CMC  
Deputy City Clerk

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