

East Bellevue Community Council
Summary Minutes of Regular Meeting

December 6, 2011
6:30 p.m.

Lake Hills Community Clubhouse
Bellevue, Washington

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

ABSENT: None.

STAFF: Elizabeth Stead, Development Services Division

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 East Bellevue Community Councilmembers were present.

Chair Kasner led the flag salute.

3. **COMMUNICATIONS - WRITTEN AND ORAL**

Chair Kasner reported that he attended the November 21 City Council Regular Session to provide an update on the Community Council's activities.

Councilmember Seal referred to a notice regarding a Native Growth Protection Area (NGPA) restoration effort at 13608 SE 7th Street, and requested more information on the project. Elizabeth Stead, Urban Design Planning Manager, said this relates to an enforcement action. She explained that a citizen completed some work within the NGPA and is now requesting a permit.

Mr. Kasner said he has requested an update from staff on the development of the former Bellevue airport/Boeing property near Eastgate. His understanding is that the park Master Plan has been completed, and he would like to see it. The Council has indicated a preference for the name Bellevue Airfield Park for the site, although it has not been formally adopted.

4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Councilmember Capron moved approval of the agenda as presented. Mr. Seal seconded the motion, which carried by a vote of 4-0.

5. **COURTESY HEARING**

- (a) Proposed Land Use Code Amendment (LUCA) to increase the size limitation on some allowed uses in the Neighborhood Business (NB) District

Elizabeth Stead, Urban Design Planning Manager, described a proposed Land Use Code Amendment to the Neighborhood Business (NB) District that would increase the floor area limits for retail, service, and recreation uses in the NB District citywide. The Planning Commission will consider the LUCA at its December 14 Study Session. Ms. Stead said she will forward any comments from the Community Council to the Planning Commission at the December 14 meeting.

Responding to Chair Kasner, Ms. Stead said staff has been working with citizens and neighborhood groups to let them know about the proposed LUCA.

Councilmember Capron commented that a previous NB District amendment enabled him to maintain the U-Haul rental function at his service station. He observed that a number of uses are prohibited under NB zoning, which makes it difficult for business owners.

Mr. Stead said the proposed LUCA is applicable NB Districts larger than three acres. She explained that an entity wanted to open a 9,000 square foot child care facility in the NB district, which restricts such facilities to 5,000 square feet. Following similar requests, the City Council addressed the issue and expressed a preference for amending the Land Use Code for larger NB sites.

Responding to Mr. Kasner, Ms. Stead said there has not been any public opposition to the proposed amendment. Some residents have expressed concern, however, that such a change could ultimately lead to changes that they do not like.

Ms. Stead said a public hearing is scheduled for the December 14 Planning Commission meeting. The Commission will then formulate a recommendation for the City Council.

Ms. Stead responded to questions of clarification, primarily about the neighborhood shopping centers affected by the proposed LUCA.

Chair Kasner opened the Courtesy Public Hearing.

Ms. Stead noted that the project is still in the information gathering phase.

Councilmember Seal recalled the early development of Downtown Bellevue, and the transformation from residential and smaller sized business properties to the super block design and larger commercial sites.

Mr. Kasner thanked staff for the briefing.

Councilmember Capron said that he has no objection to the proposed LUCA. He strongly supports redevelopment of the Newport Hills Shopping Center.

Chair Kasner closed the Courtesy Public Hearing, noting that no one was waiting to comment.

6. **RESOLUTIONS**: None.
7. **REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL, BOARDS, AND COMMISSIONS**: None.
8. **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**: None.
9. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**: None.
10. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
 - (a) Review Applications for Current EBCC Vacancy

Chair Kasner welcomed the two applicants for the Community Council vacancy, and gave them the opportunity to introduce themselves.

John Van Duzor said he is a longtime resident who is interested in the vitality of the neighborhood. He noted that he travels frequently for his job.

Daniel Warwick, a student at Interlake High School, said that he volunteered as an intern in the City's Transportation Department last summer. He described his interest in transportation planning and land use, as well as his support for transit services.

Councilmember Capron described the third candidate, Gerald Hughes, who he has known for a number of years. Mr. Hughes has been a financial planner for the past 20 years, and has a background in math and physics.

Mr. Kasner said the fourth candidate is Rebekah Alpisa, who has a background in social work, nonprofit organizations, journalism, and government.

Mr. Kasner noted that the candidates' applications have been distributed to Community Councilmembers. He suggested a brief Executive Session to discuss the candidates.

At 7:35 p.m., Chair Kasner declared recess to Executive Session for approximately 10 minutes to review the candidates' applications and qualifications.

The meeting resumed at 7:48 p.m.

Responding to Councilmember Gooding, Mr. Warwick said he plans to go to college next fall, possibly out of state. He explained that he currently lives part-time with his mother in Bridle Trails, and part-time with his father within the East Bellevue Community Council jurisdiction. Mr. Warwick is a registered voter using his mother's Bridle Trails address. He said he was not aware of the residency requirement when he applied for the Community Council vacancy.

Following brief discussion, Mr. Kasner noted a consensus to bring Mr. Hughes and Mr. Warwick back to the January meeting for further discussion.

Chair Kasner advised Mr. Warwick that he will need to register to vote using his father's address within the East Bellevue Community Council boundary in order to be considered any further.

Chair Kasner said the Community Council will take action on the vacant position at the January meeting.

The Clerk said she will send meeting packets to both Mr. Hughes and Mr. Warwick, thereby giving the successful candidate the opportunity to be prepared to participate in the January meeting if selected to fill the vacancy.

11. **NEW BUSINESS**

- (a) Formation of Joint EBCC/Houghton Community Council Legislative Tracking Task Force

Councilmember Gooding nominated Chair Kasner to serve on the Joint EBCC/Houghton Community Council Legislative Tracking Task Force.

Chair Kasner nominated Councilmember Seal to serve on the Task Force.

Both Councilmembers agreed to serve and to work with the Houghton Community Council on state legislative issues of common interest. The Clerk said she will forward the names and contact information to the Houghton Community Council.

Mr. Kasner noted that a majority of the Kirkland City Council are not supportive of the Houghton Community Council's position with regard to the state legislature's House Bill 1812 relating to community municipal corporations (Community Councils).

12. **CONTINUED COMMUNICATIONS:** None.

13. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None.

14. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Councilmember Seal moved to approve the Summary Minutes of the November 1, 2011, meeting. Councilmember Capron seconded the motion, which carried by a vote of 4-0.

15. **ADJOURNMENT**

Councilmember Capron moved to adjourn, which carried by a consensus. Chair Kasner thanked the candidates for attending.

At 8:05 p.m., Chair Kasner declared the meeting adjourned.

Michelle Murphy, CMC
Deputy City Clerk

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