

CITY OF BELLEVUE  
CITY COUNCIL

Summary Minutes of Regular Meeting

December 5, 2022  
6:00 p.m.

Council Chambers  
Bellevue, Washington

PRESENT: Mayor Robinson, Deputy Mayor Nieuwenhuis and Councilmembers Barksdale, Lee, Stokes and Zahn

ABSENT: Councilmember Robertson

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m., with Mayor Robinson presiding.

→ Deputy Mayor Nieuwenhuis moved to excuse Councilmember Robertson's absence from tonight's meeting, and Councilmember Stokes seconded the motion.

→ The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

2. Roll Call; Flag Salute

Deputy City Clerk Karin Roberts called the roll and all Councilmembers except Councilmember Robertson were present. Councilmember Barksdale led the flag salute.

(a) Student Poet: Diane Sun

Mayor Robinson introduced Diane Sun, a senior at Interlake High School and one of five outstanding poets chosen for the 2022 Class of National Student Poets. Ms. Sun is now serving a one-year term as a National Student Poetry Ambassador. Mayor Robinson congratulated Ms. Sun on her accomplishments.

Diane Sun read her poem entitled "A recipe for steaming almost-dragon".

3. Approval of Agenda

→ Deputy Mayor Nieuwenhuis moved to approve the agenda, and Councilmember Stokes seconded the motion.

→ The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

#### 4. Oral Communications

- (a) Alice Wang expressed support for the aquatic center. She said swimming is the only sport in which one of her children can participate. She described the lack of swimming facilities throughout the region. She expressed concern about the availability and cost of swimming lessons and private club memberships for many families. She expressed support for locating the aquatic center at Airfield Park.
- (b) Mark Feeney, Aquatics Director, Samena Swim and Recreation Club, said he has served on many regional and state committees related to swimming and aquatics and he understands the need for more facilities and programming. He said there has been a dramatic increase in the demand for access to swimming facilities. He expressed support for the proposed aquatic center at Airfield Park. He said the Samena Club, as a nonprofit organization, is unable to provide as many scholarships as are needed.
- (c) Susan Pappalardo, Co-Founder and President of SPLASH Forward, said the City's parks and recreation facilities are the most important community places and provide social infrastructure. She expressed support for the proposed aquatic center at Airfield Park. She noted that SPLASH Forward is a private fundraising partner and supports the master planning process. She encouraged partnerships involving neighborhoods, schools and organizations. Ms. Pappalardo said SPLASH Forward has been awarded a \$15,000 King County grant to support its introduction to aquatics and water safety summer camp held in partnership with the Boys and Girls Clubs of Bellevue and the Samena Club.
- (d) Court Olson recalled that he began talking with City staff approximately 10 years ago regarding the impacts of climate change. While a member of People for Climate Action, he noted that he was speaking as an individual. He expressed support for the Eastside Climate Partnership Interlocal Agreement. He expressed concern, however, that there is a lot more to be done. He said People for Climate Action is active in the other four cities that are parties to the agreement. Mr. Olson thanked the Council for its support but expressed concern that more resources are needed to address climate change. He thanked City Manager Miyake, Community Development Director Kattermann and other staff for their work.
- (e) Barbara Braun said the Eastside Climate Partnership Interlocal Agreement includes the Energy Smart Eastside Heat Pump Program. She said she has been involved in the heat pump program since its inception. She expressed concern, however, about whether the program will be effective in persuading homeowners to switch from gas furnaces to electric heat pumps. She said the conversion incentives are for low-income residents only. She encouraged local governments to work with Puget Sound Energy (PSE) to develop an incentive approach that will motivate a larger percentage of Eastside residents

to switch to heat pumps. Ms. Braun suggested a revision to the interlocal agreement to include developing a strong incentive program aimed at maximizing residential conversions.

- (f) Janis Hyne, a Bridle Trails resident, read the story of Christmas and commented on how it provides hope for her and others. She thanked Councilmembers for their service to the community.
- (g) Lyndsy Fersch commented on the Airfield Park master plan and expressed opposition to installing picnic tables and parking stalls in the forested area. She expressed concern regarding camping in local parks and woods. She asked the City to avoid adding a secluded park and to prohibit camping. She said Bellevue residents want to feel safe in their parks.
- (h) Laura Loge expressed concerns regarding the proposed development of Airfield Park. She lives adjacent to the site and enjoys walking and observing wildlife in the open space. She expressed concern regarding the safety of siting the proposed picnic area in a forested location of the park as well as the impact on wildlife and the tree canopy. She said there are four major parks within walking distance of the Airfield Park site and she never sees anyone using the picnic areas. She asked the Council to consider an alternative to the picnic area.
- (i) Kamelia Enzler proposed revising the regulation of residential construction noise. She said residential construction noise is currently allowed Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday, 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. She said ongoing construction noise can cause a stressful environment for residents and affect their mental health, especially for people currently working more often from home. She said commercial construction noise is allowed until 6:00 p.m. She suggested changing the permitted hours to 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturdays.

Mayor Robinson indicated that there would be an additional opportunity for public comment at the end of the meeting.

## 5. Reports of Community Councils, Boards, and Commissions

- (a) Arts Commission Recommendations for 2023 Eastside Arts Partnership Support Grant and Project Grant Allocations

City Manager Brad Miyake introduced staff's presentation of the 2023 arts grants allocations.

Lorie Hoffman, Arts Community Manager, requested Council approval of the Arts Commission's recommendations for the 2023 Eastside Arts Partnership support and project grants.

Maria Lau Hui, Arts Commission Chair, recalled that the Council approved the revised grant program's guiding principles on March 28, 2022. She noted the addition of objectives to focus on underserved communities in funding arts priorities and to activate the BelRed Arts District through arts grants incentives. She said the Eastside Arts Partnership changed to a two-year funding cycle and the application process has been streamlined.

Ms. Hui said the 2023 arts grants budget totals \$181,000, and the City received 53 grant applications totaling \$454,295 from artists and arts organizations. The 2023 funding allocations include: 1) Eastside Arts Partnership support grants, \$126,000 to 29 organizations, 2) project grants, \$35,000 to 16 individuals and organizations, 3) PowerUp for equal access bonus, \$15,000 for \$5,000 each to three organizations, and 4) BelRed bonus, \$5,000 for five grants of \$1,000 each. The PowerUp grants will help to fill gaps in underserved communities and the BelRed bonus grants are intended to activate the area.

Ms. Hui said the recommendations are detailed in the meeting packet and have been approved by the Arts Commission. The three PowerUp grants are to Tasveer, Music Works Northwest and the VC Bynum arts and education programs. Tasveer is a nonprofit social justice arts organization whose mission is to inspire social change through South Asian film, literature and storytelling. The organization serves approximately 10,000 individuals annually. Music Works Northwest is a nonprofit community music school dedicated to increasing access to music education and therapy. The VC Bynum arts and education programs focus on connecting artists of color through music, dance and poetry. Ms. Hui said the group is currently working with another local dance organization to secure space in downtown Bellevue that will be available through 2025.

Ms. Hui said the artists and arts groups funded by the City will serve more than 1.6 million residents and visitors and will provide approximately 980,000 free and reduced admissions. The recommended funding allocations provide support for diverse organizations and help to boost tourism and Bellevue's creative identity.

Mayor Robinson thanked Ms. Hoffman and Ms. Hui for the presentation.

→ Deputy Mayor Nieuwenhuis moved to approve the Arts Commission's recommendations for the 2023 Eastside Arts Partnership support and project grant allocations.  
Councilmember Stokes seconded the motion.

Councilmember Stokes commended the Arts Commission for its recommendations and engagement with the community. He noted the need for more arts and culture opportunities in a growing city and the positive economic impact related to those activities.

Councilmember Barksdale thanked staff and the Arts Commission for their work. He noted the value of arts and culture programs in helping people from diverse backgrounds see themselves in the broader culture of the community.

Councilmember Zahn said arts and culture activities are a way to share experiences and to learn about other cultures. She expressed support for artists and organizations representing a wide range of art forms.

Councilmember Lee commented on the impact of arts and culture on quality of life. He said the arts can bring people together despite political, religious and other differences. He thanked the Arts Commission for its work.

Deputy Mayor Nieuwenhuis expressed support for the funding recommendations. Responding to Mr. Nieuwenhuis, Ms. Hoffman said a national study conducted approximately six years ago indicated that an audience member spends an additional \$33 in the community.

Mayor Robinson thanked Ms. Hoffman and Ms. Hui for the presentation and expressed support for the motion.

→ The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

6. Report of the City Manager

(a) Bellevue Essentials 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Program Update

City Manager Miyake noted that this is the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Bellevue Essentials program, which has had more than 340 graduates.

Julie Ellenhorn, Community Relations Coordinator, thanked the Council for its ongoing support of the Bellevue Essentials program. She highlighted the program's goals to educate the public about the daily operations of city government, build familiarity with government processes and decision-making and to create a network of engaged knowledgeable individuals. She said demand for the program remains strong and an average of 61 applications are received each year for the 35 spaces. Approximately 40 percent of the participants were male, 60 percent were female, and 47 percent were people of color.

Ms. Ellenhorn highlighted additional elements of the 10-week Bellevue Essentials program. Graduates of the program include 58 individuals who were or became board and commission members over the past 10 years. Ms. Ellenhorn said Bellevue Essentials staff has mentored staff in many other cities as they create their own civic engagement programs.

Abigail Brown, a graduate of the class of 2021, said she grew up in Bellevue and that she provided public comment before the City Council about a land use issue when she was in high school. She said she later worked for the City. Following her experience with the Bellevue Essentials program, she appreciates the City for its progress and development. She noted her role as chair of the Bellevue Network on Aging and urged the Council to ensure that all planning and programming is viewed through a lens of the impacts on senior adults. Ms. Brown said the 2021 class was fully virtual. However, it was an engaging and invaluable experience due to staff's efforts.

Angela Cheung, a graduate of the class of 2020, thanked the Council for its support of the Bellevue Essentials program. She commented on the challenges for individuals and communities due to the pandemic. She said she was inspired by the response of City staff to the community's

needs and to alternative ways of delivering services and involving residents. Ms. Cheung said she appreciated the attention to diversity and inclusion. She thanked staff for their extensive efforts to modify the program from the outset of the pandemic.

Ms. Ellenhorn said the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of the Bellevue Essentials program will be held on Wednesday, December 7 at 7:00 p.m. in City Hall.

Mayor Robinson thanked Ms. Brown and Ms. Cheung for their comments and thanked Ms. Ellenhorn for her work.

- (b) Third Quarter Update on Implementation of 2020 Economic Development Plan  
*[Written update only.]*

7. Council Business and New Initiatives: None.

8. Consent Calendar

→ Deputy Mayor Nieuwenhuis moved to approve the Consent Calendar, and Councilmember Stokes seconded the motion.

→ The motion to approve the Consent Calendar carried by a vote of 6-0, and the following items were approved:

- (a) Council Minutes  
Minutes of November 21, 2022 Regular Meeting
- (b) Ordinance No. 6703 amending Ordinance No. 6526 to revise the property rights necessary for construction of the 130<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE - Bel-Red Road to NE 20<sup>th</sup> Street Project (CIP Plan No. PW-R-170).
- (c) Ordinance No. 6704 adding a new section 4.28.125 to the Bellevue City Code adopting standards for the provision of public defense services; amending section 4.28.230 of the Bellevue City Code; providing for severability and establishing an effective date.
- (d) Ordinance No. 6705: 1) authorizing execution of a grant agreement (and supplements if necessary) with the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) to accept up to \$4,395,000 in federal Local Bridge Program funding to support the design, right of way, and construction of the NE 12<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge Project (CIP Plan No. PW-M-1); 2) amending the 2023-2029 General Capital Investment Program (CIP) Plan to increase the budget for the Overlay Program (CIP Plan No. PW-M-1) by \$4,395,000; and, 3) amending the 2023-2024 General CIP Fund to increase the appropriation by \$771,000.
- (e) Resolution No. 10176 authorizing execution of a five-year contract agreement with Synergy Building Services for custodial and floor care services at Bellevue

City Hall, Bellevue Service Center, Crossroads Community Police Station, and Factoria Community Police Station, for a total contract amount including contingency funds not to exceed \$3,105,073, plus all applicable taxes.

- (f) Resolution No. 10177 authorizing execution of the annual ORCA card agreement with King County for the purchase of ORCA cards for City of Bellevue employees for 2023, in an amount not to exceed \$215,000, plus all applicable taxes.
- (g) Resolution No. 10178 authorizing execution of an amendment to a professional services contract (No. 2050027) with Brown and Caldwell, for Utilities On-Call Professional Services (2020-2022) for Water, Sewer and Stormwater, to renew for an additional 2-year term, revise scope of services, and increase contract capacity by \$2,000,000, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$9,000,000, plus all applicable taxes.

At 7:15 p.m., Mayor Robinson declared a short break. The meeting resumed at 7:26 p.m.

9. Public Hearing: None.

10. Study Session

- (a) Eastside Climate Partnership Interlocal Agreement

City Manager Miyake introduced staff's presentation regarding the Eastside Climate Partnership Interlocal Agreement.

Emil King, Assistant Director, Community Development Department, said staff is always looking for new ways to implement the Environmental Stewardship Plan. He said the Eastside Climate Partnership is consistent with the City's ongoing goal to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of services and programs.

Jennifer Ewing, Environmental Stewardship Program Manager, said staff is seeking Council direction to bring the interlocal agreement back for approval at a future meeting. The Eastside Climate Partners are the cities of Issaquah, Kirkland, Mercer Island and Redmond. The interlocal agreement is focused on managing the Energy Smart Eastside program. Ms. Ewing said the partnership leverages economies of scale and allows cities to share resources and to pursue grant funding. The interlocal agreement adds one limited-term employee (LTE) to manage the program funded by the five cities.

Ms. Ewing said the Energy Smart Eastside program encourages residents to install energy efficient heat pumps and provides incentives for market-rate and affordable housing properties. Program partners include Spark Northwest, King County Housing Authority, Imagine Housing, Hopelink, Gensco and Mitsubishi. Ms. Ewing noted that related tax credits and incentives will take effect next year. The City received a grant from Washington State University that will provide funding for low- to mid-income residential incentives to install heat pumps.

Ms. Ewing said more funding is anticipated through the federal Inflation Reduction Act. She said the interlocal agreement will formalize a partnership that will be beneficial in pursuing grant funding. She said all five of the Eastside Climate Partnership cities are members of the King County-Cities Climate Collaboration (K4C).

Ms. Ewing asked the Council to provide direction for the next steps related to the interlocal agreement.

→ Deputy Mayor Nieuwenhuis moved to direct staff to bring the Eastside Climate Partnership Interlocal Agreement back to Council for adoption. Councilmember Stokes seconded the motion.

Councilmember Zahn thanked staff for their work and noted that the partnership is a good mechanism for leveraging the City's dollars. Responding to Ms. Zahn, Ms. Ewing confirmed that there are opportunities for additional partnerships to pursue specific objectives. In further response, Ms. Ewing said the five cities will share the cost of the staff position.

Councilmember Lee commented on the increasing urgency to address climate change. Responding to Mr. Lee, Ms. Ewing said the heat pump incentive program serves low- to average-income households. In further response, Ms. Ewing said the Energy Smart Eastside program could develop incentives for other types of energy, including solar panels, if desired in the future.

Councilmember Stokes expressed support for the proposed interlocal agreement and commented on the effectiveness of regional collaboration. He said the Eastside Climate Partnership represents a great step forward.

Deputy Mayor Nieuwenhuis thanked staff for their work and encouraged robust community outreach. Ms. Ewing said that information is available online at [EnergySmartEastside.org](https://EnergySmartEastside.org). She said staff will reach out to the community early next year to identify low- to moderate-income households that might be candidates for heat pumps. She said outreach efforts will be targeted to ensure that the participants in the program reflect the demographics of the community.

Mayor Robinson noted that this effort is one mechanism for reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Responding to Ms. Robinson, Ms. Ewing said it is possible to estimate the greenhouse gas emissions reduction achieved by switching to a heat pump. She said the City monitors Puget Sound Energy's total energy usage per year data as well.

→ The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

(b) Bellevue Airfield Park Master Plan Update

City Manager Miyake introduced discussion regarding the Bellevue Airfield Park master plan. He recalled that the topic was last before the Council in October 2021. At that time, the Council



directed staff to prepare an update to the 2012 master plan and to seek community feedback regarding the proposal to build an aquatic center at the site.

Michael Shiosaki, Director, Parks and Community Services Department, said staff is seeking Council feedback regarding the master plan alternatives outlined in the presentation. He said staff will work with the Parks and Community Services Board to develop a preferred master plan alternative for the Council's review and discussion next winter.

Pam Fehrman, Planning Manager, said the Airfield Park site is east of Robinswood Park and north of I-90 in the Eastgate area. The City purchased the park in 2002 for the purpose of developing active recreation. The site is bordered by residential development on two sides and by office and business development to the east and south. A well-established forest buffer exists between the park and the residential area. There is vehicular access from the south via 160<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE and pedestrian trail access is available from the north and west.

Ms. Fehrman said the site operated as an airfield until 1983 and as a municipal landfill from 1951 to 1964. She said the site is full of utility system easements, both abandoned and operational.

The original master planning process began in May 2008 and involved significant public input. Most of the participants through the planning process supported one of four major development components: 1) off-leash facility, 2) Little League field complex, 3) aquatic or indoor sports facility, and 4) passive use meadow. Ms. Fehrman recalled that the Parks and Community Services Board recommended a preferred master plan and supported the name Airfield Park. The master plan was adopted in 2012. The current master plan provides two lighted synthetic turf sports fields, a wooded picnic area, trail connections, playgrounds, restrooms and parking. The plan maintains a healthy woodland buffer between the park and nearby residents and recognizes the predominant use of the undeveloped site as an off-leash dog area.

Ms. Fehrman recalled that the Council adopted the updated Parks and Open Space System Plan in the spring. The top-ranked amenities identified by the community through the update process were: 1) trails, 2) beaches and waterfront parks, 3) unstructured play/picnic areas, 4) parks with display gardens, 5) outdoor sports fields/courts, 6) swimming pool, and 7) indoor recreation facilities. Ms. Fehrman said the Airfield Park site provides the only City-owned flat, large, undeveloped property large enough for an aquatic facility and/or sports fields.

Ms. Fehrman said the City receives ongoing requests to add pickleball courts. As a result, the City has committed to adding pickleball lines to existing tennis courts when they are renovated. The City could fit approximately two pickleball courts per tennis court. There are currently 17 pickleball courts in Bellevue and 12 are to be added in 2023. Ms. Fehrman said indoor pickleball facilities are available in community centers.

Ms. Fehrman recalled the City's 2009 Bellevue Aquatic Center Final Feasibility Study and the June 2020 Feasibility Study Update. The Bellevue Aquatic Center Concept Plan was published in October 2021. King County previously completed a regional aquatic facilities report in 2019. She said no new public pools have been built in Bellevue, Kirkland or Redmond over the past 50

years. The current Bellevue Aquatic Center is more than 50 years old and originally served a population of 60,000 when it was built in 1970.

Ms. Fehrman said that in 2021, the Council directed an update to the Airfield Park master plan to understand community preferences and to inform the impacts associated with locating an aquatic facility at the park site. The site provides easy access via I-90 and there are existing shared parking agreements with owners of the surrounding office park.

Ms. Fehrman said there have been several meetings to inform the Airfield Park master plan. Staff and the Parks and Community Services Board hosted a site tour in June to explore the anticipated impacts of the park. Approximately 35 residents attended the meeting and additional community meetings were held in July and September. Ms. Fehrman highlighted the multiple methods of public outreach and noted that the mailing list has grown to more than 2,500 households. The email list for website updates has more than 3,000 subscribers and staff has replied to approximately 500 emails and phone calls. Ms. Fehrman said project information has been sent to a number of community groups including agencies and organizations representing communities of color, faith-based groups and family-related agencies.

Community input indicated that Airfield Park should be inclusive, safe, environmentally responsible and active. The passive programs most supported by the community were trails, picnic areas, natural areas, community gardens and an amphitheater. Active programs most supported by the community were an aquatic center, playground/water play, sports courts, dog park, sports fields and skate park. Ms. Fehrman said there were concerns regarding the preservation of natural areas and potential impacts of the park to adjacent residential areas.

Ms. Fehrman described master plan Alternative 1, which includes the aquatic center, pickleball/sports courts, restrooms, picnic areas, amphitheater, sports field, playground and water play area. Alternative 2 includes the aquatic center, basketball facilities, restrooms, picnic areas, amphitheater, playground and water play area. Alternative 3 does not include the aquatic center and instead contains sports fields, restrooms, two playgrounds, picnic areas, water play area, sports courts (e.g., basketball, tennis, pickleball) and the amphitheater.

Ms. Fehrman said the preferred active programs are aquatics and pickleball, and the two preferred passive programs are trails and picnic areas. The City also heard concerns regarding the loss of trees, habitat and open space and the potential for undesirable activity in the northwest corner of the park. In early November, the City received a petition from 20 neighbors requesting that no development occur in the 10-acre northwest wooded area.

Next steps are a community workshop in January before forwarding the master plan update process to the Parks and Community Services Board in February. Staff anticipates recommendations and direction from the Board and the Council next spring. The State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) review process will begin in the spring. Staff will seek Council direction regarding the updated master plan by the end of the year.

Councilmember Stokes said that he and Mayor Robinson have been following this planning effort for a number of years. He observed that there is a high level of community support for the

aquatic center and for trails. He expressed enthusiasm for a new aquatic center as reflected in Alternatives 1 and 2.

Deputy Mayor Nieuwenhuis expressed support for the aquatic center and a preference for Alternative 1. He thanked staff for their hard work and extensive community outreach. Responding to Mr. Nieuwenhuis, Ms. Fehrman said next steps include refining the master plan alternatives and their elements. She acknowledged that two-thirds of the public input expressed support for an aquatic center. Mr. Nieuwenhuis encouraged staff to continue to reach out to property owners adjacent to Airfield Park.

Mr. Shiosaki commented on the importance of balance, noting that part of the site is forested and part of it is open space. The park is bordered by residential development on two sides and an office park on the remaining sides, which is an ideal site for this type of park development. Mr. Shiosaki noted an interest in adding more positive activities to help avoid less desirable activities.

Councilmember Zahn suggested removing Alternative 3 from consideration and expressed support for the aquatic center. She noted there continues to be requests for off-leash areas. Mr. Shiosaki noted a recommendation to expand the capacity of the Robinswood Park off-leash area.

Mayor Robinson thanked the Parks and Community Services Board for their leadership. She expressed support for either alternative with the aquatic center. She asked whether there is an environmentally sustainable way to heat the pool. She recalled that when she and Councilmember Stokes were on the Board there was a great deal of community support for retaining the grassy meadow and using it as the picnic area. Ms. Fehrman said the meadow is primarily over the old landfill. She acknowledged that including the aquatic center and parking does not leave much room for a meadow. Responding to Ms. Robinson, Ms. Fehrman confirmed that there is the potential for childcare services at the aquatic center.

Councilmember Barksdale said he liked Alternative 1 because it maintains the most amenities, except for basketball courts. He wondered whether courts could be incorporated into the alternative. He encouraged seating along the trails as well as art and exercise stations or other activations. Ms. Fehrman said Alternative 1 does include basketball courts, but it was not labeled in the presentation. She said there have not been discussions about art at this point but staff has talked about exercise stations.

Councilmember Lee commented on the acquisition of Airfield Park and the development of the master plan over a number of years. He commented on the importance of identifying and mitigating impacts. He said he supports an aquatic center in Bellevue. However, he is uncertain about siting it in the park. He said it is important to know what the public wants in the park. He said he leaned toward supporting Alternative 1.

Councilmember Stokes thanked the Parks and Community Services Board and the public for their engagement with this issue.

#### 11. Continued Oral Communications

- (a) Sally Lawrence, Chair of the Save Coal Creek steering committee, said 4,900 people have signed their online petition since January 2020. Of those, 2,214 individuals are from Bellevue zip codes, 2,218 individuals are from cities to the south and east of Bellevue, and 439 individuals are from Seattle zip codes. She noted the importance of preserving the Isola property, which borders City and King County parks. She encouraged the City to collaborate with neighboring communities to preserve the property as open space.
  - (b) David Kappler, Vice President for Advocacy, Issaquah Trails Club, thanked the City for its efforts to address climate change. He noted longtime efforts to have the former Swanson property included within Coal Creek Park.
  - (c) Heidi Dean expressed support for Barbara Braun's comments earlier in the meeting. She thanked Julie Ellenhorn, Mark Heilman, Carol Ross, Theresa Cuthill, Mike McCormick Huentelman and other staff for their hard work related to the Bellevue Essentials class. She thanked the City Council for its support of the program. Ms. Dean said that she and four other residents of the Newport Hills area are graduating in the 2022 class. She noted the value of touring different areas.
  - (d) David Lai noted his advocacy for pickleball courts and thanked the Council, Parks and Community Services Board and staff for including pickleball courts in the Airfield Park master plan. He encouraged the addition of 16 dedicated pickleball courts at the park and noted the potential for tournaments that would bring economic benefits to the community.
12. Land Use: None.
13. Other Ordinances, Resolutions, and Motions: None.
14. Unfinished Business: None.
15. New Business: None.
16. Executive Session: None.
17. Adjournment

Mayor Robinson noted the celebration of life service in memory of Officer Jackson the following day. At 8:58 p.m., Ms. Robinson declared the meeting adjourned.

Karin Roberts, CMC  
Deputy City Clerk

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