

Roberts, Karin

From: Chris Palestro <christopher@palestro.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 07, 2019 9:08 AM
To: EBCC
Cc: Angela Palestro; Angie Holmes; Chad Holmes; Charles R Jenner; marjoriejenner@hotmail.com; liang.sun.asu@gmail.com; Jing Liu; mzhou12@yahoo.com; Catherine Blundell; Jim Blundell; harkled@comcast.net
Subject: Community Concerns/Topics for 5/7 EBCC meeting

We understand that code enforcement will be providing an update on enforcement related to Single Family Dwelling rentals at this evening's meeting. As you are aware, based on our attendance at the last such EBCC meeting update in the fall, the use of homes in our single family neighborhood primarily for business purposes has had a substantially negative impact to our community. It also sets a bad precedent for all of Bellevue. Thank you in advance for hearing our concerns which are highlighted below.

(1) The negative impact to the availability of affordable single family houses where landlords are incentivized to rent homes to businesses for higher rent). The city is in possession of documentation that one home rented for business purposes on our block (9837 NE 21st St.) is a \$7500/mo rental, which appears to be well above the typical rental rate for similar homes in the area.

(2) How can City Council help to resolve the gap in interpretation of jurisdiction rights over homes used for in-home child care, which gap exists between the City of Bellevue on the one hand, and the WA Dept. of Children, Youth, and Families on the other hand. Specifically, Bellevue Code enforcement believes their jurisdiction is highly limited, while DCYF has indicated to us that they license the individual and the site only, and that all other matters are left to the City.

(3) The impact to residential life on our block because of a business that spans two (of ten) homes by purporting to be independent businesses under separate state licenses, yet also claim to have an undisclosed business relationship. *See the photo below for 9837 NE 21st Street.*

(4) City Council assistance in interpreting the letter and the spirit of Bellevue Code for Single Family Dwelling rentals, including a focus on the code defined requirement that occupants live as a "Single housekeeping Unit"

(5) An update on whether the Code Enforcement Department has sought the counsel of City Council and other elected officials in connection with the above matters, which we have been attempting to have more fairly addressed for the past two years.

Roberts, Karin

From: p johnston <pamjjo@msn.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 07, 2019 7:30 PM
To: EBCC
Subject: Fwd: Airbnb? FW: City of Bellevue Weekly Permit Bulletin 12-7-17

Fyi

-Pamela Johnston

From: CHelland@bellevuewa.gov <CHelland@bellevuewa.gov>
Sent: Monday, January 8, 2018 9:19 PM
To: pamjjo@msn.com
Subject: RE: Airbnb? FW: City of Bellevue Weekly Permit Bulletin 12-7-17

Pam – I wanted to let you know that I received your email and simply have not had time to reply.

From: Pam Johnston [mailto:pamjjo@msn.com]
Sent: Tuesday, January 02, 2018 3:04 PM
To: Helland, Carol <CHelland@bellevuewa.gov>
Cc: Albert Ting (alt7070@hotmail.com) <alt7070@hotmail.com>
Subject: RE: Airbnb? FW: City of Bellevue Weekly Permit Bulletin 12-7-17

Please ignore the are airbnb's renters guests question. I see in the cottage definition that guests in cottages must be non-paying. More questions...

QUESTION 1

RE: 20.20.800 A

Short term stay uses – Limitations and general requirements.

"Short Term Stay Use. Transient lodging provided in a Planned Unit Development or multifamily dwelling unit located in a Residential (R-1 through R-30) land use district. Boarding houses and bed and breakfasts permitted to operate in Residential districts pursuant to a valid Home Occupation Permit, Part 20.30N LUC, group homes for children sited pursuant to the Group Home for Children Community Involvement Process, Chapter 9.19 BCC, and institutions housing persons under legal restraint or requiring medical attention or care are not included within the scope of this definition.

What is the significance of this term?

Is the following true ?

- Short term stay is Transit lodging in PUD or multifamily. It needs to register but does not need a permit
- Short term stay is not boarding housing and B&B in Residential, group homes for children, and certain institutions. Those places need a permit.

I didn't find another use of this term outside of 20.20.800, other than the Transient Lodging definition. It seems like its use in 16-141664-DA *Transient Rentals.pdf* does not apply to the definition.

QUESTION 2:

How are the cumulative of city home occupations measured? What is the limits for which they would not be approved?

<http://www.codepublishing.com/WA/Bellevue/#!/LUC/BellevueLUC2030N.html#20.30N>

QUESTION 3:

Do B and B and, thus Airbnb owners, pay taxes in the same proportion as motels/hotels? B&O tax? Lodging tax starting Jan 1?

QUESTION 4:

Do you have a status report coming up to Council for Airbnb and like issues?

I'm asking because I wonder .. If you have seen square footage of homes go up with a relationship to Airbnb use? If this is densifying neighborhoods without any payoff for affordable housing? If we are pushing the motel/hotel traffic to the residential areas? How this is this working and if an update to the code is warranted based on new information?

Thanks

NOTES: Code Snippets and links for my reference

<http://www.codepublishing.com/WA/Bellevue/ords/Ord-6223.pdf>

<http://www.codepublishing.com/WA/Bellevue/#!/LUC/BellevueLUC2030N.html#20.30N>

From 20.50 Definitions

Bed and Breakfast. An owner-occupied dwelling which temporarily houses guests for profit. A bed and breakfast does not include a rooming house as defined in LUC 20.50.044. (Refer to LUC 20.20.140 for general development requirements applicable to bed and breakfast uses.) (Ord. 6223, 4-6-15, § 5; Ord. 4028, 7-17-89, § 10)

Boarding House. An owner-occupied dwelling in which individuals unrelated to the owner are housed and/or fed for profit. This definition includes transient lodging as defined in LUC 20.50.048. (Refer to LUC 20.20.140 for general

development requirements applicable to boarding house uses.) A boarding house does not include a rooming house as defined in LUC 20.50.044. (Ord. 6223, 4-6-15, § 6; Ord. 4654, 6-6-94, § 77; Ord. 4028, 7-17-89, § 11)

Guest Cottage, Guest House. A dwelling unit on a residential lot, separate from the main residential building, which is used to accommodate nonpaying guests of the residents or domestic employees of the residents and which is not rented. (Ord. 3145, 9-27-82, § 77)

Home Occupation. An occupation or profession which is incident to and carried on in a dwelling by a member of the family residing within the dwelling and not one in which the use of the premises as a dwelling is largely incidental to the occupation or profession carried on therein.

Hotel/Motel. A building or portion thereof designed or used to provide transient lodging of six or more units in any building or more than 20 percent of the units comprising a development. A central kitchen and dining room and accessory shops and services catering to the general public can be provided. Institutions housing persons under legal restraint or requiring medical attention or care, bed and breakfasts and boarding houses are not included within the scope of this definition. (Ord. 5301, 6-18-01, § 3)

Rooming House. A non-owner-occupied dwelling that is subject to multiple leases or in which rooms are offered for rent or lease on an individual room basis. (Refer to LUC 20.20.700 for general development requirements applicable to rooming house uses.) (Ord. 6223, 4-6-15, § 8)

Transient Lodging. Lodging provided for a fee or charge in a hotel, motel, boarding house, bed and breakfast, short term stay use or other granting of any similar license to use real property for a period of less than thirty (30) days. (Ord. 5301, 6-18-01, § 5)

20.20.140 Boarding houses and bed and breakfasts.

Boarding houses and bed and breakfasts require a Home Occupation Permit, Part 20.30N LUC, approval. In addition, not more than two rooms may be rented to not more than two persons other than those occupying a single-family dwelling, provided there is compliance with health and building code requirements. The owner of the rooms to be rented shall provide off-street parking for such rooms at the rate of at least one parking stall for each room. (Ord. 5089, 8-3-98, § 11; Ord. 4028, 7-17-89, § 3; Ord. 3145, 9-27-82, § 29) NOTE: Not changed since Ord 4028 in 1989 <http://www.codepublishing.com/WA/Bellevue/ords/Ord-4028.pdf>

20.20.250 Cottage, guest.

One detached cottage for the use of guests or domestic employees or the residents of the main residence may be permitted on any lot having at least 13,500 square feet in lot area and having a single-family residence as the principal use of the lot.

20.20.800 Short term stay uses – Limitations and general requirements.

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B. Limitation on Number of Short Term Stay Uses. No more than five units in any building and no more than 20 percent of the dwelling units comprising a development shall be used for Short Term Stay Use at any given time.

C. General Requirements.

1. **Registration Notice.** Any person or company providing a Short Term Stay Use shall file a Registration Notice with the Development Services Department. The registration notice shall be submitted in writing in a form approved by the Director. The registration notice shall state (a) the name and address of the person or company by whom it is submitted (registrant); (b) identify by name and address the building and development to which the registration notice applies; and (c) state the number of dwelling units where the registrant provides Short Term Stay Uses in the referenced building and development. The registration notice shall remain in effect until the Registrant notifies the Department in writing that the registrant is no longer providing any units in the referenced building or development for Short Term Stay Uses.

2. **House Rules.** When rules of conduct have been adopted for universal application to all occupants of a development, any person or company providing a Short Term Stay Use shall provide a copy of the rules to each licensee prior to commencement of their stay and shall post a copy of the rules in each unit provided for Short Term Stay Use.

D. Time for Compliance.

1. Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, for a maximum period of 12 months from the effective date of the ordinance codified in this section, Short Term Stay Uses in existence on the effective date of the ordinance may continue to operate without meeting the limitations set forth in paragraph B of this section, provided that all the requirements of paragraph C of this section are met. Twelve months following the effective date of the ordinance, Short Term Stay Uses not meeting the limitations set forth in paragraph B of this section will be operating in violation of the LUC and subject to enforcement provisions contained in LUC 20.40.460 and Chapter 1.18 BCC.

2. Short Term Stay Uses in existence on the effective date of the ordinance codified in this section shall comply with the General Requirements of paragraph C of this section within three months from the effective date of the ordinance. (Ord. 5301, 6-18-01, § 1)

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From: Pam Johnston
Sent: Tuesday, December 26, 2017 5:01 PM
To: 'CHelland@bellevuewa.gov' <CHelland@bellevuewa.gov>
Cc: Albert Ting (alt7070@hotmail.com) <alt7070@hotmail.com>
Subject: RE: Airbnb? FW: City of Bellevue Weekly Permit Bulletin 12-7-17

Another question came up. Are Airbnb renters considered guests? Are cottages allowed to be rented as Airbnb types?

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Welcome back in the new year!

-pam

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Very informative. What is the measurement for the cumulative aspect to other city home occupations? Thank you.

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From: CHelland@bellevuewa.gov [mailto:CHelland@bellevuewa.gov]

Sent: Tuesday, December 19, 2017 11:25 AM

To: pamjjo@msn.com

Subject: RE: Airbnb? FW: City of Bellevue Weekly Permit Bulletin 12-7-17

Good morning Pamela – I have been asked to reply to your email on behalf of the City Council. Thank you for sharing your observations about transient rentals. You are correct that AirBnB (and other property rental platforms on the internet) have created a business model that is being deployed in the neighborhoods, and is creating negative impacts. The changes in the City's Land Use Code in 2015 provided staff with new tools to combat the impacts associated with transient lodging. Based on experience gained in the first year of enforcement, staff issued the attached code interpretation on the transient rental topic to educate landlords, tenants and residents regarding the rental regulations and to streamline the compliance and hearing process for these cases. We have taken several landlords to hearing and have collected some significant fines. We believe this is having a positive impact and achieving the intended outcome, especially when a landlord or rental agent is conducting this type of business on more than one property in the City. We are also becoming more and more efficient with the enforcement process as our understanding of the evidentiary requirements needed for a hearing examiner to uphold the code violations develops over time.

You have also noted that rental clusters seem to exist in the City, and that a recent notice in the Weekly Permit Bulletin may be incomplete. The presence of rental clusters is consistent with the experience we have as well. However, we respond to violations of the transient rental regulations only in response to a complaint. So, it is important for residents to report what they see, so we can direct enforcement resources to the issues that are most concerning to people. The December 7 Weekly Permit Bulletin noticing the application for the Hwang Bed and Breakfast contained complete information for this type of project application. The narrative provided in the notice, captures the information that is requested in the Bed and Breakfast application materials. There are no plans or other materials required. As a result, there is no additional linked information available for these types of applications. With respect to the Hwang Bed and Breakfast application specifically, this property is currently the subject of a code enforcement action. As a result, no permit can be issued until steps have been taken to bring the property and any associated rental operations into compliance with the Land Use Code. I spoke with the planner on this project, and he is in receipt of your comments, and you are identified as a party of record. You will receive notice of any decision on this application when it is issued by the Land Use Director.

I hope this information is useful to you. Please let me know if I can be of additional assistance.

Carol Helland, Code and Policy Director

Development Services Department

425-452-2724

From: Pam Johnston [<mailto:pamjjo@msn.com>]

Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2017 02:04

To: Council <Council@bellevuewa.gov>

Subject: Airbnb? FW: City of Bellevue Weekly Permit Bulletin 12-7-17

Do you think Bellevue policy on Airbnb and other short term rentals is leading us to the desired outcome?

Background

The weekly permit bulletin. and my own experience of a party at a rented house had me considering short-term rentals. I just heard today about Seattle changes. <https://www.bizjournals.com/seattle/news/2017/12/12/seattles-airbnb-limits-affordable-housing-rentals.html>

Popularity

It seems to be more popular than perceived. Clusters of these rentals exist. Would you have guessed the Lake Hills Library to be a tourist destination, maybe not. It does made for a busy blocks.

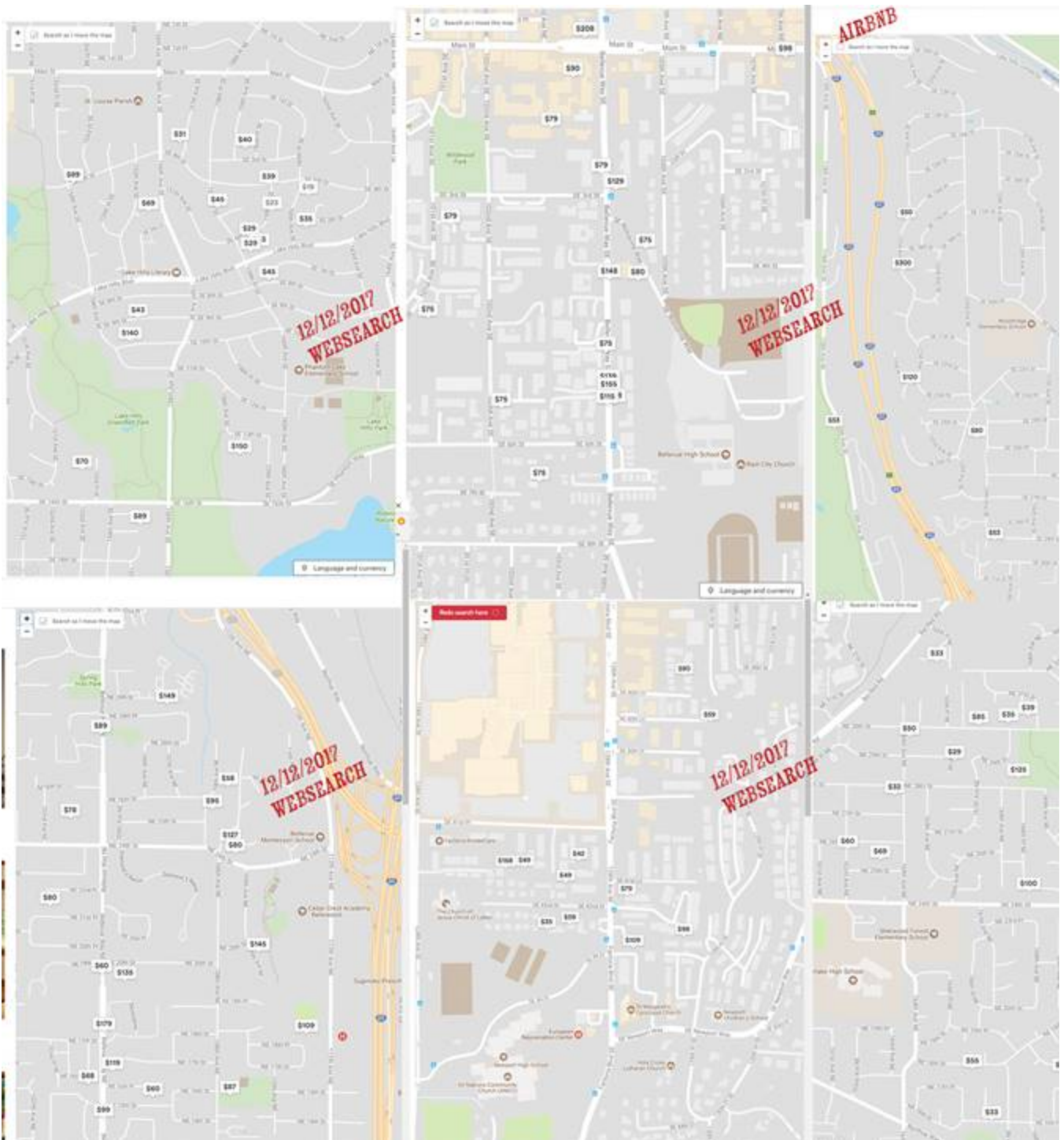
Lake Hills

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Permit Concerns

This week's permit bulletin has one Airbnb application; one Airbnb approval. Click [here](#)

(The application is missing the link information in the permit bulletin. See file attached for this information.)

The approved one appears to be an Bothell home based LLC, so the house does not appear to be owner occupied.

The application is using an Issaquah Huntington Learning Center as the business.

It seems these permits of Airbnb spaces

- comes under home business, client visits.
- Bellevue is requiring one off-street car space per bedroom.
- The applicants filed with their business opened 9-4? M-f 9-3. That does not seem right.
- I missed seeing about long time inspections
- Complicates rights?
- May not account for friends visiting the renters

Concerns == Hotel space in neighborhoods.

- Increases density
- Adds traffic to the neighborhoods
- May tend to make housing less available
- May tend to make neighborhoods less cohesive
- Issues with security and peace of neighborhoods? Can the police and fire system map issues and short term rentals?
- Short term rental with no owner occupancy space. One space could be a regular rental and one short term

Thank you for taking the time to consider this issue,

Pamela Johnston

425-881-3301

Roberts, Karin

From: p johnston <pamjjo@msn.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 07, 2019 7:46 PM
To: EBCC
Subject: Scholar references for Martin v. City of Boise

FYI

Martin v. City of Boise

902 F. 3d 1031 - Court of Appeals, 9th Circuit, 2018 - Google Scholar

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Roberts, Karin

From: Don Marsh <don.m.marsh@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 20, 2019 9:22 AM
To: EBCC
Subject: Opportunities for collaborative grid transformation
Attachments: Letter to PSE Board of Directors.pdf

Dear Council Members,

I am attaching a copy of a letter from a coalition of organizations to the Puget Energy and Puget Sound Energy Boards of Directors. Now that the governor has signed the Washington Clean Energy Transformation Act, we believe it is a good time to reexamine PSE's plans for development of our energy grid. This is an opportunity for PSE to work more collaboratively with community and environmental organizations for the benefit of all stakeholders. A cooperative relationship would be more productive and would set a good example for utilities across the country.

I am happy to answer questions if you would like more information on specific challenges and opportunities we face in our area.

Sincerely,

Don Marsh

Coalition of organizations
4411 137th Ave. SE
Bellevue, WA 98006

May 20, 2019

Steven W. Hooper, Chairperson
Customer Care for Puget Energy and Puget Sound Energy Boards of Directors
PO Box 97034
Bellevue, WA 97304

Sent via Registered Mail

RE: Opportunities for collaborative grid transformation

Dear Chairperson Hooper and Board Members,

On behalf of thousands of Washington residents represented by the undersigned coalition of environmental organizations, neighborhood associations, faith groups, indigenous people, technical advisors, and community leaders, we wish to express our strong support for transformation and modernization of our energy grid, as mandated by the recently passed Washington Clean Energy Transformation Act. This ground-breaking legislation requires investor owned utilities to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and deploy modern technology to minimize harm to the environment.

Utilities in many states including New York, California, Arizona, Hawaii, and Vermont are already modernizing their electrical infrastructure. Washington's new bill incentivizes PSE to modernize its local and regional facilities to ensure that our energy grid will be ready to power a vigorous economy, provide safety and security for our growing population, and enable technology advancements such as automated electric vehicles and the 5G communications network. The future electric grid must be resilient to natural disasters while reducing impacts on the environment.

Considering the implications of Washington's clean energy bill on electrical planning, we respectfully ask the boards of PSE and Puget Energy to reconsider two proposed transmission projects known as "Energize Eastside" and the Lake Hills/Phantom Lake transmission line. Both are based on outdated projections and outmoded technology. Neither project has reached the construction phase. If built as proposed, they would destroy thousands of trees, cost ratepayers hundreds of millions of dollars, and siphon funds from more effective modernization efforts.

In light of the considerable challenges and opportunities that lay ahead, the undersigned ask that members of PSE's leadership team meet with a small group of community representatives. Our goal is to find common ground and opportunities for cooperation. Working together with our elected officials, we can help identify and accelerate innovative projects that will energize our cities, protect our environment, control costs, and benefit communities and PSE.

Our representatives and experts are ready to meet in June and look forward to your response by the end of May via an email to don.m.marsh@gmail.com.

Sincerely,



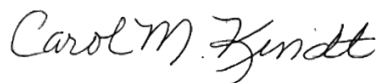
Don Marsh
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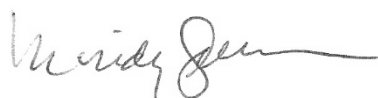
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Gary Kline
Sunset Community Assn.



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(Bridle Trails)



Kevin Jones
IRP Technical Advisory Group
(Vashon Climate Action Group)



Ann R. Brashear
Newport Hills Community Club

Cc:

- Kimberly Harris, CEO, PSE
- Washington State Governor Jay Inslee
- Washington State Senate Environment, Energy, and Technology Committee
 - Senators Reuven Carlyle, Guy Palumbo, Doug Ericksen, Phil Fortunato, Tim Sheldon, Andy Billig, Sharon Brown, Mona Das, Steve Hobbs, Marko Lias, John McCoy, Joe Nguyen, Ann Rivers, Shelly Short, and Lisa Wellman
- Washington State House Environment & Energy Committee
 - Representatives Joe Fitzgibbon, Debra Lekanoff, Matt Shea, Mary Dye, Matt Boehnke, Richard DeBolt, Beth Doglio, Jake Fey, Jared Mead, Strom Peterson, and Sharon Shewmake
- City Councils
 - Bellevue, Newcastle, Renton, Redmond, Kirkland, Seattle, Mercer Island, Issaquah, Sammamish, Woodinville, Kenmore, Bothell, Kent, Auburn, Bainbridge Island, Everett, Bellingham, Tacoma, Olympia
- East Bellevue Community Council
- Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
 - Commissioners David Danner, Ann Rendahl, and Jay Balasbas
- Lisa Gafken, Assistant Attorney General
- PSE IRP Technical Advisory Group
- Seattle Times
- Bellevue Reporter
- Renton Reporter
- Redmond Reporter
- Kirkland Reporter
- Mercer Island Reporter
- Issaquah Reporter
- The Stranger
- Clearing Up
- KUOW
- League of Women Voters
- Washington Conservation Voters

Roberts, Karin

From: hansennp@aol.com
Sent: Monday, May 20, 2019 7:35 PM
To: Council; Miyake, Brad
Cc: EBCC; board@cense.org
Subject: 5/20 Council Agenda Resolution 9597 NE Spring Blvd Transmission Line Poles

Dear Mayor John Chelminiak, Council Members and City Manager Brad Miyake ,

Subject Resolution with Seattle and Seattle City Light authorizes an expenditure of \$853,000 "which insures that no transmission line poles will ever be installed within NE Spring Boulevard" in the new Spring District.

This concept of no poles needs to be considered for other boulevards to include 148th Ave.NE.

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In view of no poles on Spring Boulevard, the City Manager and Council are urged to provide similar equity for other boulevards in the City. It is requested that the City Manager consider along with the Council a stakeholder group to explore the next steps and pathway to provide similar treatment for NE 8th and 148th Ave boulevard.

There is a point to be make here. Bellevue needs an equitable process across all communities within the city.

We look forward to meeting soon on this issue.

Norm Hansen, Community Focal

Roberts, Karin

From: Barbara Braun <bbraun@stratery.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 21, 2019 8:31 AM
To: hansennp@aol.com; Council; Miyake, Brad
Cc: EBCC; board@cense.org
Subject: RE: 5/20 Council Agenda Resolution 9597 NE Spring Blvd Transmission Line Poles

I 2nd Mr. Hansen's request. The citizens have been asking for this on 148th and it is shocking that to date the discussion been dismissed as too expensive. 148th is a premier boulevard in Bellevue. It's beauty should be maintained in perpetuity as a part of the City's plan. We know Bellevue values the beauty and live-ability of ALL of the city, not just the redeveloped parts. With the major degradation the light rail corridor is having on the slough and Enatia, we as the citizens of Bellevue should be looking for every opportunity to preserve Bellevue's trees and Bellevue's beauty. Especially our wetlands and agriculture areas such as on 148th. We should not let the "old" decline and only focus on the "new." Great city's are those that maintain and enhance the "whole." Please reopen burying transmission per Mr. Hansen's request.

Thank you
Barbara Braun
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From: Karen Esayian <kesayian@aol.com>
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To: Barbara Braun
Cc: hansennp@aol.com; Council; Miyake, Brad; EBCC; board@cense.org
Subject: Re: 5/20 Council Agenda Resolution 9597 NE Spring Blvd Transmission Line Poles

These comments ring true for those of us who use both 148th and Bellevue Way in driving into downtown Bellevue. If the rail corridor is an indication of what would happen along 148th, the City will not be able to call itself a "city in a park".

I also agree that Bellevue needs to maintain an equitable process for *all* communities regarding land use.

Karen Esayian
4601 135th Ave SE
Bellevue, WA. 98006

On May 21, 2019, at 8:31 AM, Barbara Braun <bbraun@stratery.com> wrote:

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Sent: Wednesday, May 22, 2019 9:43 PM
To: hansennp@aol.com; Council; Miyake, Brad
Cc: EBCC; board@cense.org
Subject: Re: 5/20 Council Agenda Resolution 9597 NE Spring Blvd Transmission Line Poles

Dear Mayor Chelminiak, Council Members and City Staff,

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I hope this clears up any confusion. If you have additional questions, please let me know.

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