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TO: Chair Hummer and Members of the East Bellevue Community Council

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SUBJECT: Completion of the East Bellevue Community Council's Review of Year Ahead and Working Relationships

SUMMARY

On July 16, the East Bellevue Community Council (EBCC) held a retreat with the planned objectives of:

- Reviewing the quasi-judicial role, processes, and decision criteria for such matters;
- Reviewing EBCC accomplishments from the past 12 months;
- Reaffirming the EBCC Rules of Procedure (Resolution 570); and
- Discussing what success looks like over the next year to identify common goals that all EBCC members look to achieve as a body.

Following the training on quasi-judicial process, the EBCC members agreed to postpone the discussion of common goals to their August 6 meeting.

BACKGROUND & POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

Established in 1969, the East Bellevue Community Council is empowered by state law with approval/disapproval authority over certain land-use actions in a part of East Bellevue. The EBCC may also act in an advisory capacity on other land-use issues that directly or indirectly affect its jurisdiction.

As set forth in RCW 35.14.050, a community municipal corporation acting through its community council may:

- 1) Make recommendations concerning any proposed comprehensive plan or other proposal which directly or indirectly affects the use of property or land within the service area;
- 2) Provide a forum for consideration of the conservation, improvement or development of property or land within the service area; and
- 3) Advise, consult, and cooperate with the legislative authority of the city on any local matters directly or indirectly affecting the service area.

As discussed at the July retreat, EBCC members agreed that there is a common interest in strengthening the understanding of subsection 3, particularly as it relates to the Council's ability to be proactively involved in gaining insight on potential future development within the EBCC boundaries, or areas that have an immediate impact on the area. In addition, EBCC members expressed interest in strengthening their ability and effectiveness in serving within an advisory

role to other formal bodies, including Boards, Commissions, and “the legislative authority of the city” – the Bellevue City Council.

In order to achieve this objective, the EBCC agreed to work towards a common understanding of what their advisory role includes, specific vision of what relationships with other bodies may look like, and additional clarity amongst the members on what process to follow to make it clear that members are in agreement (e.g. a process to follow to have a predictive action, such as a vote of support). At tonight’s meeting, staff will be on hand as a resource to facilitate further discussion of how the EBCC wishes to move forward in strengthening their role to “advise, consult and cooperate” as described in RCW 35.14.

ATTACHMENTS

- A. Resolution 570 – East Bellevue Community Council Rules of Procedure
- B. RCW 35.14 – Community Municipal Corporations