



DATE: September 10, 2019

TO: East Bellevue Community Council

FROM: Kyle Stannert, Assistant City Manager, 452-6021
City Manager's Office

SUBJECT: August 6 discussion on the Advisory Role of EBCC

The East Bellevue Community Council (EBCC) have expressed a desire to strengthen the clarity of its advisory role as defined by RCW 35.14.050(3), which states that a community municipal corporation acting through its community council may:

Advise, consult, and cooperate with the legislative authority of the city on any local matters directly or indirectly affecting the service area.

As a first step, the EBCC decided to first agree upon common areas of interest that members believe they should be advising on. Arriving at consensus of these areas provides an opportunity to express your interest to advise to others, particularly City staff supporting the EBCC and the Bellevue City Council, as the City's legislative body. As discussed, any interest in joint meetings with Boards and Commissions would also be addressed to the City Council, since these appointed bodies serve in an advisory capacity to the City Council.

Following your August 6 meeting, the attached memo was provided to EBCC members to capture areas you agreed upon as common interests. These themes are also captured in the draft meeting minutes presented to you for approval at tonight's meeting.

Items for consideration on the EBCC meeting agendas will continue to be prioritized in the following order:

- 1) Items which fall within the legislative authority for the Community Council and / or items that are before the EBCC for decision in your quasi-judicial role.
- 2) Topics where the EBCC has an agreed upon advisory role for matters affecting the service area.
- 3) Informational topics directly related to the jurisdictional boundaries of East Bellevue.

While staff and other resources may not always be available to provide informational briefings, the Deputy City Clerk will notify EBCC members of public presentations on topics you have expressed interest in at your retreat and future meetings.

There may also be topics of interest identified for EBCC to take an advisory role that do not fall within the scope of the city's legislative authority's (City Council) policy role. While these topics will not be brought to EBCC for information, staff will attempt to direct you to the appropriate resources to find out more information available to members of the public.

Attached:

Topics for Advisory Role or Advanced Briefings