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To: East Bellevue Community Council

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Subject: Puesta del Sol Elementary School
301 151st Place NE
18-130014 LB

On October 19, the Bellevue City Council conducted its initial consideration of the Hearing Examiner's recommendation regarding the Bellevue School District's (BSD) Conditional Use application. Final action by the City Council on the application is scheduled for November 2. A copy of Ordinance No. 6542 is attached for your review. The purpose of the East Bellevue Community Council's November 10 public hearing is to approve or disapprove by resolution the Conditional Use application submitted by the BSD.

The BSD seeks Conditional Use approval to demolish Bellewood Elementary School and construct a new one to three-story 102,143 square foot elementary school (pre-K through 5th grade) on 9.93 acres. Seventeen portables will be removed with this application. A synthetic play field with a covered play area will be provided along with revised landscaping and 110 parking stalls. In addition to the on-site improvements, BSD proposes off-site improvements to 151st Place NE in order to provide access to the site from Main Street. A left-turn lane will also be added to Main Street to access 151st Place NE. The site contains three critical areas, two wetlands and one steep slope, which require a Critical Areas Land Use Permit (CALUP) to modify associated buffers. This administrative permit was approved by the Director on March 20. The new facility is designed for up to 650 students. BSD anticipates that construction will begin in 2021 with completion estimated in 2022.

This is the 16th elementary school that BSD will construct as part of their capital facilities upgrade, which began in 2002. BSD is currently upgrading a majority of its schools as part of the bond measures that were passed by the citizens of Bellevue. With this application, BSD is seeking to relocate the Puesta del Sol Elementary School (PDS) from its current location at 3810 132nd Avenue SE to a more central location at the Bellewood site at 301 151st Place NE. The Spanish immersion program is a District-wide choice program drawing qualified students from every area in the City. Bellewood has been used previously as a swing school, an interim location for elementary students when their schools were being redeveloped, since 2002. The zoning for the Bellewood site is R-5 which allows educational facilities in residential areas.

Attachments

Ordinance No. 6542
