

East Bellevue Community Council
Summary Minutes of Regular Meeting

October 1, 2019
6:30 p.m.

Lake Hills Clubhouse
Bellevue, Washington

PRESENT: Chair Hummer, Alternate Vice Chair Gooding, and Councilmember Dhananjaya

ABSENT: Vice Chair Walter, Councilmember Kasner

STAFF: Jammie Kingham, Environmental Programs Supervisor, Parks & Community
Services Department

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:46 p.m., with Chair Hummer presiding.

2. **ROLL CALL/FLAG SALUTE**

Deputy City Clerk Karin Roberts called the roll. All Councilmembers except Vice Chair Walter and Councilmember Kasner were present.

Councilmember Dhananjaya moved to excuse Vice Chair Walter's absence. Councilmember Gooding seconded the motion, which carried by a vote of 3-0.

Chair Hummer asked Councilmember Dhananjaya to lead the flag salute.

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Councilmember Dhananjaya moved to approve the agenda. Councilmember Gooding seconded the motion, which carried by a vote of 3-0.

4. **COMMUNICATIONS: WRITTEN AND ORAL**

Chair Hummer noted one written communication included in the meeting packet.

5. **REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:** None.

6. **REPORT OF THE CHAIR:** None.

7. **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

(a) Lake Hills Greenbelt Restoration Project Presentation

Jammie Kingham, Environmental Programs Supervisor, described her background and spoke about Bellevue's unique set of parks, urban forests, and wetlands and the benefits of green spaces. She provided information regarding the Lake Hills Greenbelt restoration project. She noted that transportation projects in the area were required to mitigate the impacts on approximately two acres of wetlands. The restoration project involved intensive invasive weed control, the placement of logs and woody debris to provide habitat, and tree and shrub plantings. Ms. Kingham said the City worked with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to develop performance standards for monitoring the long-term success of the project.

Responding to Jeffrey Hummer, Ms. Kingham said the Washington State Department of Ecology (DOE) will oversee annual reviews of the project site, which are typically conducted in late summer. In further response, Ms. Kingham said the list of plants is available for the public.

Councilmember Dhananjaya expressed concern regarding overgrown vegetation in certain areas, including on commercial properties.

Responding to Councilmember Gooding, Ms. Kingham confirmed that coyote sightings in the greenbelt are not uncommon. In further response, Ms. Kingham said the City requires specific aquatic herbicides that must be applied by a professional who is certified in their use. She said the Parks Department uses the least toxic products possible when eliminating invasive species.

Chair Hummer asked about the best plants for peat bogs that will help bind the soil and keep it from flowing into Kelsey Creek. Ms. Kingham said the City has a list of plants that have been successful in a number of conditions.

Responding to Chair Hummer, Ms. Kingham said that the Muckleshoot Tribe is always involved in permitting related to streams. However, the restoration project is not within a riparian corridor. Ms. Kingham said that she is not directly involved in the City's permitting process. However, she provides recommendations regarding the desired project elements based on her environmental expertise.

Responding to Councilmember Dhananjaya, Ms. Kingham said that several parking spaces were added when the blueberry farm's parking lot was paved. The community garden was eliminated because it was difficult to grow at that location. Chair Hummer suggested that perhaps a pea patch would be a good project for the Boys and Girls Clubs. Ms. Kingham noted that the conditions at the site are very wet.

Chair Hummer thanked Ms. Kingham for the presentation and information.

8. **PUBLIC/COURTESY HEARINGS:** None.

9. **RESOLUTIONS:** None.

10. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:** None.

11. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

(a) Continued Discussion of EBCC's Advisory Role

Chair Hummer recalled previous discussions about developing an implementation program to follow up on items from the EBCC retreat held on July 16. She noted that the detailed retreat report was provided in tonight's meeting packet.

Ms. Hummer said a courtesy hearing regarding the Temporary Encampment Land Use Code Amendment (LUCA) will be held during the EBCC's November meeting. She encouraged Councilmembers to review the videos and/or minutes of past City Council meetings in which the LUCA was discussed.

12. **NEW BUSINESS:** None.

13. **CONTINUED COMMUNICATIONS:** None.

14. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None.

15. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

(a) Community Council Retreat Report, July 16, 2019

Councilmember Dhananjaya moved to postpone approval of the report of the July 16, 2019 Community Council Retreat. Councilmember Gooding seconded the motion, which carried by a vote of 3-0.

(b) Summary Minutes of the September 10, 2019, Regular Meeting

Councilmember Gooding moved to postpone approval of the minutes of the September 10, 2019 Regular Meeting. Councilmember Dhananjaya seconded the motion, which carried by a vote of 3-0.

16. **ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:50 p.m., Chair Hummer declared the meeting adjourned.

Karin Roberts, CMC
Deputy City Clerk

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