



HOUGHTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

February 27, 2006

1. Call to Order and Roll Call – 7:01 p.m.

- Members Present: Chair Rick Whitney, Hugh Givens, Bill Goggins, David Hess, James Nickle, and Elsie Weber
- Absent/Excused: Betsy Pringle
- City Staff present: Paul Stewart, Nancy Cox

2. Reading and/or Approval of Minutes:

1. December 19, 2005 Approved as corrected:
 - P. 1: "...by the Chair, ~~High~~ Hugh Givens." (first line)
 - P. 2: "John ~~Capler~~ Kappler, 5025..." (first line)
 - P. 3: "...found in the ~~top lot of~~ Tot Lot near the church..." (fourth paragraph)
2. January 10, 2006 Approved as read
3. January 23, 2006 Approved as read with correction of formatting at the top of Page 1 after "Absent/excused: Hugh Givens" [return to new line]

3. Announcement of Agenda

Chair announced the agenda.

4. Council Member Reports and Comments

Chair regretfully reported that Joan McBride's 22-year-old daughter passed away. The service is Saturday at 4:00 p.m. at the Congregational Church. Joan McBride formerly served on this Council and is currently a member of the City Council.

5. Work Program Review

None.

6. Requests from the Audience

None.

7. Hearings

None.

8. Unfinished Business

A. Final Approval: Homeless Encampment Zoning Code Amendments, – File No. ZON05-00028

PURPOSE: Review City Council's action on amendments to Chapter 127

Chair reported that the City Council approved this code amendment without incorporating Houghton Community Council's recommendation and added the Planning Commission's recommendation limiting animals in the encampment to service animals. Ms. Cox answered questions as to Planning Commission's action and also as to Bellevue's lawsuit. There was discussion. Mr. Goggins disagreed that sponsorship of homeless encampments be opened to organizations in addition to churches. Mr. Nickle supported Mr. Goggins' position. Ms. Weber agreed with the Planning Commission position not to limit the sponsors to churches. Mr. Givens feels that that the Planning Commission should pay attention to what Houghton Community

Council wants and supports limiting sponsorship to churches. Ms. Cox reported that the Planning Commission discussed this Council's position extensively and she reviewed the Planning Commission's rationale supporting their decision not to limit the sponsors of homeless encampments to churches.

There was discussion about the Resolution before the Council. It was reworded to disapprove Ordinance No. 4040, and acted upon as follows:

MOTION: On motion of Mr. Goggins, second by Mr. Nickle, Council approved Resolution 2006-1 which disapproves Ordinance No. 4040 adopted by the Kirkland City Council on February 21, 2006 relating to Land Use and amending Chapter 127 of the Kirkland Zoning Code.

Voting Yes: Messrs. Goggins, Nickle, Givens, Whitney.

Voting No: Ms. Weber.

Abstaining: Mr. Hess.

Mr. Stewart and Ms. Cox advised that, with this action, there are now no codified standards regarding homeless encampments in the Houghton jurisdiction.

9. New Business

- A. Item: Innovative Housing Evaluation, File No. ZON06-00004
PURPOSE: Review anticipated innovative housing evaluation process.

Mr. Stewart referred to Staff's February 16, 2006 memo to Council regarding Innovative Housing. He commented that an intern with the City who was a graduate student worked on this project for her degree and did a comprehensive evaluation of innovative housing and prepared a report. He invited Council's comments and observations. Council commented that it was an excellent report. There was a discussion on whether affordable housing will be considered. Mr. Stewart indicated that it will be considered as part of the process. Mr. Stewart said a tour could be arranged of the demonstration projects in Danielson Grove or Kirkland Bungalows, if Council so desired.

10. Administrative Reports and Community Council Discussion

None

11. Adjournment – 7:35 p.m.

Rick Whitney, Chair

Eric Shields, Planning Director
Department of Planning and Community Development

RECORDING SECRETARY: Marlene Eisele