

May 6, 2015 Special Meeting at Kentlake High School
Approved: May 26, 2015

City of Covington
City Council Special Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 6, 2015

The Special Meeting was called to order in the Performing Arts Center of Kentlake High School, 21401 SE Falcon Way, Kent, Washington, Wednesday, May 6, 2015, at 7:45 a.m., with Mayor Harto presiding.

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT:

Margaret Harto, Joe Cimaomo, Mark Lanza, Jim Scott, Sean Smith, and Jeff Wagner.

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT:

Marlla Mhoon.

STAFF PRESENT:

Regan Bolli, City Manager; Richard Hart, Community Development Director; and Sharon Scott, City Clerk/Executive Assistant.

Dr. Potts, Principal of Kentlake High School, introduced Mayor Margaret Harto to the students.

Mayor Harto greeted the students and called the special meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Harto introduced Sharon Scott, City Clerk/Executive Assistant; Regan Bolli, City Manager; and Richard Hart, Community Development Director.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. Listening Session to Receive Student Comments on the Town Center Plan.

Community Development Director Richard Hart gave a presentation on the Council's vision for the Town Center.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mayor Harto called for public comments.

Forty-two high school students provided comments to the Council regarding their views, ideas and suggestions for the new town center as to what activities, programs, and amenities they would like included in the project.

The following is a categorized list of their suggestions.

Restaurants:

- Applebee's
- restaurants that stays open later hours
- In-N-Out Burger (2)

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- Starbucks (in the park)
- Krispy Kreme
- Olive Garden
- Chipolte
- Bakery
- Larger coffee shop
- Student run café or restaurant

Entertainment:

- movie theater (2)
- outdoor performing arts center
- community theater (indoor)
- gaming center with bowling, etc. (2)
- bowling alley (2)

Recreation:

- Basketball court
- Undercover activities
- Swimming pool
- Skate park
- Multipurpose playfields for rugby, etc.

Concerns:

- Environmental impact
- Tearing down anything other than Covington Elementary
- Traffic
- Tearing down homes/Covington Elementary (2)
- Timeline of project
- Preserving nature

Community

- Girl Scout center
- Community center (2)
- Open space for walking in gardens
- Park area for teenagers to hang out

Retail

- A variety of stores to shop
- Macys
- JC Penney's
- clothing stores
- Hot Topic
- Nike store

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- Independent small businesses
- Foot Locker
- Sports store
- Music store

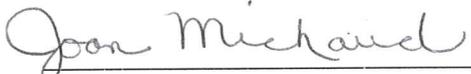
Environmental:

- Rain gardens to filter

ADJOURNMENT:

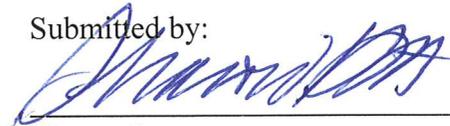
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:32 a.m.

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