

**Newport Hills Community Club
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
June 20, 2006**

Call to Order

The Board of Directors Meeting was held at the Newport Hills Community Church, 5833 119th Avenue, Bellevue. Executive Board Members in attendance were: Steve Kunkel (President), Gary Thramer (Vice-President), Beverly Heyden (Treasurer). Absent, Barbara Lee (Secretary).

Steve Kunkel called the meeting to order at 7.00 pm.

Guest Speakers

Newport Hills Elementary School/YMCA. Rebecca Wilson and Jim Carney provided an update on the plans for Newport Hills YMCA-new Newport Hills Elementary School on 119th Avenue. The proposed elementary school will be constructed in phases to allow YMCA to continue operation as usual. The YMCA will transfer totally to what is now Newport Heights Elementary School in the fall of 2008 when the new school on 119th Avenue will be complete.

Carney also provided information regarding the YMCA's 100th Anniversary celebrations. The YMCA is building a new facility in Newcastle, and is currently in the capital campaign phase. They hope to break ground next spring.

Valley Medical Hospital District. Because of the general outrage felt by NHCC membership living within the boundary of the Valley Medical Hospital District regarding the increase in their taxes from \$0.09/\$1,000 to \$0.59/\$1,000 for services most will not use, Dr. Jamie Park of the Valley Medical Clinic in Newcastle attempted to explain the rationale behind the hospital levy, including a brief history of how hospitals and hospital districts are funded. Some among the NHCC membership asked questions which Dr. Park attempted to respond to.

Londi Lindell. Ms. Lindell represents the Lake Lanes Community Club living on Lake Washington adjacent I405. She made a presentation of the latest proposal from WSDOT regarding the expansion of the I-405 Renton to Bellevue Project. She produced a plan of the latest layout of lanes which included a Bus Rapid Transit Station (BRTS) at King County's Park and Ride at the Newcastle Exit #9 which will be located in the middle of the expressway, thus requiring bridges and elevators to gain access. This transit station will have a major impact on Newport Hills, as well as the Lake Lanes Community, Surrey Downs, Woodridge, and Newport Shores. It is at the choke point on I-405 (now proposed to be 12 lanes wide) and will thus require the construction of a retaining wall which could be 80'-0" tall. Noise barriers may also increase the height of this wall, although the noise impact on Newport Hills residents would potentially be more noticeable. This development surprised NHCC members who had attended the March WSDOT meeting in Renton earlier in the year where the BRTS was not included in the design presentation.

It was agreed that NHCC will support the position of Lake Lanes Community Club and their critique of the WSDOT Environmental Assessment.

The Guest Speakers were invited to the meeting by Ray Osborn, Governmental Liaison for NHCC.

Secretary's Report

The Minutes of May 16, 2006 Directors Meeting approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Monthly Report

Beverly Heyden submitted the following.

Beginning Balance on May 1, 2006	\$10,169.84
Total income from dues and donations	\$2,728.00.
Payment—Safeco Insurance Premium	<\$1,604.00>
Payment—Barbara Lee: copies of minutes	<\$26.11>
Ending Balance as of May 31, 2006	\$11,267.73
Land Use and Community Improvement Fund	<\$3,477.81>
Operating Balance: May 31, 2006	\$7,789.92

Paid Membership on May 31, 2006—761.

Red Apple Receipt Processor. Eleanor Smith has accepted this accounting role.

President's Report

The following were included in Steve Kunkel's report.

Newsletter. Cheryl Nygaard is responsible for this hectic position. NHCC really needs one extra person to lighten the normal burden required to produce the Newsletter. A **volunteer** is needed.

Assistant Treasurer. This position is open; a **volunteer** needed.

Assistant Secretary. This is another position that needs a **volunteer**.

Website. Grace Whiteaker is also on maternity leave but will continue with her duties as the Website Guru from home.

Brian Lewallen is leaving the district. He has applied his legal knowledge on behalf of NHCC issues regarding codes and covenants. The Membership wishes him well. Unfortunately this leaves the Club with a large hole to fill. A **volunteer** with a good legal mind is needed.

It was reported that local codes and ordinances are no stricter than those of the City of Bellevue. However, there is little enforcement of the local ordinances.

Community Outreach. Steve Kunkel; reported that the organization for the 4th July picnic was well in hand. **Volunteers** on the day would be welcome. Set up begins at 9:00 am. with a children's parade at 11:00 am. The picnic will begin at 11.30 am. Meal tickets will be picked up at a table to better organize the distribution of food. Tchoukball and baseball will take place in the afternoon with a pie eating competition to add to the festivities. Swimming is open to all at the Newport Hills Swim and Tennis club between 3:00 and 7:00 pm.

Steve Walker will be present at the table to solicit donations as well as distribute the meal tickets

Newport Hills Merchants Liaison. Marie Craiger holds the Merchants Liaison position.

Vice President's Report

Gary Thramer updated the Club on the Car Show (Hot Rod and Cool Car Show) to be held in the Shopping Center parking lot adjacent Red Apple on August 12. It promises to be bigger and better than ever. Food will be available. Jerry Jaderholm is responsible for organizing this event with Gary Thramer.

Committee Reports

Government Liaison

Ray Osborn reported on four issues:

- The Pipe Line Trail
- Coal Creek Sedimentary Pond.
- The Valley Hospital Levy
- I-405 Expansion

The Pipe Line Trail appears to be a dead issue and NHCC agreed to let its interest in it drop. The problem appears to be one of insurance.

The City of Bellevue has settled on the Coal Creek Sedimentary Pond design favored by NHCC.

The City of Bellevue Council is sympathetic to the position raised by Newport Hills residents and has agreed to meet with Valley Medical Hospital District Board to discuss the matter. However, their staffs must meet first. Newport Hills is classified as rural and has not had a boundary review since 1947 when it was indeed rural.

119th Avenue SE Sidewalk Modification. Work has commenced on the sidewalk addition along the east side of 119th Avenue. It is anticipated for completion by late fall.

Unfinished Business

Indemnification of the NHCC Board

Website Content Guide Lines. Website Content Guidelines must be in the NHCC Byelaws. Work on this is in progress.

New Business

Boiler Plate Correspondence. A standard letter will be developed by Sylvia Jones for corresponding with local governments and cities on issues pertaining to NHCC and the neighborhood.

Announcements

Comment was made regarding the poor state of some areas on 56th and 60th Streets.

Adjournment

Steve Kunkel adjourned the meeting at 9.05 pm.