

**Newport Hills Community Club  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
January 16, 2007**

**Call to Order**

The Board of Directors Meeting was held at the Newport Hills Community Church, 5833 119<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Bellevue. Executive Board Members in attendance were: Gary Thrasher (President), Beverly Heyden (Vice President), Steve Kunkel (Past President), Elinor Smith (Treasurer) and Barbara Lee (Secretary).

Gary Thrasher called the meeting to order at 7.05 pm.

**Guest Speakers -** Cathy Nanda, City of Bellevue, Neighborhood Public Art Program.

Ms. Nanda would like to propose using Newport Hills as a demonstration site for the upcoming funding cycle for the city's public art program. Michelle Hilhorst and Steve Penner volunteered to form a subcommittee to work with Nanda on planning efforts.

**Secretary's Report**

Minutes of the December 19, 2006 Board Meeting were reviewed and filed with no corrections.

**Treasurer's Monthly Report**

Elinor Smith submitted the following.

<b>Beginning Balance</b> on December 1, 2006	<b>\$ 5,943.79</b>
Income for December 2006	571.85
Expenses	1,953.39
<b>Ending Balance</b> on December 31, 2006	<b>\$ 4,562.25</b>

Treasurer's Report was filed with no corrections.

Smith reported that the Club received a check from Red Apple Market totaling \$1,434.03 representing their donation from the 1% Program in 2006.

Thrasher will send out reminder emails to Club officers and committee chairs regarding estimating expenses for the 2007 budget year and submitting those estimates to the Treasurer in order to prepare a budget proposal.

**President's Report**

Thrasher referred to his theme for this year as "Random Acts of Community Service." He outlined five goals:

- 1) Build upon the foundation set by prior presidents to encourage Club members' personal growth and pride in community
- 2) Increase the number of active volunteers
- 3) Facilitate the growth of community events
- 4) Work with government agencies that impact our community
- 5) Work cooperatively with business community in Newport Hills

**Vice President's Report -**

Beverly Heyden spoke to her goal of collaborating with the Membership Chair to increase membership

**City Liaison Report -None**

**Committee Reports**

**Membership**

Sandi Tampa reported on membership activity since the release of the December 2006 Newsletter: 23 dues received; \$51.00 in donations received.

Annual Membership Drive coming up in March 2007. Tampa and Heyden will plan the drive.

#### **Newsletter-**

March 2007 Newsletter articles need to be submitted to editor by January 22<sup>nd</sup>. Advertising has sold out already.

#### **Website**

Grace Whiteaker has added a junk mail filter to the website. She will be adjusting templates to comply with ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) guidelines.

#### **Volunteer Appreciation-None**

#### **Youth Activities**

Michelle Hilhorst is wrapping up the Santa Tour activity by finalizing thank-you notes and writing an article for the upcoming newsletter.

#### **Community Outreach**

Steve Kunkel will be filing the paperwork for a park reservation to hold the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Picnic at Newport Hills Park in 2007.

#### **Land Use and Community Appearance-**

Steve Penner outlined his goals for this year including: 1) considering how to improve the entrance signs to the neighborhood; 2) work with Elinor Smith on issues related to the Newport Heights Elementary remodel; 3) track the Clearwire tower installation process.

#### **Merchant's Liaison-**

Steve Kunkel will talk to Marie Crager about her interest in continuing as the Club's liaison to the merchant community.

Members discussed the purpose of the Welcome Wagon program and how to make it a Membership-focused activity. Thrasher and Heyden will develop a cover letter that can be attached to the Club's latest Newsletter to distribute to new residents in the community.

#### **Government Liaison**

Ray Osburn reported on two issues:

- Factoria Mall remodeling plans could lead to positive changes in our commercial district
- City of Bellevue is taking bids for the Coal Creek retention pond stabilization project
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#### **Public Safety - none**

#### **Special Committees**

- 1) Budget: Budget planning committee will meet on February 13, 2007 (location to be determined)

#### **Unfinished Business**

Weissbach family (Kimberly Park) received the \$25.00 Red Apple gift certificate for Outstanding Holiday Display.

#### **New Business** - none

#### **Announcements**

Next Board of Directors meeting set for February 20, 2007.

#### **Adjournment**

Gary Thrasher adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.