

**Newport Hills Community Club
Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting
December 18, 2007
Newport Hills Community Church**

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Meeting was held at the Newport Hills Community Church. Executive Board members in attendance were: Gary Thrasher (President); Elinor Smith (Treasurer); Barbara Lee (Secretary); Steve Kunkel (Immediate Past President).

Guest Speaker: None

Secretary's Report:

Minutes of the October 16, 2007 General Membership meeting were reviewed and filed with corrections.

Treasurer's Report:

Monthly financial statement was presented for the period October 1, 2007 thru November 30, 2007 as follows:

Beginning balance 10/1/07	\$5,089.33
Income	3,048.48
Expenses	2,425.90
Ending balance on 11/30/07	\$5,711.91

Treasurer's report was filed as presented. Elinor Smith noted that the membership count stands at 726 paid members.

President's Report:

Gary Thrasher spoke to his continuing role as Board President for 2008 due to the sudden resignation of Beverly Heyden who has retired and relocated out of the neighborhood.

Vice President Report:

Cheryl Nygaard thanked Gary Thrasher for agreeing to stay on as Board President for 2008.

Bellevue Neighborhood Liaison: Rich Dolleman did not have a report. Lois Brandt, Newport Hills neighbor, shared a copy of a letter she sent to the city Parks Department (see attached). In the letter she thanked the city for improving the Coal Creek Park trail that starts at 60th Ave and 129th St. and for choosing NH as the next site for the neighborhood identification program.

Committee Reports:

Membership:

Sandi Tampa was not able to attend but sent a message for discussion. Items discussed included: 1) membership drive using mailers with return envelopes; 2) raising membership dues from \$8.00 to \$10.00 per year to cover the additional mailer costs.

Year-to-date membership count is 726 members which is below last year's numbers. Discussion about increasing interest in becoming a NHCC member through creative uses of the website, such as establishing an electronic community discussion board. Also discussed better marketing of Club's activities by creating a traveling kiosk that can be displayed at all Club functions. The cost of the kiosk will be presented in the Club's 2008 proposed budget for discussion at the March meeting.

Question was posed regarding sending the Newsletter electronically to members rather than through the mail. Due to difficulty with sorting out those addresses who request electronic version rather than hard copy, it was discussed that the Webmaster could email the quarterly newsletter to the "announcements" distribution list she manages even though it would be duplicative of the postal mailings.

Newsletter:

Cheryl Nygaard set an January 20 deadline to receive articles for the Winter 2008 newsletter.

Website: No report.

Volunteer Appreciation: No report.

Youth Activities:

Santa Tour – Michelle Hilhorst was not in attendance. Bruce Young thanked the Club on behalf of the Community Church's Food Bank for collecting several boxes of food stuffs during the Santa Tour. The food has already been distributed to needy families in our community. Photos from the Santa Tour should be forwarded to Cheryl Nygaard for inclusion in the upcoming newsletter.

New Idea – Lisa Viereck volunteered to organize a Newport Hills ice skating session at Castle Ice Skating Rink for January or February. Cheryl Nygaard will assist in the planning of the event.

Community Outreach – No report.

Land Use and Community Appearance:

- 1) Neighborhood Identification Program – several dates have been set with the city representatives: January 8, 2 – 4 p.m. is a Steering Committee meeting at the

NH Community Church; January 22, 7 – 8:30 p.m. is a Community Meeting at the Community Church.

2)

Merchant Liaison: No report.

Government Liaison:

Gary Thrumer will invite Anthony Hemsted back to discuss his recent win to the Valley Hospital District's Board of Commissioners.

Public Safety:

Michael Davis has not been able to attend Board meetings so persons interested in serving on this committee should contact the NHCC President.

Special Committees

- 1) Nominating – no report
- 2) Budget Committee – a meeting will be set for February for preparation of the 2008 budget. Persons to attend include Thrumer, Nygaard and Smith.

Unfinished Business - None

New Business - None

Announcements – None

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.