

- A. Call to Order, President Cheryl Nygaard.
- B. Guest speakers and presentation.
 - a. Celebration of Identity Project, Cheryl Kuhn. This project is completed. All six Newport Hills/Lake Heights signs and landscaping will be maintained by the city. Only one sign is lit, the large Lake Heights sign on 119th as one travels up the hill from Coal Creek Parkway.
 - b. Public Art Project, Mary Pat Byrne. Artist Bruce Myers has been chosen by the neighborhood art task force and the City of Bellevue Arts Commission. Working with Metro, Bruce will design the two bus shelters on 119th (near the Chevron station) and one piece of art, either by the dental office or the hair salon. If the budget allows, both areas will have art. Bruce has asked the residents to send images of the neighborhood directly to Mary Pat. A jury of residents will review these images and they welcome comments from the neighborhood.
 - c. Newport Hills Park. On November 18, there will be a public meeting to speak with the development services planner about any concerns neighbors have about this project. However, the soccer field will have synthetic turf – this was decided by voters last year. Concerns about traffic, lighting, and use of the park will be addressed.
 - d. Neighborhood Enhancement Program. Residents of Newport Hills and Lake Heights will soon receive a mailing about the City’s offer of \$280,000 to be used in whatever way the community deems necessary. Residents are encouraged to vote on projects that would enhance the neighborhood.
 - e. Trailhead Improvement, Emil King: Funding for trailhead improvement on SE 60th by the large Newport Hills sign will be available in the 2010 budget. This money will be used for signage about the park and a few parking spots.
 - f. Traffic calming project: Small speed bumps have been installed on 116th as a test site. Speed bumps are only installed if emergency vehicles can safely maneuver them. These vehicles are allowed to drive around them but private vehicles are not. If they are successful, these bumps will be extended.
- C. President Report: Cheryl Nygaard. No report.
- D. Secretary’s Report: Debra Haraldson. Minutes to the September 15 meeting were approved by the Board via email.
- E. Vice-President’s Report: Julie Rossman. No report.
- F. Treasure Report: Matt Camrud. See attached report Treasurer report. We received 32 new members (for a total of 550) and more donations than anticipated. PayPal will be available soon on the web site for dues payments and donations.
 - a. Budget. A proposed budget was included with the Treasurer report, through March 2010.
- G. City of Bellevue Neighborhood Liaison: Rich Dolleman. In addition to the projects as outlined in item B, some of our neighborhood roads will be overlaid in 2010.
- H. Standing Committee Reports.
 - a. Membership: Sandi Tampa. There are approximately 178 people who joined last year who didn’t join this year and we have about 220 **new** members this year. Our

core group is around 330 members. If her initial calculations are correct, we might have some untapped potential members out there.

- b. Newsletter: Cheryl Nygaard. The winter newsletter will include information on the Santa Tour, updates on community projects, etc. Is this newsletter really needed, given our budget situation? Should the Trustees hand deliver the March newsletter, (which is more critical than the Winter edition due to the membership drive)? A general discussion ensued. Instead of the Trustees delivering it, perhaps getting more volunteers to cover smaller areas. We could send our community information to the Bellevue Reporter, insert a page into a mailing from the City, create a press release to local papers, place fliers in business windows and on the blog. If we get the Winter newsletter information out using these avenues, we can eliminate the Winter newsletter and devote the money to the March newsletter. Cheryl suggested we meet at 7PM on December 1 at the Mustard Seed for further discussion about the fate of our newsletters.
 - c. Website: Grace Whiteaker. One of her goals is to notify the appropriate person about posts and comments for response. Also integrate some visual themes (July 4, holiday, seasonal) on the site so people will come back to see what's new. She wants to add a section on community enterprises, garage sales, etc. She is considering a "Newcastle 411" (which is no longer on line) type of blog. This will require a separate person like a "Communications Chair."
 - d. Youth Activities: Michelle Hilhorst. December 19 will be the Santa Tour. On December 5 there will be a combined work party with Newcastle Rotary to assemble the sleigh. The Cornerstone Jazz Studio has once again volunteered its space for the post tour with Santa for photos. It was hoped that this post tour event would attract local traffic but it really has not. This event will be analyzed to see if it should be repeated next year. The oranges and candy canes were provided at cost by Red Apple and the Hallmark store respectively, so Michelle needs to find new vendors for these items. There will be a food drive for the Newport Hills Community Church Food Bank again this year. The City of Bellevue will have to charge us for the fire truck (\$500) so we will not have the truck this year, just the sleigh. Sandi suggested eliminating the winter newsletter, use A-boards to announce the Santa Tour, so we can afford the fire truck. Grace suggested providing food for a minimal charge. Another suggestion is to set up a holiday bazaar with those with home businesses. (During this meeting, there was no final decision on purchasing the fire truck's time.)
 - e. Public Safety: Debra Haraldson. No report.
 - f. Land Use and Community Appearance: Volunteer Needed.
 - g. Government Liaison: Ray Osburn. Not present.
- I. Special Committees
- a. Newport Hills Task Force: Alex Golan. This task force is trying to open the communication avenues with the various business owners and the property owners. It is promoting a "Dine out at Newport Hills" night as a show of support. It also wants to encourage residents to patronize the hair and nail salons, buy at the Mail Stop, etc.
- J. Unfinished Business. Christmas Lights event to take place on December 22nd in the early evening. Instead of a cash prize, we could award coupons at the local eateries. This

would not cost the club anything but will benefit local businesses. In addition to this, we could have a “green” award that would encourage not installing lights.

- K. New Business. Nomination and election of 2010 Officers.
 - a. President: Motion made, seconded and carried to nominate Michelle Hilhorst.
 - b. Vice President: Motion made, seconded and carried to nominate Lisa Viereck.
 - c. Assistant Secretary
 - d. Assistant Treasurer
 - e. Newsletter Editor
 - f. Newsletter Publisher
 - g. Volunteer Appreciation. Denise Dice.
 - h. Lake use and Community Appearance
 - i. Trustees
- L. Announcements. The December meeting will be a 50th celebration of the club, to which all past Presidents will be invited.
- M. Adjournment