

Newport Hills Community Club
December 15, 2009

- A. The meeting was called to Order by President Cheryl Nygaard.
- B. Guest speakers and presentation. Camron Parker, Parks & Community Services, City of Bellevue.
 - a. Parks and Open Space System. The most current plan is was created in 2003 so it will be updated in 2010. The City has solicited Public opinion by asking randomly selected Bellevue residents to participate in a survey about how they use parks, what would they like to see in the future, etc. Then the City opened the survey to all residents on the City's web site, which is still open for comment. Public hearings on updating the Parks and Open Space System will be held in January.
 - b. The City is also involved with other citywide plans since 2003: Coal Creek area incorporated into Bellevue City Park system, Bell-Red plan to redevelop from light industrial to housing and office to name a few. There is a Parks and Open Space component to this effort to ensure that the Park's plans line up with the city's vision.
 - c. Question from Michelle: Is the city interested in purchasing property for parks? There is a large plot of flat land near the old Eastside Catholic School. Response: The City is keeping this option open but there are no details yet. Question: What can the NHCC do to support efforts that directly affect the neighborhood? Response: It is best to show up at City Council meetings and public comment meetings. Your strongest argument is that your area is underserved by the Parks Department.
 - d. Neighborhood Enhancement Project (NEP): \$280,000 is available to Newport Hills and Lake Heights. Residents are encouraged to send in the response cards mailed last month. Comments must be received by December 18.
- C. President Report: Cheryl Nygaard. No report.
- D. Secretary's Report: Debra Haraldson. Minutes to the November 17 meeting were approved by the Board via email.
- E. Vice-President's Report: Julie Rossman. No report.
- F. Treasure Report: Michelle Hilhorst presented this report on behalf of Matt Camrud. See attached report Treasurer report. The club has 550 members.
- G. City of Bellevue Neighborhood Liaison: Rich Dolleman. No report.
- H. Standing Committee Reports.
 - a. Membership: Sandi Tampa. No report.
 - b. Newsletter: Cheryl Nygaard. We are on schedule for the March Membership newsletter.
 - i. Spring 2010 Edition.
 - c. Website: Grace Whiteaker. Not present.
 - d. Community Outreach
 - i. Santa Tour Update: Michelle Hilhorst. The post-Santa Tour event will take place again at the dance studio. A neighborhood Holiday Bazaar has been added to the event. As usual, Santa will be available for pictures. There will be a collection for canned food for the church. Santa will

collect food while driving throughout the neighborhood and there will be a collection bin at the dance studio. There will not be a fire truck but there will be a lead vehicle announcing Santa. Outstanding items: neon orange flags to stop traffic when crossing busier intersections; To Rich: Can emails from the City of Bellevue be sent to Bellevue residents announcing the Santa Tour, food drive, and Holiday Bazaar? He will look into this. Lake Heights is donating \$75 towards the Santa Tour. The sleigh from Newcastle Rotary is not charging for its use. Motion made, seconded and carried to donate \$50 to the Rotary as they have lost many members over the year.

- ii. Holiday Lights Contest. On December 22 at 7PM, a few folks will drive around the neighborhood judging the lights and hand out certificates to the winners.
- e. Public Safety: Debra Haraldson. No report.
- f. Land Use and Community Appearance: Volunteer Needed.
- g. Government Liaison: Ray Osburn. Not present.
- I. New Business
 - a. 2010 Officers, Board members and volunteers. Introduction of new officers: President Michelle Hilhorst and Vice President Lisa Viereck.
- J. Fifty year celebration
 - a. Lois Brant
 - b. Steve Kunkel
- K. Adjournment