

1. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order by President Michelle Hilhorst.
2. President's Report. Michelle Hilhorst.
 - a. The owner of Stods has purchased Sahara Pizza. Without the support of this owner, Sahara would have gone out of business so she encouraged the community to support this restaurant.
 - b. The club's Facebook page now has 58 friends.
 - c. The 4th of July picnic planning is moving forward. The owners of the Chevron station and Mustard Seed are paying for all the food
 - d. Cheryl Nygaard has resigned as the Newsletter Editor and Debra Haraldson will assume that role.
 - e. Volunteers are needed to post the monthly meeting A-boards on the Monday prior to the meetings, and to remove them Tuesday night, after 7PM.
3. Secretary's Report, Debra Haraldson. The minutes from April will be officially approved next month if quorum has been achieved.
4. Vice President's Report, Lisa Viereck. Not present.
5. Treasurer's Report, Matt Camrud. Not present but the financial reports were submitted by Sandi Tampa. See attached.
6. City of Bellevue Neighborhood Liaison, Rich Dolleman. He announced an upcoming Bike Safety Fair. See attached. He also cautioned about the possibility that the funding for the Neighborhood Enhancement Program may be cut.
7. Committee Reports.
 - a. Membership, Sandi Tampa. There are 300 members versus a goal of 600. In the last newsletter, the membership envelope was missing so the mailing company agreed to a special mailing of envelopes to all recipients. This may result in an increase of dues. This mailing will take place this week.
 - b. Newsletter, Debra Haraldson. Debra requests all articles for the next newsletter be sent to her by May 30.
 - c. Community Outreach
 - i. Community Garage Sale, Robin Bentley. A committee has been formed to plan a garage sale that may or may not include a junk removal service. The date is to be determined and it should not conflict with any event held by the COB. Robin is working with the Neighborhood Outreach department to see what kind of assistance it can offer. Stod's Batting Cages is considering donating its parking lot for the garage sale.
 - ii. Pea Patch, Robin Bentley. The Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Factoria offers patches of land to grow vegetables for local food banks. This is not a NHCC project but Robin seeks volunteers, especially neighbors who do not own private land for gardens.

- d. Public Safety, Debra Haraldson. Since Debra is taking over the job of Newsletter Editor, the position of Public Safety Chair is open.
- 8. Land Use and Community Appearance. See the following page of notes taken during this presentation.
- 9. Meeting was adjourned.

During the May NHCC board meeting, two staffers from the City of Bellevue (COB) addressed the attendees on the status of the Newport Hills Shopping Center (NHSC): Tom Boydell, Manager, Office of Economic Development and Dan Stroh, Planning Director.

The City is very concerned about the demise of several small neighborhood shopping centers as owners feel pressured out by larger stores. The only way to save the NHSC is by engaging the owners of the various properties. As of this date, Tom and Dan have the support of the majority of the owners and are confident that the others will be on board very soon.

The plan moving forward is to create a budget, funded by the owners, to hire a consultant tasked with developing a market feasibility study. This study will determine what type of businesses are appropriate for the neighborhood and what type of businesses the community desires.

There are three approaches to reinvigorate the property:

1. Re-Tenant. Research new uses for the existing space. Are there local artists who need studio space? Are there neighbors who have a home-based business who want to expand? Is there a business that would be an appropriate anchor for others?
2. Redevelopment. Remodel the space so that it's similar to what is currently there, perhaps adding more rentable space.
3. Redevelopment and Mixed Use. Create retail space on the bottom floor, then adding a floor or two of housing.

As the City sees it, there are three phases to this development project:

1. Property Owner Support. Enlist the support of all property owners and begin the market feasibility study.
2. Design and Development Study. This will depend on the approach taken for the property. From an owner standpoint, the cost of the design and development must be covered by the rent from the various businesses. Since owners manage property, they rarely have experience in development. It is the City's responsibility to match the owners with the proper developer.
3. Neighborhood Vision. Once the owners and the City are in agreement on what approach to take, community input is required.

After Tom and Dan's presentation, attendees offered the following ideas:

- Install a "suggestion box" at the upcoming 4th of July picnic to gather ideas about the NHSC. These suggestions will be gathered before any study has taken place so neighbors can enter any ideas that they want.
- After the market feasibility study has been published, use the NHCC web site to gather ideas from the community that directly address the results of the study.
- Conduct community forums on a regular basis.
- Invite Tom, Dan, or one of their colleagues to the monthly board meetings to provide updates.