

- A. The meeting was called to order by President Michelle Hilhorst.
- B. President Report: Michelle Hilhorst.
 - a. Welcome remarks by Michelle.
 - b. A Facebook page for NHCC was launched earlier this month.
 - c. The City of Bellevue (COB) has confirmed that the annual 4th of July picnic (held on the 3rd) will take place at the Newport Hills Park as planned. The permit for the park is in process. Use of the running track at the former Eastside Catholic High School is in the approval process with the Bellevue School District. Michelle is positive that the club will be able to use it.
 - d. Neighborhood Match: From the COB's web site: "The Neighborhood Match Program offers grants up to \$5,000 for small neighborhood projects when matched by the community in cash, donated professional services, donated materials or volunteer labor. Examples of eligible projects include landscaping and signage for neighborhood entrances, landscaping traffic islands and city rights of way and public art." Michelle received good ideas from the community and, with the help of Denise Dice, narrowed them down to two: 1) Screening from view, the utility boxes in the small park on 60th. Steve Penner lives in that area and has polled his neighbors about this idea. They were very supportive. 2) A bench across the street from the small park, by the trailhead. The competition for these matching dollars is fierce, as all neighborhoods in Bellevue are eligible. A decision will be made sometime in May.
 - e. Neighborhood Enhancement Program: From the COB's web site: "The Neighborhood Enhancement Program allows residents to select high priority projects for city-funded construction in their neighborhoods. Typical enhancements include park improvements, new trail connections, replacement sidewalk blocks and additional street lights." All households were sent a blue card earlier this year soliciting ideas for this program. City staff reviews requested projects for compliance with the NEP criteria. There will be a workshop on March 24, 7-9PM at Newport Heights Elementary School to discuss the NEP further.
- C. Secretary's Report: Debra Haraldson. Motion was made, seconded and carried to accept the January and February minutes as filed.
- D. Vice-President's Report: Lisa Viereck. See the two emails included in this document regarding Lisa's update on the public art project and her proposed idea for the NEP.
- E. Treasure Report: Matt Camrud. See attached Treasurer report. Matt presented a proposed 2010-2011 operating budget. Motion made, seconded and carried to accept the budget as presented. Sandi Tampa questioned the amount of money spent on liability insurance. Matt will do some research and inform the Board of his findings.
- F. City of Bellevue Neighborhood Liaison: Rich Dolleman. Rich distributed copies of the COB's overlay map. (With regular maintenance, the city keeps streets in safe condition and only has to replace the top layer of asphalt in its annual "overlay" program.) This overlay map is included with the filed minutes. Grace notified Rich of some vandalism

on a trail she was using recently. Rich suggested contacting the Bellevue Police Department's Factoria Substation.

G. Standing Committee Reports.

- a. Membership: Sandi Tampa. To date, we have 560 members. Sandi announced her resignation as Membership Chair but will train her predecessor.
- b. Newsletter: Cheryl Nygaard. The Spring newsletter has been mailed but the envelope for member dues was omitted. The mailing company apologized and offered to either mail a letter with the envelope to the newsletter list, or apply a credit to the Summer newsletter. Sandi suggested waiting one month to see if membership tracks to last year's. With the addition of Pay Pal, members might use this instead of mailing their dues. Cheryl will put out a call for articles for the Summer newsletter in April. Debra Haraldson has volunteered to assist Cheryl with future newsletters.
- c. Website: Grace Whiteaker. The blog has been redesigned to make it more compatible with the many browsers in the market.
- d. Community Outreach
 - i. Spring Egg Hunt: Julie Tsai. This event will take place on April 3, beginning at 9AM, at Newport Heights Elementary School. Cheryl contacted the PTSA about tabling at the event. It was suggested that the PTSA offer coffee, with a donations box nearby to benefit the NHCC. Julie still needs volunteers to show up at 8:30.
 - ii. Fourth of July Picnic: Lisa Viereck. Entertainment for the day includes Brazilian dancers from last year, and from the dance studio and self defense businesses at the Newport Hills Shopping Center. Lisa still needs help setting up and cleaning up. She will post a plea on the blog. An employee of the orthodontist clinic volunteered to help and was informed that employers have the option to purchase a table through Matt. The COB will provide recycle bins and signs advertising the picnic. There will also be a food drive as usual. Robin Bentley has volunteered to staff a table to sign the paperwork from high school students who work at the picnic for community service hours. Shelley Evans volunteered to work with Robin to gather the required paperwork from area high schools so that the proper documents are signed and submitted to the schools.
- e. Public Safety: Debra Haraldson. Present but no report. An attendee reported that a robbery took place on 116th, north of 56th. There are also reports of increased car prowling activity.
- f. Land Use and Community Appearance: Volunteer needed.
- g. Government Liaison: Ray Osburn. Present but no report.
- h. Volunteer Appreciation: Denise Dice. Not present.

H. New Business

- a. Robin Bentley discussed the importance of finding a volunteer to chair the Land Use and Community Appearance Committee, with a special emphasis on the Newport Hills Shopping Center and the Stod's property. Michelle will meet with Robin to discuss this further.
- b. Honorarium for Newport Hills Community Church. Matt suggested a \$100 honorarium in the presence of Rev. Paul Burnham Sr. who was thankful but said

it was not necessary. The church is happy to host the meetings and provide support for community events.

- c. Lois Brandt announced the COB plans to construct a footbridge over Coal Creek Parkway and requested work parties be organized to maintain the landscaping by the large Newport Hills sign on 60th.

I. Adjournment.

Subject: Aesthetic improvement on 119th /Main Street & NEP funding

Date: March 16, 2010 03:16:19 PM PDT

To: MPByrne@bellevuewa.gov

Hello All,

Recently I sent a NEP proposal asking for \$25,000.00 of the NEP funds be added to the existing art project on 119th with Mr. Bruce Myers. This would help bring in enough funding so the existing public art project on the "Main Street" may include both ends of the corridor while remaining "removable public art installations" in the event of future development.

Mary Pat ~ Do you think Bruce Myers and/or you could be present (or help me with hand outs/speech...) during the March 24th NEP project meeting @ 7:00pm? I would have forwarded this idea to Mr. Bruce Myers but I do not have an email or website for him. I know the residents from Newport Hills and Lake Heights have already selected Bruce Myers as a chosen artist who will represent the area and people well with a public art project. Perhaps you and Mr. Myers could help us address the ongoing outcry for an *aesthetic* appearance & improvement on 119th/Main Street?

All ~ In my humble opinion, pleasing and meaningful visual public art will help the aesthetic appearance on 119th/Main/Street! Many residents (in public meetings) have already identified the corridors of 119th as the "Main Street" of Newport Hills, the Main Street/heart of Newport Hills which is in need of visual improvement. Many Newport Hills residents have expressed their support for Bruce Myers as a chosen artist for the Newport Hills area.

Your thoughts?

Thank you,

Lisa Viereck

Newport Hills Community Club

Vice President and 4th of July Chair

Subject: RE: Answers regarding Newport Hills art

Date: March 16, 2010 02:11:59 PM PDT

To: CKuhn@bellevuewa.gov, MPByrne@bellevuewa.gov

Thank you Cheryl Kuhn and Mary Pat!!

People have been approaching me inquiring about the art project in Newport Hills... thus I thought this email could serve as the beginning of the update.

Mary Pat ~ It was a pleasure seeing you at City Hall yesterday and discussing the art project. Our monthly NHCC meeting is tonight @ 7:00pm so I will update accordingly...

Recap of yesterday's conversation at City Hall :

You are in the midst of organizing a meet which will occur in the next 2 -3 weeks with the following people/groups at the city of Bellevue:

- Artist (Bruce Myers)

- The art panel members from Seattle

- You/City of Bellevue reps

- The panel members from NHCC/Lake Heights

As soon as you confirm the meeting date, a printed mailer will be sent out to all Newport Hills/Lake heights residents inviting them to attend the meeting at Bellevue City Hall. The meeting will include a presentation from Bruce Myers outlining his design concepts to the community asking for feedback. Hopefully the design concept(s) will be discussed enough depth and detail so we may move forward and present the design concept(s) at the following NHCC meeting in April. Perhaps wishful thinking but a goal to work towards!

The Newport Hills community is looking forward to working with you and Mr. Myers on this exciting art project and seeing the installation(s) on 119th!

Thank you so much for your support up here in Newport Hills & lake Heights,

Lisa Viereck

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From: CKuhn@bellevuewa.gov [mailto:CKuhn@bellevuewa.gov]

Sent: Tuesday, March 16, 2010 9:01 AM

To: lisav@windermere.com

Subject: Answers regarding Newport Hills art

Lisa –

First thing this morning, I met with Ying and Ron to discuss (1) the status of the art project, and (2) your art proposal for NEP. Ying went up to find Mary Pat, and was told that you already had found her and talked to her yesterday! So, I assume you have everything you need in the way of information.

As for NEP, Ron did find the missing request – and it is now added to the list of proposed NEP projects. It's listed at \$25,000.