

General Membership Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order by President Heidi Dean (7:00)
2. President's Report: Heidi Dean
 - a) 4th of July recap with photo slide show from Gerlinde Gilmore's with Thymelapse Studios, who had a photo booth at the picnic. Thymelapse Studios is also donating gift certificates for all 66 households who renewed/joined at the picnic. Thank you for Gerlinde!
 - b) Heidi is working on a candidate forum. She needs help. Please contact her if you are interested.
 - c) Thank you to the Community Church for their festival on Saturday--it's a lovely gift to the community and was enjoyed by many.
 - d) Bellevue Essentials: an 8 week course offered by the City of Bellevue for residents interested in learning vital information that can help them become neighborhood and city leaders. Information on the course and application process can be found at <http://www.cityofbellevue.org/neighborhood-events.htm> . The application deadline is August 1st.
 - e) Please check out the new website: greenwa.org --it's an interactive website showcasing Bellevue's resources for sustainable living.
 - f) Gerlinde Gilmore was elected Area 16 Trustee (a motion was made, seconded and carried)
3. Vice President's Report: Robin Bentley - Community Faire, September 21st from 11 AM to 3 PM or 4 PM--mark your calendars! We have been granted access to the Old Red Apple location. The theme is turning a 'Parking Lot in to a Lot of Park'. There will be a hay bale garden with demonstrations. There will also be a rain garden with demonstrations. A vertical garden will be created along the Bank of America with pallets. Each of the neighborhood's 29 Areas will provide a hanging basket that will be hung along the walkway. There will be several booths, activities for kids, a bike rodeo, and skating board activities. Local, Newport Hills vendors are welcomed to come sell their crafts/goods. Unsure on food trucks, as we prefer to support our local restaurants. Community-wide yard sale will be the following week.
4. Secretary's Report: Motion was made, seconded, & carried to approve June 2013 minutes
5. Treasurer's Report: Xu Li. Current CD balance: \$3661 | Current Checking balance: \$2670.86
6. Membership: 131 members
7. Newsletter: The board needs to get together to discuss the next newsletter
8. Public Safety: Jason Leach is deferring to our speaker, Detective Chin
9. Shopping Center Revitalization: Herfy's is being cleaned up and will be a burger restaurant (not another Herfy's)

10. Park Planning committee - no update
11. Guest speaker Detective Richard Chinn. Burglaries are up 8% from last year in Bellevue. Burglaries typically occur during the day while car prowls typically occur in the evening.
 - a) Drug addiction is the root cause of the burglaries. Also, precious metal prices are up.
 - b) It is not hard to determine if someone is home: garbage cans left out, uncollected mail in the mailbox, follow a UPS/FedEx truck to see if package is still on doorstep, watching people leaving the home.
 - c) Master bedroom is the most common place for precious metals to be kept.
 - d) Sliding glass doors are an easy point of entry. Things to do: 1) put spacers on top so the door can't left out; 2) put a stick in door; and 3) security window film (TAPP Plastic & Brower Tinting in Renton are resources for this).
 - e) Deterrents: 1) Fake TV--gives impression that someone is home; 2) Fake/generic alarm company signs that you can put in your yard; 3) Answer your door if someone knocks; 4) Cutting back shrubs to make your home more visible from the street--eliminating places someone can hide; 5) Locking mailboxes; 6) Lock door between garage and house
 - f) Safe deposit boxes and heavy (at least 500 lbs) safes are good for putting valuables
 - g) Write down serial numbers of electronics that are 5 years or newer
 - h) Take photos of jewelry and valuables
12. Unfinished Business - none
13. New Business - 2 City Council candidates attended: Steve Kasner and Lynn Robinson both spoke briefly.
14. Adjournment. Motion was made, seconded, and carried.