

Call to order at 6:30PM

Speakers

Carol Ross, City of Bellevue, Neighborhood Outreach. Visit <http://www.ci.bellevue.wa.us/neighborhood-outreach.htm> for details. Neighborhood Outreach manages block parties, community clean ups, service projects, and Cultural Connections. Her department can be contacted if you are interested in hosting a block party, The City provides banners, assists with flyers and street closure permits, planning tips, etc. A representative from the Police or Fire Departments may be invited if you want.

There will be a Bellevue Neighborhoods Conference on Saturday, May 21, 8-4. Reservations are required-call 425-452-6885 to RSVP.

Bellevue Mayor John Stokes and *Nicholas Mats* spoke about the upcoming shopping center project. Intracorp is proposing to rezone the neighborhood business district to multifamily housing. The Planning Commission starts the process with a Comprehensive Plan Amendment then it goes to the city council. Residents need to be part of the process through open houses, attending commission meetings, etc. Rezoning will mean there may be 30 units per acre and 75% of the property will be dedicated to housing and the rest to businesses. There will be a Planning Commission hearing in May. People within 500 feet of the land will automatically get invited to the hearing. Email planningcommission@bellevuewa.gov if you want a notice.

Traffic and transportation: The City is aware of the speeding throughout the neighborhood. The traffic light at 119th and Coal Creek was adjusted years ago so cars can get off the hill faster. City needs input from the community with ideas for addressing traffic issues. Public transportation issues are difficult to address because there is no unified transit authority and King County Metro and Sound Transit do not communicate with each other.

Executive Board Reports

1. President, Brian Turner. No report.
2. Secretary, Debra Haraldson. No report.
3. Interim Treasurer, Heidi Dean. No report.

Committee Reports

1. Membership, Heidi Dean. Membership will fall short by 35 memberships. There is still time as the fiscal year ends on March 31.
2. Newsletter and website, Debra Haraldson. There will be no spring/summer newsletter. A flyer will go out if there will be a 4th of July picnic.
3. Shopping center, Heidi Dean. Progress continues on the International market and small restaurant. Cloud9's owner's son is organizing all Cruise Ins this summer.

Old Business

Patterson property update. The City purchased this in June but its Parks department has not been cooperative with our Parks Committee.