

- A. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order by President Viereck. (Grant Degginger's presentation was first. See item Gb.)
- B. President Report: Lisa Viereck.
  - a. The 2011 membership kick off and volunteer appreciation event will be held on Friday, April 1 at the Swim and Tennis Club. Committee and membership tables will be available.
- C. Past President Report: Michelle Hilhorst, not present.
- D. Secretary's Report: Debra Haraldson. Motion made, seconded and carried to accept the February minutes as presented.
- E. Vice-President's Report: Bruce Young.
  - a. King of the Hill Car Show will be held on August 13 on the NH Community Church property.
  - b. Starbucks food donations: Newcastle Starbucks donates its day-old pastries and bagels to NH Community Church for distribution as it sees fit.
- F. Treasurer's Report: Matt Camrud. See attached February report.
- G. City of Bellevue
  - a. Liaison change from Rich Dolleman. Newport Hills/Lake Heights have been reassigned to Ying Carlson. Other people may be assigned based on subjects/issues rather than geographic area.
  - b. Transportation update from Councilmember Grant Degginger.

The City of Bellevue has invested heavily in this community: \$3.5M in sidewalks; Park turf and lights; new park property acquired; neighborhood identity signs; shopping center upgrade. These projects only strengthen the relationship between Bellevue and the community.

Transportation: Bellevue has 150,000 jobs with a population of 125,000. Sound Transit and King County Metro are working to increase mobility in Bellevue. Tolls will go live on SR520 this spring. I405 in both directions will be closed the first weekend of April to remove the 112<sup>th</sup> street overpass. They are extending 4<sup>th</sup> street over 405 between Best Buy and Home Depot. In September, Metro's Rapid Ride system will be coming to connect downtown Bellevue (at NE 8<sup>th</sup>) to Redmond.

Light Rail: Voters voted to extend light rail to the Eastside and it must go across I90. The question is, "How to bring the line to downtown Bellevue?" It has to either cross the slough or go around it. It could go along Bellevue Way to 112<sup>th</sup> into downtown to Main Street. It could run on the surface or across the slough and connect to the Burlington line, then by Main Street or at 2<sup>nd</sup> to a tunnel. Sound Transit wants it to go down Bellevue Way to Main Street. But Grant wants it off the road to avoid competing with traffic. The City Council has met many times on this issue and has opened this up to public comment. Visit the City's web site for timely updates on this issue.  
<http://www.ci.bellevue.wa.us/>

Parking issues: To encourage bus and light rail ridership, parking at key transit centers must be available. A larger structure at the South Bellevue Park and Ride is an option as well as a Park and Ride closer to I90 by the east channel bridge. Grant's concerns: We need to select a way that moves the most people, does not harm the environment, and does not negatively impact the neighborhoods in which the train will travel.

- H. Committees:
  - a. Membership: Robin Bentley. The Membership table will be present at the Egg Hunt. Robin would like to include more seniors in our community events – most of our events are kid-centric. We could use the two schools as another way to disseminate information about our events. We ended up with 640 members in 2010; so far we have 115 members. Her goal is to reach 700.
  - b. Newsletter: Debra Haraldson.
    - i. Spring 2010 has been delivered.
    - ii. Extra copies of the newsletters will be delivered to key businesses.
    - iii. New possibilities for future newsletters include outsourcing it to the company that produces the newsletter for Somerset.
  - c. Website: Grace Whiteaker, not present.
  - d. Community Events
    - i. Spring Egg Hunt, April 23 - Cheryl Nygaard (not present) and Shelly Zhao. Plans are moving forward.
    - ii. Membership Party, April 1 at the NHSTC.
    - iii. 4<sup>th</sup> of July Picnic: Bruce Young and Lisa Viereck. Could use volunteers as the event approaches.
    - iv. Fall Community Fair and Garage Sale: Robin Bentley. No report.
    - v. Pea Patch: Robin Bentley. She wrote an article about starting one here and has received a few responses.
  - e. Public Safety: Jason Leach, not present.
  - f. Volunteer Appreciation: Denise Dice, not present.
  - g. Span & Block Watch meet and greet with Detective Chinn, April 1.
  - h. Block Watch and contact list updates: Sheila Anderson. No report.
- I. Unfinished Business.
- J. New Business