

Newport Hills Community Club

General Membership Meeting Minutes

- 1) Call to Order by President Heidi Dean.
- 2) President's Report: Heidi Dean
 - a) Introduction of NHS volunteer, Mia Lints.
 - b) Congratulations to Bill Pace on the opening of his produce store and café.
 - c) Community clean up results. Robin, Cade, and Heidi picked up trash along the parking lot of the shopping center. A second clean up event will be announced shortly.
- 3) Vice President's Report: Robin Bentley
 - a) Residents are encouraged to participate in a survey on the City of Bellevue's website about building a better Bellevue. Deadline to vote is July 4. Visit <https://bellevuesbestideas.ideascale.com/>
- 4) Secretary's Report: Assistant Secretary Debra Haraldson
 - a) Motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the April 2013 minutes.
- 5) Treasurer's Report: Xu Li
 - a) Current Checking balance: \$2,991.66
 - b) A 2013-14 Budget was proposed by Heidi. Motion made, seconded, and carried to approve the budget as presented.
 - c) A resident suggested that PayPal be set up to automatically bill members annually for those who want to pay dues but forget to mail a check or pay at events.
- 6) Membership: Leah Logan.
 - a) Membership is at 57.
- 7) Newsletter: Debra Haraldson
 - a) Deadline for the summer newsletter is June 1. Anyone can contribute to any newsletter and residents are encouraged to do so.
- 8) Public Safety: Jason Leach, no report.
- 9) Youth Activities: Heidi Dean
 - a) Fourth of July picnic needs volunteers. Contact Leah Logan if you are interested.
- 10) Shopping Center: Michelle Hilhorst not present.
- 11) Park Planning committee: Michelle Hilhorst not present.
- 12) Unfinished Business – none.
- 13) New Business.
 - a) Election of new trustees: Gretchen Anders (8) and Diana and Scott Wadley (21). Motion made, seconded, and carried to elect these trustees.
 - b) Kate Willette: Follow up report on Eastside Time Bank. Kate attended the latest meeting and was inspired to get involved.

- 14) Guest Speakers: Mike McCormick Huentelman, Carol Ross, Mary Pat Byrne, of the COB Neighborhood Outreach.
- a) Update on 119th Avenue art project. Mary Pat reviewed the history of the project and revealed the artist's rendering of the various pieces. Artist Bruce Myers will conduct some workshops for residents who want to contribute items for the mosaic he has planned. Metro requests that the shelters be completed by September. Debra Haraldson asked if Metro might remove the bus shelters if the 114 Express to Seattle is eliminated. Mary Pat will look into this.
 - b) "Third Place" within Newport Hills. See attached "Characteristics of a Third Place." The most successful third place in Bellevue is Crossroads.
 - c) Carol Ross: Reviewed the history of the Totem Lake Shopping Center and its evolution as a third place. Concern was expressed about how to motivate the owners of the empty properties in Newport Hills to encourage new businesses. The only way to do this is to get the City, politicians, and the neighbors involved.
 - d) Brainstorming Session. Third Place ideas for Newport Hills:
 - i) Play area to draw kids and families with activities.
 - ii) Performance space for music, plays, poets, writers.
 - iii) Family restaurant.
 - iv) Senior Center.
 - v) Community cooking, baking, canning, cooking classes.
 - vi) Community board with Wifi, discussion groups.
 - vii) Utilize the Pace Café as a meeting place for book groups, "lend a book" shelf, have board games available.