

General Membership Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order by President Heidi Dean (7:03)
2. President's Report: Heidi Dean
 - a) Membership is up ~140 as a result of the envelope in the newsletter! Yay!
 - b) Leah Logan's book swap at Bill Pace's was huge success. About 40 people participated. Will likely do again in the spring.
 - c) The Lake Heights Community Club hosted an emergency preparedness meeting at the Newport Hills Swim and Tennis Club. Their club was gracious enough to invite our club.
 - d) Acknowledged the 2 local merchant employees who were recognized by the Newcastle Chamber of Commerce's Diamond Award: Lea Lo (Corner Stone), won the award for education and Sarah Backman (Dolce Vita) were nominated for customer service. Way to go!
 - e) Apple Cup party at Mustard Seed on Friday, 11/29. Please join us! Please RSVP by 11/22.
 - f) Shopping Center signage: we'll get signs on Coal Creek at 119th and 60th. The signs will say 'Newport Hills Shopping District'. This should happen in about 5 weeks. We hope this will bring more customers to our merchants.
 - g) Watch Facebook/Nextdoor/NHCC website for links to area holiday events
 - h) Santa Tour: Saturday, 12/14, from 9 AM to about 1ish. Includes a food drive. Watch for more updates including the route.
 - i) The church's Thanksgiving food drive was a huge success—they exceeded their goal! The church is accepting cash donations for Christmas. The money will be distributed to needy families in our community. Pastor Paul and Leona are saying goodbye after 18 years of service and Pastor Bug (Paul's son) will be taking over!
 - j) Eric Bartleson, Newport Hills Swim and Tennis Club's manager of 18 years, will be saying goodbye. A new manager has been hired and was introduced at the Pool's meeting last week.
3. Vice President's Report: Robin Bentley -
 - a) Holiday Faire is happening this Saturday from 11 AM to 3 PM at the Newport Hills Swim and Tennis Club. Please join us!
 - b) Heidi and Robin met with Chris Salomone, Director of the Planning and Community Development Department. He suggested a charette to specifically address connecting walkways, bike paths, trails and landmarks in the neighborhood. The retail core would be a key component. A charette is a public brainstorming session with a defined process and end product in mind.
 - c) Heidi and Robin also met with Mary Pat Byrne, Scott MacDonald, and Tom Kuykendall from COB to talk about the Urban Boulevard and Neighborhood Art projects
 - d) Sound Transit is holding workshops regarding changes that might impact our neighborhood bus routes.

4. Secretary's Report: Motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve October 2013 minutes
5. Treasurer's Report: Xu Li. Current CD balance: \$ 3,661.83 | Current Checking balance: \$2,340.69
6. Membership: Leah Logan. Membership is estimated at 315. The newsletter with the envelope resulted in approximately 150 memberships so far (more should trickle in over the next few weeks)
7. Newsletter: Debra Haraldson – Newsletter looks great! Newsletter was mailed. This was the first mailed Newsletter this year. The Newsletter is also online, in color with links to the advertisers websites.
8. Public Safety: The Leach's - no Update
9. Shopping Center Revitalization: Michelle Hilhorst - no update.
10. Park Planning committee - Michelle Hilhorst - no update
11. 2014 Board of Directors Elections – all candidates were unanimously voted into their positions:
 - a) President – Heidi Dean
 - b) Co-Vice Presidents: Sean Bentley & Gretchen Anders
 - c) Secretary – Debra Haraldson
 - d) Treasurer – Xu Li
 - e) Assistant Treasurer -- vacant
 - f) Assistant Secretary – Liz Kunz
 - g) Trustees:
 - i) Area 1 – Kate Willette
 - ii) Area 3 – Regina Glen
 - iii) Area 4 – Karina Kawaguchi
 - iv) Area 5 – Jason and Erin Leach
 - v) Area 8 – Gretchen Anders
 - vi) Area 10 – Liz Kunz
 - vii) Area 12 –Sheila Anderson
 - viii)Area 13—Michelle Hilhorst
 - ix) Area 15—Leah Logan
 - x) Area 16—Gerlinde Gilmore
 - xi) Area 21—Dianna & Scott Wadley
 - xii) Area 25—Debra Haraldson
 - xiii)Areas that need Trustees: 2, 6, 7, 9, 11, 14, 17, 18, 19, 20, 22, 23, 24, 27
12. Guest Speakers: Scott MacDonald, City of Bellevue Assistant Planner, and Jeff Varley, Barker Landscape Architects, spoke about the Urban Boulevard Project on 119th Ave SE from 56th to 60th. As far as timing, the landscaping & bus shelters will be installed by the end of the year. The bus shelter artwork, rockery and rain chain (the art) will go in sometime between April and July 2014.
13. Unfinished Business - none
14. New Business –

a) Diana Wadley offered to host a Trustee meeting

b) December's meeting will be very casual, more of a social gathering with treats.

15. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM