

- A. President Report, Heidi Dean
  - a. Motion made, seconded, and carried to adjust boundaries on the service map and in the bylaws to reflect current newsletter and Santa Tour service areas. Areas 26, 28 and 29 will be removed Area 27 will be renumbered as Area 26 and redrawn to include only the homes along Lk WA Blvd between I-405 and SE 60<sup>th</sup> St. The NHCC will continue to work cooperatively with the neighborhood associations in current Areas 26 (Lake Lanes), 27 (Kimberlee Park), and 29 (Pembroke Meadows).
  - b. Election: Ballots were distributed and the floor was open to nominations. See the attached ballot.
  - c. The November meeting will be held at Pace Café with guest speaker Mary Pat Byrne, of the Bellevue Arts Department She will be introducing the proposed Tateuchi Center for the Performing Arts and providing an update on the newly installed Neighborhood Art Project by the bus shelters.
  - d. Heidi asked if those present were interested in a presentation by Don Marsh from CENSE (Coalition of Eastside Neighborhoods for Sensible Energy) about the PSE Energize Eastside. A show of hands indicated interest. Heidi will make arrangements with Don, possibly for a special meeting in November or December.
  - e. Heidi will speak to the Planning Commission on November 12 at 6:30 regarding the creation of codes to address and prevent commercial blight. Neighbors are encouraged to attend.
  - f. Dolce Vita, Mustard Seed and NH Chevron have been nominated for King 5's "Best of Western Washington" award. Vote at [www.best.king5.com](http://www.best.king5.com).
- B. Vice President's Report, Sean Bentley: Debra Haraldson, Bruce Hanson and Sean met with public artist Bruce Myers to create mosaic pieces to be placed in some of the boulders near the bus shelters.
- C. Secretary's Report, Debra Haraldson: Motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the minutes from the September meeting.
- D. Treasurer' Report, Treasurer Xu Li was counting ballots, so Heidi presented the financial reports. Also see detailed report attached.

Checking Account Balance:	\$4,365.34
CD Balance:	\$3,664.63
Total:	\$8,029.97

- E. Committees
  - a. Membership: The club's membership is about 54% of the 500 household goal.
  - b. Newsletter and website: The Fall newsletter arrived in mailboxes Tuesday.
  - c. Public Safety, Jason Leach: He reminded us to prepare for wind storms with ample batteries and to clean gutters frequently.
  - d. Shopping Center, Heidi Dean.

- i. Kerry Po's: No information from the owners at this time.
  - ii. International Market: Still in the permitting stage.
  - iii. Chris Ware of Dolce Vita and Jinjuan Wang Kumon are finalists for the Newcastle Chamber of Commerce Diamond Award. A list of nominees can be found at [www.newcastle-chamber.org](http://www.newcastle-chamber.org).
- F. New Business. Election results – no changes to the slate of candidates. Everyone who was listed was re-elected or elected. Marlo DelMundo wrote himself in as Trustee for Area 2.

Speakers: Michelle Hilhorst and Aaron Laing from the Planning Commission. Michelle lives in Newport Hills and has served on the NH Community Club board. There are seven people who volunteer for four year terms and may be asked to serve a second but no more. The Commission works with city staff, the council, and residents to address issues for which the Commission is responsible.

Comprehensive Plan – This is modified every 10 years however, there is a process in place to keep it as up to date as possible. The current review has taken two years and will, for the next 20-30 years, address tree canopies, affordable housing, land use, capital facilities, environment, parks, shoreline, economy, etc. Before it is adopted, residents need to comment at Commission meetings, and when Council conducts study sessions and other meetings on the plan.

Aaron is a land use lawyer and is the chair of the Commission. He reminded us that we can sign up for alerts from the city, with notifications when meetings are scheduled. The city's website allows you to view agendas and past meeting minutes.

Growth Management Act of 1990, enacted by the state legislature: This Act created growth boundaries to rid urban sprawl. It sets thirteen goals and policies all competing with each other. It also sets population targets (residential and commercial) within this growth area. Unlike some states, local governments are in control of this type of growth.

Areas of concern to Newport Hills:

**New Homes:** Homes are being build on small lots, very close together, resulting in the removal of many trees. Michelle said that zoning can be changed to match what the community wants. Newport Hills' current zoning is R-5, which allows up to 5 homes on a 1 acre parcel.

**Tree Removal:** Property owners can remove all trees on the property. But if a developer purchases a lot or home, he or she cannot remove the trees. However, if a developer tells the homeowner he or she will purchase their property if the homeowner removes the trees, there is nothing the City can do about that. There are four acres next to the Korean Church by the park that have been sold to a developer who will build 17 homes. Michelle has serious concerns about runoff, traffic, tree canopy, etc.

**The parcel of land behind the Tyler Property:** Can the city purchase this? Michelle will investigate how a community can support this idea.

Aaron and Michelle emphasized the importance of community involvement because the Council is not going to do anything to help if they do not hear from community members about a issues important to them. Every Commission and Committee invites public comments at their meetings. A neighborhood must “make the ask” and keep showing up to get things done.

G. Adjournment