

- 1) Call to Order by Vice President Heidi Dean. In the absence of the Secretary, Heidi requested a motion be made to select Past Secretary Debra Haraldson to take the minutes. Motion was made, seconded, and carried.
- 2) Presentation by Paul Cox, Factoria Wal-Mart store manager. Mr. Cox gave an overview of the store which will open on October 17. Approximately 180 associates have been hired to date. The hiring center has been moved to the mall and there are still job openings, part and full time. A concern about parking, including handicap parking, was expressed. He admitted it will be tight and during higher shopping seasons (like Black Friday), employees will park off site and be bussed in. Foot traffic from the Newport High School can be a safety issue as students spill off the sidewalk to walk to Factoria Marketplace. Mr. Fox has already observed mobs of kids traveling to the mall to make sure cross walks are clearly marked and safe. An increase in area traffic is always a concern. Traffic is something he cannot address at his level. Paul will provide his phone number and email address to Heidi for posting on the website.
- 3) President's Report: Bruce Young. Not present but he did submit a proposal for short-term handling of Park Planning Committee. His proposal appears at the end of these minutes. Heidi reiterated the need to repeat the process to include more people who want to participate.
- 4) Vice President's Report: Heidi Dean
  - a) Heidi attended a Neighborhood Coffee event in Area 15 which attracted over 20 people. This is a great example of community building at the block level.
- 5) Secretary's Report: Brad Albert. Not present. August 2012 meeting minutes will be approved during the October meeting.
- 6) Treasurer's Report: Xu Li.
  - a) Current CD balance: \$3,650.71
  - Current Savings balance: \$2,510.98
  - Current Checking balance: \$1,180.61
- 7) Past President's Report: Lisa Viereck.
  - a) Mission Statement. It might be time to revisit this.
  - b) Conflict resolution and grievances. The Club should have a way to resolve conflicts and it could use the City of Bellevue Mediation services.
- 8) Membership: Robin Bentley. Currently we have 285 members. The newsletter is a good venue for recruiting new members.
- 9) Newsletter: Brad Albert and Lisa Viereck. Brad not present but Lisa was in attendance.
  - a) Publication date/submission deadline for advertising and content is November 1.
  - b) Content: List of 4th of July volunteers, Winter activities, and Bill Pace Produce opening.
- 10) NHCC Website: Debra Haraldson
  - a) Requested features. Debra would like to start a Community Connections page with upcoming garage sales, piano lessons, babysitting services, items for sale, book and bridge clubs, etc. Items would be sent to her for categorizing and posting.
  - b) Terms of Use (TOU) policy: Lisa Viereck. This is needed on our website. Heidi suggests a separate meeting on this topic with the Executive Board and others with editing permissions on the site.
- 11) Public Safety & SPAN: Jason Leach. Not present.

- 12) Land Use/Community Appearance: Lisa Viereck. No report.
- 13) Shopping Center & Community Outreach: Michelle Hilhorst. Not present at the time of this agenda item.
  - a) Update on Bill Pace Produce. He will be open for business in mid October.
  - b) December events: Santa Tour & Holiday Bazaar. Volunteers are always needed. There are new laws in effect surrounding selling perishable baked items. As more information becomes available, it will be posted on the website.
- 14) Park Planning Committee: Lisa Viereck, Michelle Hilhorst, and Robert Parish.
  - a) Robert Parish is re-joining the committee. Robert called the COB for an update. The Parks Department prefers NHCC to keep ownership of the process, but if the Club cannot get its act together in a few weeks, the City will take the reins and make decisions without input from the community. Robert will contact those who submitted the forms initially and also those who submitted too late, if that was OK with the Board. Heidi said this contradicts Bruce's proposal (see last page). Heidi asked where the disconnect was relative to the original application process. Some people visited the COB website and signed up to participate in the Parks Committee. Robert then contacted those folks and asked them to complete the official application. Some people on the City's list did not appear on Robert's list so they were not contacted further. It was proposed that we ask Wal-Mart to pay for fencing part of the park for off leash in the short term, then look at the long term plans.
  - b) Bruce's proposal – see last page. New proposal for Bruce's consideration: Lisa step down from any leadership role, leaving Michelle and Robert as co chairs. Everyone who submitted a completed Parks Committee application will be invited to join the new committee. This proposal must be approved before Robert and Michelle approach the Parks Department. It was suggested that approval be given via email that can be printed to serve as an official record.
- 15) Unfinished Business
- 16) New Business. Heidi needs to form a Nominating Committee and she was concerned about doing so in time for voting in October. It might be best to hold the voting in November so Heidi and the committee have time to recruit candidates.
- 17) Adjournment

This is the current proposal and I agree with Michelle and think it will be a good start.

1. Continue with our initial park committee (2 members who could not attend Tuesday are anxious to get to our next one) and we will only develop the short-term plan and try to get that wrapped up and in place. This way the process is honored (through the now various confirmed outreach efforts) and we keep a semblance of integrity to not changing for one special interest group should others come forth in the coming months or down the road and question.
2. Set up a brand new application process to build the committee for the long-term vision plan. This can be a brand new committee and they can take and put together the long term vision plan for the master park. That can be organized and put in place sometime in 2013 or however Heidi would like to propose it if she deems the club is able to manage the task. This allows us to specifically and outwardly inform the dog park supporters of this plan and that they are forewarned to the solicitations and application process for this new long term vision commission committee.

Bruce Young, NHCC President