

Whispering Heights/Collingwood Community Association  
Board Meeting Minutes  
September 13, 2005

Call to Order: 7:15pm

Meeting adjourned: 8:40pm

Meeting attendees: Wally Larson, Jon Smith, Stephanie Hauge, Will Hargreaves, Richard Reeves, Mike and Cathy Halliday

August minutes approved.

Treasurer Report

- 100% ahead of last month
- 68% of members have paid (208 members)
- Will sending reminder to those that haven't paid
- Currently at \$11,390.81

Expenses:

- \$700 to Kim Cooney for two months
- Continue with landscaping for \$245 per month?

Newsletter "Whispers":

- Kim Cooney no longer supporting the newsletter
- Will will volunteer to support as long as there is someone else to take over Treasurer role (Wally/Halliday's)
- One more newsletter this year??? Wally will check with Lin Sanford on ability to deliver (Oct).
- Deadline for input is Oct. 13.
- Include request for Board volunteers in each newsletter
- Reminder to keep yards up
- Annual meeting announcement
- Picnic review with pictures
- Membership payment drive
- Welcome kit – didn't get? Call Block Captain (Block Captains listed in newsletter)
- Block watch reminder
- Mailbox enclosure match program (\$3k awarded)
- Emergency preparedness article

Sprinklers/Landscaping:

- Have they been turned off? Stephanie left message to turn off
- Still trying to locate sprinkler control box
- Mike will get competitive bid

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Picnic Review

- Well done; good turn-out. Estimate over 100 people
- Need port-a-potty next year
- Need appropriate permits (port-a-potty, bouncer, etc.)
- Need recycle container
- Food recommendations: too much! Scale down next year
- Maybe use hand stamp for release signed kids for bouncer, etc..
- Picnic should be team effort going forward with chair person to manage overall
- Sign up book/sheet for board volunteers

Annual Meeting:

- Need to find location
- Used Eastgate Elementary (last year), Cougar Ridge Elementary?, Louis Creek Park?
- Wally will look into locations
- Recommend Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>
- Food: Pizza, Cake, Cookies?
- Speaker?

Property Maintenance:

- Awards for best yard (pictures in newsletter)
- Write letters to owners?
- WHCCA should maintain list of absentee owners
  - o Write letter to owners explaining situation/expectations
- Dick Lee has offered to do a drive and review of houses that may be in violation – board has approved.
- Ask Dick to look for good houses as well for examples to put in newsletter.

Isolated concern by community member about Collingwood Park – concerned about being in the park alone because of shrubbery. Will advise that she contact the Bellevue City Parks Dept.

Bellevue City Information Night

- Eastgate Elementary
- Sponsored by Horizon Heights neighborhood
- Put up sandwich boards
  - o Horizon Heights President will drop off signs to Wally
- Per Horizon Heights President Crime watch rep will be at meeting

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Communities Working Together:

- President of Horizon Crest discussed (w/Jon) possibility of working together on some efforts since we are so close. Close to same size as WHCCA community.
- Joint picnic?

Block Watch:

- Lakemont criminal situation: prowler circled neighborhood and drove up to home with lights out. Watching neighbor called police. Person was arrested with guns, knives, ropes...in car.
- Good reminder to watch your neighborhood. Tell trusted neighbors when you are going to be out of town.

Matching Program:

- Dick Lee dropped off neighborhood match program letter. \$3,000 contributed for mailbox enclosures.
- Jon will follow up with appropriate forms, etc.

Emergency Preparedness:

- Walkie Talkies ready to be distributed
- Update map on web site to include block captain locations, emergency kits, walkie talkies
- Add emergency communication holders to web site (Will)

Next meeting scheduled: October 10<sup>th</sup> at the Warren's.