

Whispering Heights/Collingwood Community Association
Board Meeting Minutes
February 11, 2008

Call to order: 7:20pm

Adjourned: 8:32pm

Meeting location: Patt Sellen's home

Attendees: Patt Sellen, Laura Warren, Keri Kiefer, Natasha Vorley, Merrick Van Dongen, Will Hargreaves

NEXT MEETING will be at Gretchan Lindsey's home on March 5th at 7pm

***** Meeting dates changed again – see schedule below *****

January meeting minutes were approved recognizing there was a typo in the March meeting date (has since been corrected and date was changed anyways).

Old Business

- Emergency Planning
 - Need to talk with Mark & Sharon Afforde to see if they will continue to be in charge of Block Captains & Emergency Planning
 - Would like to find a way to get info out to neighbors about these programs
 - Will leave as standing item on the agenda

- Entrance Island Matching Funds
 - Bob Blaisdell asked Merrick VanDongen to find out the status of the matching funds that are to be obtained from the city for the entrance island upgrades. Jon Smith was working with city liaison.
 - Merrick will contact Jon

- Call For Whispers Articles
 - Due to Will Hargreaves by **Feb 22nd**
 - There is a new program where the city of Bellevue is contacting neighbors (via email/text messages) when crimes are occurring in their specific neighborhood.
 - Article about dues needed

New Business

- Meeting Date Changes
 - After changing the meeting dates to Mondays at the last meeting, several people expressed concern over the new dates. Merrick asked everyone to weigh in on their availability and the nights that worked best are:
 - **FIRST WEDNESDAY of the MONTH**

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2008 Meeting Schedule (updated version)		
~ All meetings on WEDNESDAY & begin at 7pm ~		
Meeting Date	Location	Address
February 11 th	Sellen Home	15808 SE 45 th St.
March 5 th	Lindsey Home	15422 SE 47 th St.
April 2 nd	Kiefer Home	16208 SE 46 th Way
May 7 th	Smith Home	16200 SE 46 th Way
June 4 th	Van Dongen Home	4660 159 th Ave SE
July 2 nd	Blaisdell Home	15911 SE 47 th Ct.
August 6 th	Warren Home	4631 161 st Ave SE
September 3 rd	Smith Home	16200 SE 46 th Way
October 1 st	Vorley Home	4726 163 rd Ct. SE
November 5 th	Lewis Creek	5808 Lakemont Blvd
December 3 rd	Van Dongen Home (holiday party)	4660 159 th Ave SE

**** Please take a look at the hosting schedule and if you are no longer able to host the new date, please make new arrangements. ****

- Coffee Klatch
 - We had originally planned the Coffee Klatch for sometime in February but it's now being pushed out to the spring (possibly the week of April 14th)
 - Laura Warren is going to check with the Affordes about leading the event again this year
 - The plan is to advertise the event on a postcard in hopes of increasing attendance
 - We'd like to highlight the Block Captains/Emergency Planning programs at the event because many people aren't aware of them
 - We'd also attempt to rally volunteers for the Spring Clean-up which is the following week
 - We talked about including a history of the area & neighborhood at the event but then discussed how there might be too much going on for one evening

- Egg Hunt (March 22nd)
 - Patt Sellen is going to contact Heather McCrone about chairing the event as well as offering to help

- Mail Theft
 - There has been an increase in reported mail theft in our neighborhood (and these are only the ones we know about)
 - At least one case of stolen mail & attempted fraud
 - We'd like to include a picture of the locking mailboxes recommended in the next Whispers to show how they fit as a comparison along with the information on getting the locking boxes with our discount

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- Merrick brought up the possibility of getting a mail collection box in our neighborhood because the ones that are closest have early pick-up times. Many locking boxes aren't compatible for outgoing mail. He'll contact the Post Office.

- Water for Entrance Islands
 - The water has been hooked up for springtime at the Whispering Heights entrance
 - We'd like to hire out someone to fix the sprinkler heads (broken ones are marked) so we'll need estimates for fixing & maintaining the sprinklers.
 - Will discuss at a future meeting