

Whispering Heights/Collingwood Community Association

Board Meeting Minutes

June 8th, 2009

Call to order: 7:15pm
Adjourned: 8:45pm

Meeting location: Van Dongen Home

Attendees: Merrick Van Dongen, Will Hargreaves, Jon Smith, Gretchan Lindsey, Keri Keifer

OLD BUSINESS:

May minutes – After review, we will approve at our July meeting

Ongoing items kept as part of Old Business:

- Potential annexation of Baker's View neighborhood- Jon will try to talk with these folks over the summer
 - o Survey of neighborhood
 - o Designation of someone to deliver Whispers
- Highlighting Whispering Heights and Collingwood – on hold
 - o Articles in Bellevue Reporter, other publications
 - o Website redesign
- Next Community Project (topics for discussion)
 - o Curbside stencil addresses
 - The board would need to get competitive bids to do it. It's a big project.
 - o Lights at the entrances – NEP ballot process (Ron Matthew)
 - Merrick talked with Ron about lights. Entrances are generally not an NEP project, but he will look into it. Another neighborhood on East Lake Sammamish just did new lights on their entrance.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. New Landscape Contractor
Our new landscape contractor has started this month. We still have not received the last bill from our previous landscaper.
2. End Summer Hunger Challenge
The city of Bellevue is sponsoring a food drive to benefit Hopelink. Neighborhoods sign up to participate and then the neighborhoods are invited to a city sponsored celebration. We could coordinate the donations with the July 4th celebration. The city can print off A board signs and banners for us. They will provide a bin for food.

Merrick will sign us up for this event.
Merrick will write the Whispers article
Gretchan will get the information up on the website.
3. July 4th Parade and picnic
Jon and Michelle are set for the 4th. They have the parade permit and have contacted the fire department for the fire engine. They will need someone to pick up the sandwiches from Subway on the day of.
Keri is going to pick up the sandwiches.
4. Neighbor Link program
The city of Bellevue is trying to engage neighborhoods in activities that both strengthen community connections and help local families cope with the impacts of the recession. Bellevue's Neighborhood Outreach office launched the Neighbor Link program. The program gives neighborhoods the opportunity to select a community-building activity or a community service project with city support and resources. Neighborhoods that participate in any Neighbor Link activity will be invited to a summer picnic on the lawn at City Hall, with musical entertainment by the Two

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Scoops combo and picnic fare donated by Whole Foods Market, Bellevue. In addition, neighborhoods sponsoring a project will be given a "Party-in-a-Box" to assist with their own neighborhood celebration.

Merrick will submit our block captains program and our food drive to the program.

We are hopeful that the revitalized block caption program will be able to identify any neighbors that may need some help. The board has been contacted by the Hillside school looking for community service projects they could perform for our neighborhood. It would be wonderful if we could match up residents with this school.

5. End of summer picnic
We are going to skip the picnic this year.
6. 2009 June Whispers
Cutoff date was June 6th with the handoff June 20th. We can articles to will by the weekend.

Article assignments:
Merrick: Block captain (lead story), cleanup recap, kids corner
Keri: dues, picnic
Jon: July 4th
Will: new neighborhood liason
Tina: Bio and picture
7. Block Captain Program
Tina is writing up the duties and expectations for Block Captains
We have the blocks divided up and the board will contact the listed captains.
8. WHCCA naming rights
There is a community in Florida with the same name WHCCA. There is some concern that there will some confusion with a web search. We could trademark WHCCA, send them a letter asking them to stop using the name.

We have our WHCCA.com and .org domain names, so we feel it won't be too confusing as the other community is in Florida.
9. Don Davidson Community meeting recap
Merrick went to a meeting hosted by Don Davidson, a city councilman, to talk about community issues. Several other communities were there. It was interesting to see what other neighborhoods are facing.
10. Mailbox station Maintenance and Repair
We have several stations that are in need of repair. We will table this until Scott Winters can come to a meeting. He has expressed interest in heading this up.

NEXT MEETING:

Monday July 13th
Liu Home
4542 157th Ave SE

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2009 Meeting Schedule		
~ All meetings on 2 nd Monday of the month & begin at 7pm ~		
Meeting Date	Location	Address
January 13 th	Kiefer Home	16208 SE 46 th Way
February 9 th	Smith Home	16200 SE 46 th Way
March 9 th	Blaisdell Home	15911 SE 47 th Ct.
April 13 th	Smith Home	16200 SE 46 th Way
May 11 th	Hargreaves Home	15438 SE 47 th ST
June 8 th	Van Dongen Home	4660 159 th Ave SE
July 13th	Liu Home	4542 157th Ave SE
August 10th	Dolkiewicz Home	4550 157th Ave SE
September 7th	Kiefer Home	16208 SE 46th Way
October 12th	Lindsey Home	15422 SE 47th ST
November 10th	Lewis Creek	5808 Lakemont Blvd
December 7th	Van Dongen Home (holiday party)	4660 159th Ave SE