

Whispering Heights/Collingwood Community Association
Annual Meeting Minutes
Nov 9th 2009

Call to order: 7:15pm

Adjourned: 9:00 pm

Meeting location: Lewis Creek Community Center

Board Attendees: Merrick Van Dongen, Will Hargreaves, Keri Kiefer, Gretchan Lindsey, Jon Smith, Hua Liu, Christina Dolkiewicz

We had a total of about 20 people attend the annual meeting.

Recap of Events

Coffee social – Held in March at the Lewis Creek Community Center

Spring Cleanup – This year we had better weather – no snow!

Egg hunt – Is always a well attended and fun event.

Summer Picnic – We did not have a summer picnic this year due to lack of attendance in the previous years.

Garage sale – Held in September. We had a pretty good turnout of houses participating and people driving around.

Finance Report

Keri Kiefer gave a summary of our finances.

The number of dues paying households is down from previous years. A number of households pay more than the \$30.

We have about 500 households total.

Business items

• **Abandoned Houses**

- We have a few houses that are abandoned in our neighborhood. There is a City of Bellevue ordinance regarding abandoned houses.

• **Block Captain Program**

- In order to foster a stronger sense of community, we are in the process of getting block captains for all of our blocks. The block captains will focus on their block and maintain a list of neighbors to be shared within their block.
- We are still looking for volunteers for a few blocks.

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- **Entrances**

- Last year we updated the 3 entrances. This year we are focusing on maintaining the entrances. A couple of entrances were a little light on plants, so we are going to add plants and replace those that have died. We are able to buy our plants through the city at wholesale prices.
- The big Collingwood entrance has a row of arborvitae trees that have died. The trees belong to the Utilities department and we are working with them to have them replaced.
- Lighting at the entrances has been something we have wanted to have done. Merrick has explored this with the city and there are significant difficulties. It will cost \$4,000-\$7,000 per entrance. The city will not match with the NEP program.

Merrick is going to explore solar lighting.

- **Special Projects**

- We are asking for ideas and input from our community for our next special project.

- **New Board Member Recruitment**

- Our board needs many new members for the upcoming year. Several board members are leaving. Please spread the word and consider joining. The time commitment is minimal. We meet monthly for less than 2 hours.

We had a show of hands nominating the current board members.

- **Open discussion**

- Residents would like to get the Architectural Control Committees back in force. It's up to the residents of each community of CC&R's to form and maintain an ACC.
- There is no overall Architecture Control Committee of the whole of Whispering Heights and Collingwood.

Presentation – Dept. of Fish and Wildlife

- Officer Kim Chandler from the Dept. of Fish and Wildlife spoke at our meeting. He has been with the dept. for 35 years – all in King County. He shared with us a beautiful slideshow of landscape and wildlife.
- King County is very active with wildlife. We have many greenbelt conduits from wildlife habitat (ex. Cougar Mountain) to residential areas.
- Most of the wildlife conflicts are food related – bird feeders, pet food
- A sighting of a wild animal usually isn't an issue.

Lewis Creek Rangers

Lewis Creek has rangers that are at the Community center. They have a map of sightings and want to know about any wildlife sightings in the area. Their phone number is 425-452-4195.

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2009 WHCCA Financial Report

as of November 2009

Bank balance	Checking&Savings:	\$8,151.60
	CD	\$5,226.71
Cash available		\$13,378.31

	as of 11/09		as of 11/2008	
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL
Income				
Dues paying households	200	176		208
2009 dues paid (\$30 suggested)	\$6,000.00	\$5,852.00	\$6,240.00	\$7,107.00
CD interest		\$87.20		\$246.08
CD		\$5,226.71		\$5,163.81
YTD interest earned		\$11.46		\$8.86
Total Income		\$11,177.37		\$12,525.75

Expenses				
	as of 11/09		as of 11/2008	
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL
Entrance Upgrade	\$0.00	\$300.00		\$125.13
Spring Cleanup	\$150.00	\$0.00		\$50.03
Egg Hunt	\$200.00	\$119.27	\$200.00	\$207.87
4th July Bike Parade	\$400.00	\$555.90	\$300.00	\$289.08
Garage Sale	\$250.00	\$418.40	\$175.00	\$16.36
Picnic	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$650.00	\$683.25
Newsletter/signage	\$850.00	\$124.92	\$1,200.00	\$1,852.16
Landscaping	\$1,950.00	\$1,755.00	\$2,600.00	\$2,145.00
Membership recruitment	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$347.05
Emergency Preparedness	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	
Block Watch	\$75.00	\$0.00	\$75.00	
Administrative Expenses	\$100.00	\$68.40	\$150.00	\$139.50
Annual Mtg/Coffee Social	\$200.00	\$206.60		\$75.98
Incorporation Fee	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00
Web hosting	\$175.00	\$172.40	\$150.00	\$207.40
Gift to outgoing president	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$200.00
Water Bill	\$150.00	\$158.90	\$120.00	\$88.77
UPS PO BOX	\$120.00	\$120.00		\$120.00
Total Expenses	\$4,730.00	\$4,009.79	\$6,080.00	\$6,557.58