

WHISPERING HEIGHTS/COLLINGWOOD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
BOD MEETING MINUTES

14 April 2011 7 PM @ David Ralph's Home, 15930 SE 46th Pl.

All BOD members were in attendance.

OLD BUSINESS

1. The March minutes were reviewed and approved with minor comments included in the file copy.
2. The BOD roster and calendar were reviewed and are correct as published
3. Treasurer's Report
 - a. No major financial changes during the past month.
 - b. Teufel Group payment changed from AUTOPAY to check. Suzanne, as BOD liaison, will review Teufel's work areas visa vis our expectations.
 - c. We have ceased to use a debit card.
 - d. Accounting using the QUICKBOOK system is being implemented.
4. Block Captains: The near term effort to strengthen the Block Watch/Captain Program will be a two step process as follows:
 - a. Step 1: Merrick will query all the captains as to their willingness to have their phone numbers (and addresses?) listed in the website (and Whispers?).It certainly would be helpful to all residents, many of whom don't even know what block they are in. To whatever degree is acceptable, these will be listed in the website.
 - b.Step 2: Merrick will prepare a by block listing of residents as it currently exists in the mid-200X Steve Sanford list. Each block captain will be provided with his block list. When practicable, the captains will be requested to update the lists based upon a physical survey/interviews of every street address in his block. (As I remember, we input changes to Steve directly, he entered changes in his baseline, and could print out the total alpha list and/or block lists on demand.)

The completion of these steps will provide us with a current list of residents by block, and the potential for a complete WHCCA alpha resident list.
- 5.Emergency Planning: Jason has established a Facebook community page for us at:

Facebook.com/whisperingheightsandcollingwood..... In the next few months, we will have to brainstorm what functions we need and design the site to our liking.

In addition, he recommends ALL residents sign on to the Regional Public Information Network at...<http://www.rpin.org>...That site allows you to choose the type of alert you want....you do not have to sign in for stuff you don't want. (Jason...an article for Whispers?)

.In regard to our interface with Bellevue Office of Emergency Management (OEM), they envision the SPAN program on a team effort, ideally for each block, that would include the following six specialists: Communications. First Aid, Search/Rescue, Damage Assessment, Safety & Security, Sheltering/Special Needs. The degree and speed with which we can develop such teams (and how too do it) is TBD.

6. Spring Social, with a presentation by Bellevue's Andrew Kidde on their Mediation Program, and wine donated by Memaloose and Domaine Pouillor, went very well. Any suggestions for improvements for next year's event will be welcomed.

7. Spring Cleanup will take place as scheduled, with Janet as chief planner and liaison. Areas and leaders are:

Lattawood (Merrick) Collingwood (Lauren) 158th/46th Way (Dave) Ravine, (Wally)

It is understood that a contingent from Hillside School is planning support, Area leaders may split them up into small squads as needed. Excess resident volunteers at one area, may be used in the same way.

8. Egg Hunt: Directed by Heather Crone, with Shailendra our liaison, will take place on the 23rd. BOD assistance will be called in as necessary.

9. Neighborhood Forum: Sponsored by Surrey Downs, Sunset, Somerset, Newport Hills, and WHCCA. On April 6 several people from our community (Blaisdells, Hargreaves, Larson, Cook) and others from Bellevue communities, heard a presentation by Peter Lovenheim. After years of not knowing many of his 35 neighbor families, he launched a campaign to solve this very personal void. He contacted each family, and over a year's time, he arranged an evening dinner AND sleepover at their home and wrote a book about the experience.

The takeaway for us was that such a personal interface is possible, is beneficial, and consolidates a very valuable and needed community spirit. Will has a copy of the Book. Action: We should try to foster more close knit spirit within/among our blocks. (Maybe not the sleepover part....but...ideas?) The City is sponsoring another such forum on May 12.

NEW BUSINESS

10. Ill-kept Homesites: Are small in number in our community, but are an eyesore and an insult to all neighbors. And a potential damage to home values. One such site, the "Place of

Continual Garage Sales” on 46th Way, has responded to the City of Bellevue’s notice that they were in violation of the “Nuisance” code. The homeowners promised to come into compliance in ‘two weeks’. The use of City Code violation may be useful in other cases.

However, this success in one case still leaves the WHCCA Community with a few unkempt homesites. Brainstorm Required!! WHCCA direct or indirect help? Financial? Physical maintenance? City?

11. WHISPER Publication: The next article submission cutoff date is 3 June.

NEXT MEETING; Is at the Jason Cook residence.

The April Meeting was adjourned at 8:50

Walfred Larson

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