

Vuecrest Community Association

November 13, 2018
Minutes

ANNUAL Meeting held at VDB Compass
Lincoln Square South 10400 NE 4th St #500, Bellevue WA 98004

Directors Quorum Achieved	Kathleen McKenna Jonathan Kagle David Pitkethly Marc Lapsley (absent) Mark von der Burg Chris Bodiford
Officers	President – Kathleen McKenna Vice President – Jonathan Kagle Secretary – Nyla Wang (absent) Treasurer – Barbara Cosgriff (absent)
Committee Chairs	Architecture – Marc Lapsley (absent) & Mark von der Burg Good Neighbor – Jonathan Kagle Landscaping – Rick Adell (absent) Newsletter – Rebecca von der Burg Safety – Eileen Foley (absent) Social – Melissa Hambleton (absent) & Mara Pitkethly Welcoming – David & Mara Pitkethly
Community Members / Others in attendance	Rui Bing 9831 Hilltop Road Jackie Kalley 9515 Vineyard Crest Bob Lona 9600 Evergreen Drive Beth Fournier 911 Evergreen Drive Tai Tse 1016 Evergreen Drive Steve & Elaine Knapp 9429 Vineyard Crest Jerry Lundry 1000 Sunset Way Douglas and Rosanne Jones 9406 Vineyard Crest Tony & Diana Chen 9676 Hilltop Road Peter & Jane Barrett 9433 Vineyard Crest Judith White 9850 Belfair Road Susan Gibson 9905 Belfair Road Doug & Jennifer Rasar 9400 Vineyard Crest Karen Ross – Vuecrest Bookkeeper
Meeting	Meeting Called to order 7:05P Adjourned at 9:36P. Minutes recorded by Rebecca von der Burg

ANNUAL Meeting minutes for 11/15/17 accepted. Motion by Jonathan, second by Peter Barrett.

Introduction of all attendees and new residents.

OFFICER Reports

President: Kathleen McKenna

Agenda and meeting ground rules were explained. Please hold all questions until the end of the meeting. Instructions were given to make sure all residents turn in their ballots before leaving if they were not already mailed in. A request was made that the outgoing mailbox be put on the neighborhood map. Replacement ballots were made available at the meeting, but more should be available for next year. A discussion took place regarding the neighborhood sewer and water main replacement/repair by the City of Bellevue. It may take two years for completion as reported by Jonathan Kagle.

Vice President: Jonathan Kagle

Upcoming city developments in the areas surrounding Vuecrest were discussed. The maximum heights in some areas were increased to 270 feet. Specific areas of new development will be the purchase by the Canadian Group and the Papa John's retail area. We appreciate all who have come to the meetings regarding the development of the QFC property. Community volunteers are always needed to monitor new city developments that may impact our community. The Mira II view blockage and shadow studies seem to little or no impact on Vuecrest.

Secretary: Nyla Wang

No report.

Treasurer: Barbara Gosgriff (covered by Kathleen McKenna)

Introduction of Karen Ross. She is the bookkeeper for Vuecrest. She oversees the collection of assessments, building deposits, and email compilation. The 2019 budget was discussed along with the possibility of considering opportunities of investment for our reserve funds. The community was willing to look at investment options. A full reserve study is required by law every four years, but we update the information every year. The reserve study is published on the Vuecrest website. The reserve also provides a buffer for emergencies. In addition, we have significant insurance to cover Directors and community leaders if the reserves are exhausted. Professional costs are also part of the Vuecrest budget. Occasionally, we need to check with an attorney for legal clarification. We also use an Architect to review proposed building and remodeling plans to be sure they comply with the Vuecrest Regulations and Building Requirements.

COMMITTEE Reports

Social: Melissa Hambleton & Mara Pitkethly

The wonderful refreshments were arranged by Mara & David Pitkethly. Mara discussed all the fun ways to get involved with your community like the 1000 piece egg stuffing party for the Egg Hunt. We are always looking for your good ideas. Community members recalled Christmas caroling, horse drawn carriages, Trick or Treat Sipping Parties, and Mara mentioned a possible Lunar New Year Party.

Welcoming: David & Mara Pitkethly

If you know of someone who is new to the neighborhood, please pass their name on to David or Mara. A community member requested that rental homes should be designated on the map. Another community member thought that might not be a good idea.

Landscaping: Rick Adell (covered by Kathleen McKenna)

Discussed community concerns regarding the Red Oak Maple in the esplanade. All the trees in the esplanade have now been maintained as needed with ground preparation, root invigoration, plus pruning and shaping. There is no entry lighting in the esplanade anymore which will save us \$1200 annually.

Safety: Eileen Foley (covered by Kathleen McKenna)

Mapping your Neighborhood was lightly explained. It is highly recommended that you connect with your surrounding neighbors to put this plan into action. You can contact Eileen Foley for more information.

Newsletter: Rebecca von der Burg

Thank you to all who have served over the years as a Vuecrest Director and/or Leader. We also appreciate our outgoing President Kathleen McKenna and Marc Lapsley. Always make sure your contact information is current with the Vuecrest HOA by updating it on the website. This will ensure that you will always be informed regarding important community information. Please send Rebecca any information that you would like to see in the Newsletter.

Good Neighbor: Jonathan Kagle

Discussed the importance of getting to know your neighbors. Your attendance at the community events is a good way to do that. It also provides a level of security for the neighborhood. Some Vuecrest rules were put in place specifically for safety, like the height restriction of four feet on front landscapes. Jonathan discussed what the board can enforce and what to report to the City authorities of Bellevue.

Architecture: Marc Lapsley & Mark von der Burg

Mark discussed the job of the Architectural Committee to protect and keep a cohesive look to the neighborhood. He discussed an upcoming review process that will have an independent architect take the initial look at all proposed building and remodeling plans before it is reviewed by the HOA board. This will put the first responsibility on an independent expert to ensure our building guidelines are upheld while offering us qualified input on new construction designs.

OLD Business

No discussions.

NEW Business

1. As reported by Chris Bodiford, the Neighborhood Enhancement Project sponsored by the City of Bellevue will be awarding \$315,000 to a couple Northwest Bellevue projects. The process has collected 81 ideas and 17 were selected. We put our effort towards getting some benefit for our community from this process and we should receive the final decisions from the city after Thanksgiving.
2. As reported by David Pitkethly, we have been considering electronic voting for Vuecrest. Per the state rules we will need to give all 204 homeowners a choice to use regular mailing or use

a secure email delivery for voting. This email system must be more secure than the normal email. Costs range from \$147 to \$298 for ballots only. We are in the process of doing cost comparisons now.

3. We are also looking at Quick Books online for the notification and collection of annual assessments. We may not have that operational for 2019, but it is projected for 2020.
4. Voting results were tallied from 56 homeowners. The budget passed. Barbara Cosgriff and V. Hsiao were elected as Directors.
5. Susan Gibson expressed her appreciation for all the hard work the HOA board has done.
6. A safety issue was raised regarding a community member who had noticed that they had not received any mail for 4-5 days. When they went to the Post Office they discovered that a hold had been put on their mail without their consent. They suspected that it was done as an identity theft process. Please check with the post office if you notice any unplanned stoppage of your mail delivery.

Meeting adjourned at 9:36P. Motion by Jerry Lundgreen and second by Jonathan.