

**BELLEVUE NETWORK ON AGING
MINUTES**

December 5, 2013
8:30 a.m.

Bellevue City Hall
Conference Room 1E-120

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tomas Corsini, Jullie Gray, Jeanne Grote, Beverly Heyden, Peg Jones, Howard Katz, Hannah Kimball, Bill Merriman, Susan Posten, Eileen Rasnack, Lynne Robinson, Berta Seltzer, Terri Wilson, Janet Zielasko

MEMBERS ABSENT: Bob Megargel and Diana Thompson

STAFF PRESENT: Cathy VonWald & Alex O'Reilly, Department of Parks & Community Services; Janet Lewine, Planning & Community Development

OTHERS PRESENT: Chris Strand & Mary Watkins, new BNOA Members; Hank Myers, City of Redmond; Dick Englund, past BNOA member

RECORDING SECRETARY: Teri Ekstrom

WELCOME AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 8:40 a.m. by Chair Grote who presided. All committee members were present with the exception of Bob Megargel and Diana Thompson.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 7, 2013

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes, and the minutes were passed unanimously.

BY LAWS COMMITTEE

The amended By Laws were sent out to the BNOA members prior to the meeting. Ms. VonWald asked if there were any questions or concerns. There was a motion to approve By Laws as amended and the motion was seconded. The group voted unanimously to accept the By Laws as amended.

COMP PLAN COMMENT LETTER

A draft of the Comprehensive Plan Update comments was sent out to all BNOA members prior to the meeting. Ms. VonWald stated that the Parks & Open Space Plan comments were not included but would be discussed and sent to the Planning Commission at a later date. Janet Lewine, Planner, Planning & Community Development said that it was very timely to get in the Housing & Human Services Element since the Planning Commission would be discussing these at their next meeting. There was a motion to approve the Comprehensive Plan Update Letter as

written, and this motion was seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Lewine said that there was a great Comp Plan discussion at the October 15th Human Services Commission meeting in which the BNOA was represented by Ms. Thompson & Ms. VonWald.

CHAIR/VICE CHAIR ELECTIONS

Prior to the meeting, nominations for BNOA Chair and Vice-Chair were sent to Ms. VonWald. The nominees for the Chairman of BNOA are Jeanne Grote, Diana Thompson, and Eileen Rasnack. The votes were collected from the members and tabulated and Eileen Rasnack will be the BNOA Chair for 2014. The nominees for BNOA Vice-Chair are Diane Thompson, Beverly Heyden, Susan Posten, and Jeanne Grote. The votes were collected from the members and tabulated and Beverly Heyden will be the BNOA Vice Chair for 2014.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Katz said that he thinks there should be a BNOA Sound Transit Committee. There are so many concerns for older adults in regard to Sound Transit, such as safety, security, bells at stations, etc. Since there are so many older adult issues, we really need to be active with this issue. Ms. VonWald said that the committees for 2014 will be voted on and determined at the retreat held in January, so members keep those issues in mind so they can be addressed at the retreat. Ms. Robinson said there are two ways to stay involved with the Sound Transit issues: 1) be a part of the Citizen Advisory Board, and/or 2) invite Sound Transit to come every three months to keep the conversation going.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) **Outreach Committee** – (reported by Ms. VonWald)

Ms. VonWald said that the next scheduled meeting is on Monday to review their 2013 accomplishments.

- b) **Transportation/Housing** (reported by Ms. Wilson)

The group did not meet because they have been so busy working on the letter in regard to the update of the Comprehensive Plan that BNOA is going to be sending to the Planning Commission. After this work was done, we accomplished everything we set out to and so we did not have a meeting.

- c) **Advocacy** – (reported by Ms. VonWald)

A reminder . . . the Legislative Forum is on Wednesday, December 11th @ Kirkland City Hall, 4:00-6:00pm. Please attend. Many legislators will be there. There will be a 15 minute meet and greet, followed by a presentation on Legislative Priorities & then a chance for Legislators to respond.

Ms. Robinson stated that ten more legislators signed on to support the Hospital Observation Status bill. She explained the bill to the group. Mr. Katz is working on setting up a meeting with Representative Reichert, Ms. Robinson and a representative from Kirkland. They are

looking for mutual time availability on December 18th for this meeting.

STAFF REPORT

Ms. VonWald congratulated Lynne Robinson on her City Council position win. Now there will be an opening on the Park Board. Mr. Katz indicated that he applied for that position. Ms. Robinson told the group a little about the responsibilities of the Parks & Community Services Board.

Ms. VonWald thanked Mr. Corsini for his time and work on the BNOA for the last year and congratulated him on the upcoming birth of his child.

Ms. VonWald also thanked everyone who baked and brought treats and Mr. Corsini for bringing the coffee.

Ms. VonWald reported that there were 110 applicants for her position at NBCC. Eight were interviewed and the final 3 will be interviewed later today.

Ms. VonWald stated that the new person, in her old position, will most likely be starting the first of the year. They will both be at the BNOA Retreat on January 16 from 9:00-Noon.. She said she will work to make sure it is a smooth transition.

GIFT EXCHANGE & CELEBRATION

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 am.