

BELLEVUE NETWORK ON AGING  
REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES

December 6, 2012  
8:30 a.m.

Bellevue City Hall  
Room 1E-120

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tomas Corsini, Dick Englund, Jeanne Grote, Beverly Heyden, Howard Katz, Bob Megargel, Susan Poston, Peg Jones, Eileen Rasnack, Lynne Robinson, Diana Thompson, Terri Wilson, Janet Zielasko

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jullie Gray, Hannah Kimball, Bill Merriman, Berta Seltzer,

STAFF PRESENT: Cathy VonWald, Department of Parks & Community Services

OTHERS PRESENT: Paul Inghram & David Pyle, Planning & Community Development Department

RECORDING SECRETARY: Teri Ekstrom

**WELCOME AND ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Eileen Rasnack who presided. All committee members were present with the exception of Jullie Gray, Hannah Kimball, Bill Merriman, and Berta Seltzer. The two new BNOA members that were present, Susan Poston and Peg Jones, were asked to say a little bit about themselves.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 1, 2012**

Ms. Thompson stated she had two changes on page 4 under “C. Advocacy”: 1) it should be Senior Lobby Conference instead of Senior Lobby Day, and 2) it states that one of the topics presented was dental care, and that topic was never discussed so should be deleted from the minutes. There was a motion to accept the minutes as changed and the motion was seconded. The motion was voted on unanimously to approve the minutes as changed.

**CITY OF BELLEVUE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE (PRESENTATION)**

Paul Inghram and David Pyle, Planning & Community Development Department, were introduced to the group. Mr. Inghram stated that the City’s Comprehensive Plan (The Plan) does multiple things: 1) it is the city’s vision for the future (city in a park for example) , and 2) it sets goals and policies – what we want to achieve and the strategies for how to do that (development regulation, infrastructure, etc.). The current project underway is to update The Plan. Think about what Bellevue used to be like 20-30 years ago. It has changed tremendously and will most likely change quite a bit in the next 20-30 years. We use the Plan when we are faced with decisions on projects. It helps to keep us in line with what our vision is for the city. We need to evaluate where the plan stayed on track in the past and where it didn’t. For example, The Plan

did not consider the change in our population. Our population has become much more diverse in its makeup and the population is aging. The city continues to struggle with affordable housing. We are currently in the phase of the project called “Scoping” in which we are starting the process to see what we need to update. The Network is invited to attend the January 24<sup>th</sup> (5:30-8:00, Bellevue City Hall) meeting with the Boards and Commissions where we will be addressing what in the Comp Plan needs to be addressed. We will take these issues to the City Council and they in turn will give us direction on the scope of work which we will then work on in the next 2 years.

Ms. Thompson stated that traffic in Bellevue is horrible and she thinks it is very important for them to talk with citizens in the neighborhoods to see what residents envision for Bellevue and what they want. Mr. Katz also stated that there should be a downtown community center for people of all ages to go to. Mr. Inghram stated that there will be an opportunity for the public to comment. That meeting is set tentatively for February 7<sup>th</sup> at the Crossroads Community Center.

Chair Rasnack thanked Mr. Inghram and Pyle for their presentation to the group.

A welcome was extended to the third new BNOA member, Tomas Corsini, who came in after the roll call of the meeting. He told a little about himself to the group.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### A. By-Laws (reported by Chair Rasnack)

Ms. Rasnack, Thompson and VonWald met to make changes to the BNOA Bylaws. After 30 days the changes presented can be approved by the group. They made changes to address attendance issues, responsibilities of serving on a sub-committee, and looked to delete items that weren't used by the group.

Mr. Englund asked what exactly is an excused absence? It was explained that if you are not going to be present at the meeting that you have to contact the chair or vice-chair for it to be an excused absence. It is just the same with one of the sub-committee groups in that you need to tell the sub-committee chair that you won't be able to attend. Ms. Robinson stated that under “D. Committee” you should make note of other committees besides the nominating committee. It was also discussed that under “B. Duties of Officers” that the last sentence “shall prepare the agenda for all regular meetings, in consultation with the Chairperson and the Parks Department designee” should be deleted.

Ms. VonWald said that she would send out the updated bylaws after this discussion which will then be voted on at the retreat in January. She was asked about whether they should include something in the bylaws regarding voting by e-mail. Ms. VonWald stated that at a previous meeting it was decided not to do this. Committee members concurred that this is very difficult to do.

B. Nominating (reported by Ms. Grote)

Ms. Grote made the motion to approve Bob Megargel as a liaison to the BNOA. The motion was seconded. It was voted on unanimously to approve Mr. Megargel as liaison for another term.

C. Outreach (reported by Ms. Thompson)

The Outreach Committee approached BTV to show the SHIBA information and the Aging and Disability Transportation forum on BTV. The committee will follow up about the Vial of Life video as well. Mr. Katz will also be contacting BTV about getting the Channel 21 schedule available on Comcast menu. This would enable viewers to see what program is on, rather than just the public access TV menu that currently shows. The Outreach Committee is not meeting in December.

D. Transportation/Housing (reported by Ms. Grote)

Ms. Grote attended the Easy Rider Collaborative meeting. They talked about the Transit Incentive Program. There is one more year left for the program and then it will be revisited as to whether it will continue.

The Transportation Committee had an officer talk to them about safety. He stated that we should do a safety tips handout and it would also be great to have a presentation to the whole group.

Ms. Grote stated that the winter shelters are open. She has been posting shelter information in the Starbucks stores. Mr. Katz stated that it would be good to hand out shelter information to the homeless people that Sound Transit evicts from their areas in the city. There was a consensus that the shelter handout information should be given to the Sound Transit staff who go out when the evictions happen.

Andrews Glen, housing for veterans, just celebrated its first anniversary. Mr. Corsini also stated that Sophia Way is in the process of relocating.

E. Advocacy (reported by Ms. Thompson)

Ms. Thompson distributed the proposed Legislative Agenda for 2013. It has already been approved by the Kirkland Senior Council. A motion was made to approve this joint Legislative Agenda. The motion was seconded. It was approved unanimously.

Ms. Thompson stated that the State budget for the next biennium is short 2.8 billion dollars. More revenue is needed or decisions need to be made as to what will be cut. The Older Americans Act may possibly receive 2 million less, which would cut several vital programs.

In regard to medical observation . . . the committee is still following this issue. New legislation should be introduced in 2013. Hospitals are being penalized if a person is released and then back in the hospital within a short period of time, so they are listing more patients as “medical observation” instead of admitting them. This topic will continue to be discussed in committee.

Ms. Robinson said that we should have a committee just for this issue. This can be discussed at the retreat.

Ms. Thompson said that there is a new draft form for power of attorney that will be presented in 2014. We should have a speaker address the group with the issues regarding this.

At the retreat we will be creating committees again, so think about what you think should be a committee for 2013.

#### STAFF REPORT

Ms. VonWald stated that the BNOA send out a letter to the Botanical Garden regarding having transportation for those that need it at the park. We received a letter back. We could possibly form an adhoc committee to address this issue. Ms. Robinson said that she recently talked with Glen Kost, Manager of Parks Dept. Planning, and he will be talking with the groups involved to see what additional information he can find out. So, once we have more information we can discuss it.

We had talked about having the BNOA Retreat on January 10<sup>th</sup>, but the facilitator is not available on that day. How would it work for everyone for January 17<sup>th</sup>. It appeared that the majority of members would be available on this date.

Ms. VonWald stated that the senior information and assistance number will be coming out on the next utility bills.

Ms Heyden announced that the North Bellevue Community Center Board is doing a gift wrapping fundraiser from Dec. 1-24 at the Crossroads Shopping Center. If anyone would like to volunteer to help with this let Ms. Heyden know.

#### ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 am.