

BELLEVUE NETWORK ON AGING
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES

April 7, 2011
8:30 a.m.

Bellevue City Hall
Room 1E-112

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lynne Robinson, Howard Katz, Richard Englund, Beverly Hayden, Hannah Kimball, Jullie Gray, Diana Thompson, Peg English, Eileen Rasnack, Merle Keeney, Blake Werner

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jeanne Grote, Bob Megargel, Bill Merriman, Berta Seltzer, Cindy Sharek

STAFF PRESENT: Cathy VonWald, Alex O'Reilly, Department of Parks and Community Services

OTHERS PRESENT: Lincoln Vander Veen, Representative Dave Reichert's Office

RECORDING SECRETARY: Teri Ekstrom

WELCOME AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 8:32 a.m. by Chair Rasnack who presided. All committee members were present with the exception of Jeanne Grote, Bob Megargel, Bill Merriman, Berta Seltzer and Cindy Sharek.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. March 3, 2011

Motion to approve the minutes as written was carried unanimously.

2010 CENSUS – BELLEVUE DEMOGRAPHICS UPDATE (PRESENTATION)

Demographic drivers are: population growth, age distribution, race & ethnic diversity, household income distribution, levels of educational attainment and household type and size. Uses of demographic data are: emergency preparedness, transportation and utility investments, Parks & Community Services development, Human Services Needs Assessment, economic development, and Planning & Community development. To get the demographic information the City utilizes both the 2010 Census information and the American Communities Survey information.

The difference between the 2010 Census information data and the American Communities Survey information is:

	2010 Census	American Communities Survey
How much of the population is surveyed	100% (122,363)	6.5% (8,067)
What are produced	Counts	Estimates
How often is the population surveyed?	Once every 10 years	Continuously
What time period does each refer to?	April 1, 2010	January 1, 2005 – December 31, 2009
How many questions are asked?	10	48 person + 21 housing = 69 total
What is the smallest area for which information is provided?	Census blocks	Census block groups and tracts

From 2000 to 2010 Bellevue’s population grew 11.4% through a combination of annexation and new development (2.5% due to annexation). Bellevue remained the 5th largest city in the state of Washington. In the next two decades, we expect 11.5% growth for each decade. Based on the Regional Economic Forecast we may see some adjustments. Downtown Bellevue is one of the major growth areas. It increased by 195% to 4,700 people. With all of the completed housing downtown, it has most likely increased in 2011 also.

In 1990, 14.7% of Bellevue’s population were of a minority race or ethnicity, in 2000 28.3% and now in 2010 40.8%. The 2010 Bellevue Race and Ethnicity distribution was: White, 59.2%; Hispanic, 7%; Black or African American, 2.2%; Two or more, 3.4%; Other, .7%

Minority populations increased by 60.2% from 2000 to 2010 while the non-Hispanic white population declined by 8%. The percent minority for: Bellevue, 41%; Seattle, 34%; King County, 35%; Washington, 27%. Bellevue is the 13th in the County in relation to percent of minority. Asians are the largest minority group and are a very diverse group. The Asian category represents China, India, Iraq, etc.). The Percent Asian is: Bellevue, 27.5%; Seattle, 13.7%; King County, 14.5%; Washington, 7.1%.

The Russian population is not included as a minority population. Ms. Rousseau stated that she will get the Russian population numbers to us when she receives that information.

The percent of the population that is Hispanic or Latino is: Bellevue, 7%; Seattle, 6.6%; King County, 8.9%; Washington, 11.2%

For 2005-2009 Bellevue had the 16th highest percentage of foreign born residents of all cities in the state of Washington. The percent of population that was foreign born is: Bellevue, 30%; Seattle, 17%; King County, 19%; Washington, 12%. In Bellevue, the highest percentage of

foreign born is in the Crossroads, Factoria and Bridle Trails areas. The percent of foreign born that were born in Asia is: Bellevue, 61%; Seattle, 52%; King County, 50%; Washington, 39%.

The percent of 5 yr + that speak a language other than English at home is: Bellevue, 33%; Seattle, 21%; King County, 23%; Washington, 17%. The percent of 5 yr + that speak Spanish at home is: Bellevue, 6%; Seattle, 5%; King County, 6%; Washington, 7%. The percent of 5 yr + that speak an Asian language at home is: Bellevue, 16%, Seattle, 10%; King County, 10%; Washington, 5%. The percent of households that are linguistically isolated are: Bellevue, 8%; Seattle, 6%; King County, 6%; Washington, 4%.

Ms. Rousseau stated she will be getting age data later this summer. The percent of population under 18 years of age is: Bellevue, 21%; Seattle, 15%; King County, 21%, Washington, 24%.

There is an increasing racial & ethnic diversity in Bellevue. For the youth population in Bellevue, the minority population is already the majority. For the older population, the White population is the majority.

Economic Indicators

The percentage of 25 yr + with a bachelor's degree or higher is: Bellevue, 54%; Seattle, 47%; King County, 40%; Washington, 27%. The percent of civilian employed population in Management, Professional, or related occupations is: Bellevue, 58%; Seattle, 52%; King County, 47%; Washington, 37%. The average household income is: Bellevue, \$106,277; Seattle, \$83,970; King County, \$89,606; Washington, \$73,486. (*Note: these are the correct household income figures that Ms. Rousseau sent me after the meeting since the information on her slide had the per capita income*).

The percent of individuals in poverty is: Bellevue, 6.6%; Seattle, 12.2%; King County, 9.7%; Washington, 11.8%. The percent of children in poverty is: Bellevue, 6.8%; Seattle, 12.4%; King County, 11.6%; Washington, 15.3%. The area is Bellevue that has the highest number of children in poverty is the Lake Hills and Crossroads areas. The percent of older adults in poverty is: Bellevue, 7.2%; Seattle, 12.6%; King County, 8.8%; Washington, 8.2%. The percent of households paying 30% + on housing is: Bellevue, 33%; Seattle, 40%; King County, 39%; Washington, 37%.

The percent of 16 year + workers that drove alone to work is : Bellevue, 69%; Seattle, 54%; King County, 66%; Washington, 72%. The percent of residents 16 year + that took public transit to work is: Bellevue, 10%; Seattle, 19%; King County, 11%; Washington, 5%. The percent of residents 16 year + that walked to work is: Bellevue, 4%; Seattle, 8%; King County, 4%; Washington, 3%. The percent of residents 16 year + that worked at home is: Bellevue, 6%; Seattle, 5%; King County, 5%; Washington, 5%. The Mean travel time to work is: Bellevue, 22 min.; Seattle, 25 min.; King County, 27 min.; Washington, 25 min.

Some of the Bellevue trends since 1990 are that the older adult population increased from 10.90 to 13% in 2000 and the income remained steady since 2000.

In May we will be getting the demographic data at the place level (selected population and housing characteristics such as age, tenure, household type, etc.) In June-August we will get the population counts for 63 race categories and Hispanic or Latino. At that time we will also get the selected population and housing characteristics (i.e. age, tenure, household type).

Ms. Rousseau will send the presented slide show to Ms. VonWald and she can forward it on to you. The information will be presented to the City Council in May.

BREAK

COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Housing (reported by Lynne Robinson)

Support of the Universal Design concept was approved by the Bellevue Network on Aging. The Housing Committee is arranging to make a presentation to the City Council on May 16th at 8:00 p.m. During the upcoming housing committee meeting we will prepare for that presentation.

We also met with ARCH regarding their comprehensive housing website. Kudos to the Housing Committee group for helping the UW students, who are doing this web project, create the housing aspect of this project. Ms. Rasnack asked what the project target date was and Ms. Robinson said that she is presuming it will be June when the UW students graduate.

We then went over the Senior Housing Option Project (SHOP) that lets seniors know what you get when you live in different areas . . . stay in home, assisted living, etc. Ms. VonWald said she will send the website to everyone so that they can give their input. It is still a work in progress.

b. Outreach (reported by Hannah Kimball)

The Outreach group met on March 21st. At the last meeting the group discussed the people who are making non-emergency calls to 911. The Outreach group pulled together some questions for the group (Fire, PCD, 911, etc.) in regard to these non-emergency calls:

- How many non-emergency calls are received?
- How many of the calls are from older adults?
- Percentage of calls that are attributed to the frequent flyers?
- How many of the 911 calls are redirected to different phone numbers?
- Do you have knowledge of community services that can help them?

The questions were forwarded to Tim in the Police Department. We are going to attempt to arrange for quarterly meetings with this group to keep on top of what the issues are.

On the Outreach side, we had several volunteers at the Active Senior Fair. We had a very successful day and ran out of Vials of Life. We also participated in Senior Lobby Day which will be reported on later.

Dates to remember: April 14 – Time bank orientation
April 15 – Annual fundraiser breakfast for Senior Services
April 16 – Volunteer Fair @ Crossroads

At the next meeting we will be looking at “Best Practices” and look at what the other cities with aging populations are doing.

Ms. Robinson said that she feels there is a disconnect with the other local senior providers such as the hospital programs. We need to get another group meeting together.

c. Advocacy (reported by Diana Thompson)

On March 28th was the second Senior Lobby Day in Olympia. We did not attend since we thought it would be hard to meet with legislators.

We sent out an e-mail regarding senior legislation happening. Senate Bill 5092 which regulates adult family homes has gone through a series of changes. The newest version changes the amount set per home and it is back to the original amounts. It is very important legislation that puts new regulations on adult family homes. The fee amounts do not cover the oversight fees. They talked about increasing the fees over time.

There is currently also a Referral Agencies Bill in legislation. It is not a licensing of referral agencies. They have to indicate what the referral kick back is. In Washington State this information is not currently disclosed to the public. Ms. VonWald clarified that the Network on Aging has not currently taken a position on either of the above legislation.

Ms. Thompson then stated that she had attended an Eastside Human Services Forum Advocacy group meeting. They discussed the issue regarding CDBG funds being cut. She indicated that she thinks the Bellevue Network on Aging needs to advocate for keeping the funds. She brought the information to the Advocacy Committee. A lot of these CDBG funds do go to services for the senior population. She itemized what is currently funded with CDBG funds that affect seniors (Home Repair Program, Minor Home Repair, Jewish Family Services, etc.). We would like to write a letter stating how important it is to have this funding preserved. The letter was sent out to the BNOA for review. Ms. Thompson made the motion for the CDBG funding to be sustained at 2010 levels and add it to the BNOA legislative priorities. This was seconded by Ms. Robinson. It was open to discussion. Mr. Englund stated that every time you vote to not cut a certain item, you know something else will have to be cut. Ms. Robinson said King County has another program that does Minor Home Repair, which was refuted by Alex O'Reilly of the Human Services division. Mr. Keeney stated that the reality is that you need to be a squeaky wheel so that legislators take notice and retain it. Ms. VonWald indicated that if this is approved by BNOA then it follows the stance that the city has already taken when the Mayor sent a letter regarding CDBG funding. Ms. Thompson stated that she had read the Minor Home Repair application and it indicated that last year they were not able to fund all of the repairs needed, so it is a service needed. Ms. O'Reilly explained what kind of repairs that the Minor Home Repair program does. Mr. Englund stated that Bellevue is not broke and thinks the City Council should

be encouraged to pay for needs in Bellevue. Chair Rasnack called for a vote on the motion and the motion passes unanimously.

Ms. Thompson indicated that there is a meeting set for Monday, April 11th with Representative Reichert. Chair Rasnack said that if others who would like to attend the meeting with Representative Reichert it will be at 2:30 p.m. Please let Ms. Thompson know if you are available for that meeting.

Mr. Katz stated that he was disturbed with the legislative meeting with Representative Litzow. He put in a card for senior items to be discussed. The main topic of conversation at that meeting was education.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS REPORTS

a. Transportation Update – Eastside Easy Rider Collaborative

On Wednesday, April 20th there will be a Transportation Forum in Issaquah. The Easy Rider group is meeting with different groups to talk about what the Easy Rider group is doing. There will be a public hearing in Mercer Island and they will be taking public comment on intended bus route changes. Ms. O'Reilly stated she will send information regarding this.

Ms. VonWald stated that Alina Aaron will be presenting at the next BNOA meeting and will give an overview of the program. This will be a great update on the program and will show the involvement that the BNOA has had in the Collaborative.

b. City of Bellevue Initiatives – None.

c. Eastside Human Services Forum

The EHSF Advocacy Committee will be talking to our Advocacy group regarding the State Legislative Session cuts to human services. There was discussion about the Veterans and Human Services Levy and the King County Council is still deciding when it will be on the ballot.

d. Other Boards/Commission Reports – None.

STAFF REPORT

Ms. VonWald stated that the BNOA Bylaws Committee met and the amended By-Laws were distributed via email. Mr. Englund made a motion to accept the bylaws as amended. This motion was seconded by Ms. Gray. It was opened for discussion.

Mr. Keeney asked why there should be non-voting members. Ms. VonWald stated it was to tap into expertise of people in the community. Non-voting members can come to regular meetings but may not vote. Mr. Keeney was concerned that it would be more of a disruption and that we

could just bring people in to the meetings as needed. Mr. Katz stated that non-voting members are a good resource for the group and then often can speed up replacing leaving members. It is great to keep some people involved for their expertise. Ms. VonWald suggested an amendment to the motion to remove that part of the by-laws. Mr. Keeney stated that would not be necessary as he was seeking clarification. Chair Rasnack called for a vote on the motion to accept the by-laws as amended. The motion was approved unanimously.

Ms. VonWald thanked Mr. Englund for the coffee he brought for the group today.

It is Older Americans Month in May. Ms. Gray will accept the Proclamation from the Mayor on behalf of the Network at the City Council meeting on Monday, May 2nd at 8:00 p.m.

On June 6th, at 8pm at the City Council Meeting, the Network will accept the Proclamation for World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (June 15th, 2011).

Ms. VonWald stated that she went to the second Senior Lobby Day in Olympia with the Aging and Disabilities Services Advisory Council. She attended appointments with legislators and they seemed very receptive.

Bellevue TV is doing a story on the Vial of Life which will begin airing tomorrow.

In May BTV is doing a feature story on "It's Your City" about the Sound of Swing band and the Eastside Timebank program.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Thompson discussed rotating members bringing coffee to each meeting. If you are interested in doing this please contact Ms. Thompson. Ms. Kimball volunteered to bring coffee to the next meeting.

Mr. Katz discussed the article he forwarded to the Network regarding Representative Reichert and AARP. It was forwarded for information only.

Mr. Lincoln Vander Veen, Senior Outreach Manager for Representative Reichert stated that Representative Reichert will be at North Bellevue Community Center on April 18th at 11:00 am to talk about Medicare, etc. It will be informal with an opportunity to speak one on one with Representative Reichert.

PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS – None.

UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS – May- Eastside Easy Rider Collaborative presentation

ADJOURN

Chair Rasnack adjourned the meeting at 10:33 a.m.