

BELLEVUE NETWORK ON AGING
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES

June 2, 2011
8:30 a.m.

Bellevue City Hall
Room 1E-112

MEMBERS PRESENT: Peg English, Richard Englund, Jullie Gray, Jeanne Grote, Beverly Hayden, Howard Katz, Hannah Kimball, Bob Megargel, Bill Merriman, Eileen Rasnack, Berta Seltzer, Cindy Sharek, Merle Keeney, Blake Werner

MEMBERS ABSENT: Lynne Robinson, Diana Thompson

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Emily Leslie, Human Services Manager, Bellevue Parks & Community Services, and Stefanie Beighle, Chair, Bellevue Human Services Commission

RECORDING SECRETARY: Cathy VonWald

WELCOME AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Chair Rasnack who presided. All committee members were present with the exception of Diana Thompson and Lynne Robinson.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. May 5, 2011

Motion to approve the minutes was made, seconded and was approved unanimously.

CITY OF BELLEVUE HUMAN SERVICES PRESENTATION

Ms. VonWald presented Emily Leslie and Stefanie Beighle.

Ms. Leslie provided an overview of the Bellevue Human Services Division via a PowerPoint presentation. She outlined the major roles of the division which are Planning, Funding, Facilitating and Informing. She went on to explain how the Division accomplishes these tasks. In the area of Planning, the Division conducts the comprehensive needs assessment every two years which involves phone and online surveys, community conversations, key informant interviews and use of statistical data. In the area of funding, Ms. Leslie explained that the Division contracts with 45 non-profit agencies to provide 65 programs. Additionally, she outlined the Regional initiatives and partnerships that the Division is involved with. Ms. Beighle then outlined the role of the Human Services Commission. She explained the composition of the membership, membership terms, and their role in overseeing human services activities in the City. The Commission participates in data collection, learning about human services trends and issues, conducts a mid-biennium review of contracts, reviews biennial funding applications and makes recommendations to the City Council on Human Services funding.

Mr. Keeney commended the Commission for everything they do. He noted that it is a huge job to comb through all of the Human Services applications each year and to do all of the data gathering. He thanked the Commission for their work. Mr. Katz asked about the 10 year plan to end homelessness. Ms. Beighle cited the One Night Count and Ms. Leslie noted that the 10 year plan was recently updated. Mr. Englund asked about issues around Cultural Diversity. Both Ms Beighle and Mr. Leslie noted that Bellevue has a quickly growing diverse population that Human Services need to keep pace with. Mr. Katz suggested Walter Liang as a potential contact and a need to figure out how to better connect.

Ms. Leslie closed by thanking the Network for their continued work on the Human Services Needs update every 2 years.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Housing

Ms. VonWald reported for the committee. She stated that the Universal Design presentation to the City Council was made on Monday, May 16th @ 8:00pm. Ms. Kimball introduced Tom Minty who made the presentation. Ms. Grote, Ms. Seltzer and Ms. English were also in attendance. The Council seemed interested in the information provided and requested additional information from staff.

Ms. VonWald stated that the housing website hosted by ARCH is being worked on diligently by the UW students. Ms. VonWald stated that she will try to arrange for a presentation when the project is complete.

B. Outreach (reported by Jeanne Grote)

The Outreach Committee met on May 16. Mr. Katz reported on the community meeting held at Crossroads Center on May 11th. The breakout groups stimulated good conversation and interaction. The common thread was not just how to help a neighbor, but how to get to know and get involved with your neighbors. The Newport Hills Community Association requested a presentation from BNOA which is scheduled for June 21st. The committee discussed the upcoming Strawberry Festival. Bob agreed to produce a large banner with a photo of the Vial of Life that can be displayed at community events. The banner was shown at the meeting and everyone was pleased with how it looked.

The committee discussed other upcoming outreach opportunities. It was decided that we will not take part in the Bellevue Arts and Crafts Fair. Also, it was decided to display BNOA/City information at the Crossroads Farmer's Market but not have a Senior Day with other vendors. It was also decided that we would like to have a table at the Bellevue Farmer's Market. Cathy will contact the Crossroads Farmer's Market and Bob will contact Bellevue.

The upcoming outreach opportunities are:

June 6 – City Council World Elder Abuse Awareness Day Proclamation. **June 15** is World Elder Abuse Awareness Day. Cindy Sharek will accept the proclamation.

June 25-26 – Strawberry Festival – excellent chance for outreach for two days.

The committee also discussed presenting senior issues to the City Council on a more regular basis during Reports of Boards and Commissions. This will be discussed further at upcoming meetings.

The Outreach Committee would like to facilitate a meeting between Evergreen, Overlake, 211 and Group Health to check in on progress, challenges, coordination and communication.

C. Advocacy (presented by Cindy Sharek)

Cindy began to give an update on the Evergreen Court Housing complex issues when we were joined by Councilmember Chelminiak. Councilmember Chelminiak reported that Evergreen Court was discussed by the City Council on May 24th. The Council requested that additional oversight be added to DASH's business plan. This will come back to the Council for the final vote sometime in the 4-6 weeks. Ms. VonWald will notify the Network when that is scheduled. Network members inquired as to how the Network could best advocate for this important affordable housing. Councilmember Chelminiak stated that emails to the City Councilmembers from individual Network members in support of the project would be most effective.

Councilmember Chelminiak also reported that other affordable housing topics will be coming before the Planning Commission and the City Council. Those items will include detached accessory dwelling units and property tax credits.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP REPORTS

There were no community partnership reports at this time. The Eastside Time Bank will be added to the Community Partnership Reports section as Jeanne is now serving on that board and can give regular updates.

OTHER BOARDS/COMMISSION REPORTS

Ms. VonWald reported that the Aging and Disability Advisory Council has applied for an Elder Abuse Navigator grant. More information will come on this. Also, Aging and Disability Services and Senior Services are working on a pilot for the Aging and Disability Resource Center concept.

STAFF REPORTS

Ms. VonWald thanked Hannah Kimball, Jeannie Grote, Peg English, and Berta Seltzer for attending the Universal Design presentation to the City Council on May 16th.

Ms. VonWald reported that the Medic One Foundation has provided us with 500 more of the Vial of Life. Bartells is the new sponsor.

Ms. VonWald thanked everyone who has volunteered for the Strawberry Festival on June 25 & 26. She will send out a reminder the week prior to the festival with volunteer shifts and details.

Ms. VonWald reminded everyone that the World Elder Abuse Awareness Proclamation is scheduled for Monday, June 6th at the Bellevue City Hall, Council Chambers at 8pm. Cindy Sharek will accept the proclamation and say a few words on behalf of the Network.

Ms. VonWald reported that she attended the Aging Your Way presentation by Senior Services. She noted that Ms. Thompson, Ms. Kimball, and Mr. Merriman also attended. It was an interesting exchange of ideas. Senior Services is planning a summit on September 23 to review the results of all of the Aging Your Way meetings.

Ms. VonWald shared a summary of the recent Legislative Session prepared by AARP.

NEW BUSINESS – None

PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS- None

UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS

Ms. VonWald stated that nothing was set for next month. Some possible topics include: ARCH Housing website overview, updated Demographics reports, Human Trafficking presentation, and an Aging Your Way (Senior Services) Presentation.

ADJOURN

Chair Rasnack adjourned the meeting at 10:26 am