

BELLEVUE NETWORK ON AGING
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES

June 4, 2009
8:30 a.m.

Bellevue City Hall
Room 1E -120

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lynne Robinson, Eileen Rasnack, Berta Seltzer, Diana Thompson, Howard Katz, Gary Dickerman, Bob Megargel, Heidi Ressler, Hannah Kimball, Bill Merriman, Jullie Gray

MEMBERS ABSENT: Marjorie Todd, Dwayne Dilley

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Paul Inghram, City of Bellevue, Planning & Community Development and Kevin McDonald, Transportation Department

RECORDING SECRETARY: Cathy VonWald

1. WELCOME AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 8:40 a.m. by Chair Robinson who presided. All committee members were present.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. May 7, 2009

Motion to approve the minutes was carried unanimously.

3. PRESENTATION: Bel-Red Area Transformation

Ms. VonWald introduced Paul Inghram, City of Bellevue, Planning & Community Development and Kevin McDonald, Transportation Department.

Mr. Inghram and Mr. McDonald gave an extensive overview of the Bel-Red Area Transformation Project. There were many questions from the group. More information on the project can be found at the following link http://www.bellevuewa.gov/bel-red_intro.htm.

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4. BNOA Maintenance

A. PR/Outreach

Chair Robinson thanked Mr. Dickerman for presenting on behalf of the Network at the May 12th Park Board meeting. She also thanked Diana for accepting the City Council Proclamation on Elder Abuse Awareness at the June 1st, City Council meeting. In addition, Ms. VonWald

thanked Ms. Robinson and Ms. Seltzer for presenting on behalf of the Network at the June 2nd Human Services Commission meeting.

In addition, Ms. Robinson noted that the Elder Abuse article appeared in the Bellevue Reporter and the ADS Senior Digest in June.

B. Regional Partnerships/ Legislative Issues

Ms. Thompson reported that the joint committee, which is comprised of two Network members and two Kirkland Senior Council members, has met twice. The work plan they have developed is focused on advocacy on the state and local levels in terms of funding for older adults. They will be bringing to a joint Network and Kirkland Senior Council meeting the training video that was developed by Kirkland in 2005 at the Network's regular meeting on July 9th.

The joint committee is encouraging everyone to attend the Senior Lobby Conference on October 30. The committee is also looking at organizing a legislative meet and greet event in November prior to the legislative session. The joint committee will be developing a list of questions to ask candidates for city and county offices given that 2009 is an election year. The committee will be researching candidate forums and will invite all Network members to attend and ask questions.

Additionally, Ms. Thompson made a motion that the Network formally voice it's support for the Elder Justice Act and give her permission to write to legislators on behalf of the Network. The motion was passed unanimously.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Advocacy/Housing & Mobility

Ms. Seltzer reported on behalf of the committee. She noted that the Easy Rider Collaborative is distributing their Annual Report to all interested parties. Ms. VonWald agreed to email all members a copy of the Annual Report.

Ms. VonWald that Aging and Disability Services' King County housing report will be released to policy makers and others at a forum in July. The exact date has not been set. However, the forum will take place in Bellevue and City Councils, Planning Commissions, and Human Services Commissions and Senior Commissions and the Network On Aging will be invited. The Forum will be coordinated by Aging and Disability Services, ARCH, and King County Housing Authority.

B. Education/Safety & Support

Ms. Thompson noted that the Elder Abuse bookmark is complete and available at today's meeting. In addition, the committee will be submitting articles on subjects of interest to older adults to the Bellevue Reporter in the future as they have expressed an interest in having us do that. Also, the committee will be following up with the Bellevue Farmer's Market to have resource materials there on a regular basis and perhaps develop a "Senior Day" at the market sometime this summer.

6. STAFF REPORT

Terry Smith, Assistant Director of Parks & Community Services presented the City's "Bellevue Cares" initiative. This encompasses resources on the City's website for those in need, training for front line staff, coordinated efforts such as food drives, etc, and resources for those who are in a position to help in tough times.

Ms. VonWald reported that the Seniors vs. City Softball Challenge will take place on Wednesday, July 15th at 4pm at Hidden Valley Sports Park, 1901 112th Ave NE, Bellevue. Anyone interested in playing or cheering on the team should let her know.

7. NEW BUSIENSS

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

9. UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS

10. ADJOURN

Chair Robinson adjourned the meeting at 10:35 a.m.