

**BELLEVUE NETWORK ON AGING  
MINUTES**

June 6, 2013  
9:30 a.m.

North Bellevue Community Center

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Tomas Corsini, Bob Megargel, Lynne Robinson, Peg Jones, Howard Katz, Hannah Kimball, Terri Wilson, Susan Posten, Berta Seltzer, Janet Zielasko

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Jeanne Grote, Jullie Gray, Beverly Heyden, Bill Merriman, Eileen Rasnack, Diana Thompson,

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Pat Chiarelli, Community Liaison for Congressman Adam Smith's office

**RECORDING SECRETARY:** Hannah Kimball/Cathy VonWald

**NOTE:** BNOA members attended and participated in the Eastside Human Services Forum "More than a Roof Overhead" Homelessness forum, 7:30am-9:30am, North Bellevue Community Center.

**WELCOME AND ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order at 9:40 a.m. by Ms. VonWald who presided. All committee members were present with the exception of Jeanne Grote, Jullie Gray, Beverly Heyden, Bill Merriman, Eileen Rasnack, and Diana Thompson.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 2, 2013**

There was a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a) **Transportation/Housing Committee** – (reported by Ms. Wilson)

At the last committee meeting, Kelly Rider from the Housing Development Consortium gave the committee a presentation on affordable housing and the state of affordable housing in Bellevue. She shared that a small amount of money is available in the Housing Trust Fund, but that advocacy is needed to maintain and/or increase that. The committee will be developing their recommendations for the comprehensive plan update including the Housing Trust Fund.

b) **Advocacy Committee** (reported by Ms. Zielasko)

The committee met last month and discussed Hospital Observation Status further and also the Chained CPI. Ms. Posten agreed to send the Network a copy of her analysis of the CCPI. This is a very complex issue. In addition, the topic of Hospital Observation is now being overseen in the Advocacy Committee.

c) **Outreach Committee** – (reported by Ms. VonWald )

The last meeting of the outreach committee was held on Monday, May 13 at Bellevue Square from 8:00-9:00am. Immediately following that meeting at 9:30am at the Starbucks (by the elevator) was a Community Conversation for the Human Services Needs Update, led by Alex O'Reilly. Members visited with older adults who were in the mall area and listened to their challenges and concerns.

Members decided to reach out to Mercer Island, Sammamish, and Redmond to see if they are interested in forming a board similar to BNOA.

Ms. VonWald will be sending out the volunteer schedules for the upcoming outreach opportunities.

## **COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP REPORTS**

a) **Parks & Community Services Board** (reported by Ms. Robinson)

Ms. Robinson reported that the Park Board will be meeting at the North Bellevue Community Center on Tuesday, June 11 at 6pm. The topic that evening will be older adults and will certainly highlight the work of the BNOA. Lynne suggested that the time might be ripe for a general, supportive comment by BNOA and older adults regarding a downtown community center in the vicinity of the library. There was a motion and a second for the BNOA to support a community center in Downtown Bellevue in the vicinity of the library. Motion passes unanimously. Howard Katz and Tomas Corsini agreed to attend the meeting and make the public comment.

b) **Eastside Easy Rider Collaborative**

No report

c) **Eastside Human Services Forum** (reported by Ms. O'Reilly)

The "Homelessness" event held today was very valuable. More time could have been set aside for networking and table discussion. That feedback will be shared through the event evaluations.

Really good turnout for the event.

d) **Eastside Time Bank**

No Report

e) **Aging & Disability Services Advisory Council** (reported by Ms. VonWald)  
Aging & Disability Services Advisory Council held their last meeting was at the SeaTac Community Center rather than their usual place in Seattle. Although the agency serves ALL of King County, the staff is housed in Seattle, therefore it sometimes gets very Seattle-centric. This has been an opportunity for staff and the board to see other parts of the County and connect with older adults directly. The main focus of the last meeting was the Affordable Healthcare Act.

**STAFF REPORT/UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS**

Ms. VonWald said that Monday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> was the World Elder Abuse Awareness Day Proclamation at the City Council meeting at 8:00pm in the Council Chambers. Thank you to Lynne for accepting the proclamation and making remarks on behalf of the BNOA.

The July BNOA meeting agenda includes Nancy Kartes, Bellevue Botanical Garden who will discuss the renovation of the botanical gardens and visitor center and a discussion about mobility.

Upcoming outreach events are the Strawberry Festival on June 22 & 23 and the Resource Table at the YMCA on July 9<sup>th</sup>.

**NEW BUSINESS** – Lynne Robinson asked if BNOA is slipping away from its original mission of outreach and education.

**ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 am.