

**CITY OF BELLEVUE
YOUTH LINK BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

December 19, 2007
6:00-8:00 p.m.

City Hall
Room 1E-120
Bellevue, WA

BOARDMEMBERS PRESENT: Acting Co-chairs Brenda Gurung and Osbaldo Hernandez, Boardmembers Nancy O'Brien-Abel, Nazila Dabestani, Juan Hernandez, Faisal Jaswal, Rachel Jiang, Brian Li, Lt. Dave Sellers

BOARDMEMBERS ABSENT: Farrah Khan, Anne Jun

STAFF PRESENT: Patrick Alina, Helena Stephens

ALSO PRESENT: Brysen Angeles, Jan Still

MINUTES TAKER: Michelle Cash, *via recording*

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Acting Co-chair Hernandez at 6:06 p.m.

Timekeeper: David Sellers

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

By general consensus, the meeting agenda was approved.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

By general consensus, the November 14, 2007 meeting minutes were approved.

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

5. BOARD COMMUNICATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS :

a. Board recognition of resigning members Jan Still and Rob McCallum

Ms. Stephens presented former Boardmember Still a recognition plaque to thank her for her dedication and years of service to Youth Link. Ms. Still will be greatly missed.

Former Boardmember McCallum was unavailable to attend the board meeting to receive his recognition plaque. Ms. Stephens will send the plaque to Mr. McCallum.

b. Staff Report

Ms. Stephens reported on the following:

- The ice skating rink in the south end of the Downtown Park has opened for the Holiday Season. All Boardmembers are invited to participate and enjoy the event.
- Thank you to all of the Youth Link volunteers who helped at the Crossroads Community Center during the holidays.
- The first 24-Hour Relay Challenge meeting will be held on January 16, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. Volunteers are needed.
- The first Bellevue Youth Court session will be held on January 29, 2008. All boardmembers are encouraged to attend.
- The Youth Involvement Conference will be held on March 21, 2008 at the Meydenbauer Center.

For further information about any of the above programs, please contact Ms. Stephens.

c. BYC Report

Mr. Alina provided the BYC Report.

Boardmember Jiang noted that the BYC is in the final stage of workshop event planning for the upcoming Youth Involvement Conference. These workshops will be discussed at the next board meeting.

6. UNFINISHED & NEW BUSINESS – ACTION ITEMS:

a. Election – Youth Link Board and Co-chairs

Ms. Stephens asked Boardmember Sellers to Chair the meeting during the board elections.

Motion by Boardmember O’Brien-Abel and second by Acting Co-chair Gurung to appoint Acting Co-chair Hernandez for the Youth Co-chair position.

Boardmember Sellers requested other nominations for the Youth Co-chair. There were none. Boardmember Sellers closed nominations.

At the question, motion carried unanimously to appoint Acting Co-chair Hernandez as the Youth Co-Chair (8-0).

Boardmember Sellers requested nominations for the Adult Co-chair position.

Motion by Boardmember Jaswal and second by Co-chair Hernandez to appoint Acting Co-chair Gurung for the Adult Co-chair position.

Boardmember Sellers requested other nominations for Adult Co-chair. There were none. Boardmember Sellers closed nominations.

Acting Co-chair Gurung summarized her vision for her role with Youth Link:

- Networking
- Mentoring
- Representing

At the question, motion carried unanimously to appoint Acting Co-chair Gurung as the Adult Co-chair (8-0).

Boardmember Sellers transferred the Chair position back to Co-chairs Gurung and Hernandez.

- b. Youth Link Board goals

Tabled until later in the agenda.

7. STUDY SESSION ITEMS:

- a. Youth Court Update

Ms. Stephens recently attended a Youth Court Conference in New Orleans. She reported that there are currently 1,550 Youth Courts across the country. The United States is the leading country for youth courts.

Over 167,000 youth offenders are being served across the country through Youth Court. Ms. Stephens added that Youth Court is approximately 20 years old.

A national Youth Court march will be held in April 2009. Throughout the nation, all youth involved in Youth Court are encouraged to participate in the 2009 Washington D.C. march.

The New Orleans conference focused on behind the scenes court issues (i.e. funding, partnerships, resources, staffing, volunteers, data compilation, etc.).

There will be a full-day of court training held on January 12, 2008 for Bellevue's upcoming Youth Court program. In addition, there will be a dress-rehearsal on January 19, 2008.

Ms. Stephens commended the Youth Court Action Team for recruiting approximately 60 interested youth for the Youth Court program. There have also been many adults interested in the program. To date, there are six attorneys that have volunteered for the program.

Ms. Stephens reviewed the projects that the Youth Court Management Team has been working on. She noted that there are two criteria that are currently being discussed. They include:

- 1) First time offenders may now be considered, rather than only second time offenders.
- 2) Can simple assaults be considered?

There was a general discussion on whether or not misdemeanor/simple assault cases should be considered. Overall, boardmembers concurred that these cases should be considered.

When further discussing the Youth Court conference in New Orleans, Ms. Stephens encouraged boardmembers to continue to support the Victims of Hurricane Katrina. She described some of the aftermath she witnessed from her visit in the Gulf area.

Boardmember Jaswal has a video that a student-team made when they were volunteering in New Orleans. He will present the video at the January board meeting.

b. Massive Monkees presentation

Brysen Angeles presented the Massive Movement, which is a very unique breakdance program. In addition, he showed movie clips of the program.

Mr. Angeles has 14 years of dance experience and 5 years experience working as a Professional Performing Artist. He further reviewed his credentials and involvement with Massive Monkees.

Mr. Angeles would like to provide The Massive Movement program to youth in the Bellevue community every year. The mental and physical health of participants in the Massive Movement were discussed as well as many other characteristics required to participate in this program.

Mr. Angeles shared a sample lesson plan for the program. This program would support Tillicum, Highland, and Odle Middle Schools.

The budget for the Massive Movement program was reviewed. Mr. Angeles' funding request is for \$5,160.

c. Youth Link Board goal setting definition

Boardmember Jaswal provided an overview of the goal setting definitions. He explained that the mission statement defines the overall purpose of an organization. Ms. Stephens read the mission and vision statements for the Youth Link Board. The purpose of a vision statement was also reviewed.

Boardmember Jaswal noted the importance of Core Values when discussing the Mission and Vision Statements.

For the sake of time, boardmembers suggested discussing the goal setting information at the January meeting.

Motion by Boardmember Dabestani and second by Boardmember Li to extend the meeting until 8:10 p.m. Motion carried unanimously (8-0).

Boardmember Jaswal summarized the Outcomes and Measurable Outcomes related to the Mission, Vision, and Core Values. A Measurable Outcome must have a qualitative and quantitative outcome associated with it.

Motion by Boardmember Sellers and second by Boardmember O'Brien-Abel to extend the meeting until 8:15 p.m. Motion carried unanimously (8-0).

Motion by Boardmember Jaswal and second by Boardmember Sellers to extend the January 9, 2008 board meeting until 8:30 p.m. to include discussions for the Youth Link Board goals. Motion carried unanimously (8-0).

Boardmember Jaswal encouraged boardmembers to evaluate what the Youth Link board looks like today and what the vision is for the future. He asked the question, "What are the core values that you cannot live without?" He cited youth participation as a core value.

8. OTHER COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Boardmember O'Brien-Abel and second by Boardmember Li to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 p.m. Motion carried unanimously (8-0).