

BELLEVUE NETWORK ON AGING
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES

October 28, 2010
8:30 a.m.

Bellevue City Hall
Room 1E -109

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lynne Robinson, Howard Katz, Richard Englund,
Beverly Hayden, Cindy Sharek, Bill Merriman, Heidi
Ressler, Bob Megargel, Hannah Kimball

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jullie Gray, Diana Thompson, Peg English, Berta
Seltzer, Eileen Rasnack

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

RECORDING SECRETARY: Cathy VonWald

WELCOME AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 8:34 a.m. by Chair Robinson who presided. All committee members were present with the exception of Jullie Gray, Diana Thompson, Peg English, Berta Seltzer, and Eileen Rasnack.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. October 7, 2010

Correction to the Members Present section deleting Dwayne Dilley and Jullie Gray's duplicate listing.

Motion to approve the minutes as amended was carried unanimously.

BELLEVUE NETWORK ON AGING POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

Members reviewed the PowerPoint presentation. Each slide was reviewed for accuracy, relevancy, and was updated accordingly. It was noted that the 2010 Census Data will be available December 31st, 2010 and will be included in the presentation when that is available. The consensus of the members present was to post the presentation on the BNOA website as a public resource. It was also suggested that the presentation with notes be emailed to BNOA members so that they have easy access to it as needed to make community presentations.

Ms. VonWald agreed to make the noted changes to the presentation and get it to all members.

Members requested that Ms. VonWald find data on the number of calls received on the 425-452-4200 number to determine their outreach efficacy.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Advocacy

Ms. Rasnack and Ms. Gray sent their report to Ms. VonWald for presentation at the meeting. Ms. VonWald reported that the committee finalized the letter to the Bellevue City Council in support of Human Services funding and older adult services at North Bellevue Community Center and Lynne sent it about a week after the last meeting.

Also reported was that three members of the committee attended the Washington State Senior Lobby Conference on October 13th in SeaTac. It was a great opportunity to hear from legislators and to learn the impacts of the upcoming initiatives on State funding.

Ms. VonWald distributed the Legislative Priorities developed by the Legislative Forum planning committee to be delivered to Legislators on November 18th.

Motion to approve the Legislative Priorities was carried unanimously.

B. Outreach

Ms. Ressler reported that at the last committee meeting they had Robin Haaseth, PIO for the Parks Department as their guest speaker. Robin spoke about her work and answered questions from the group.

Discussion/ideas that arose from that meeting included the following:

1. Bellevue TV- there are some blank periods when the Council takes a break. How can they best be used? (a community calendar?)
2. Bellevue TV- How can the on screen guide be more useful? Could the programming for the time periods be listed rather than just listing Government Programming?
3. It's Your City This will now only be published 3 times a year. Could we have an article on something BNOA does or is interested in for this publication? Or could we have a regular column?
4. Neighborhood News---BNOA meetings are listed in this E mail publication. Should we put in a request for neighborhoods to contact BNOA for speakers?
5. Partnership- Partnership with other groups is essential and it is important for the BNOA to meet with agencies serving the same population. An example is to partner with Veteran's Groups. Howard pointed out that veterans that are not injured in combat, have no idea of what is going on regarding veterans, unless they are in the American Legion, or Veterans of Foreign Wars.
6. Public Service Announcements The parks department does Public Service Announcements. Are there areas in which the BNOA would like public service announcements? Perhaps, after the fire department gets new vials, a PA on the vial would be appropriate. A one minute demonstration on what to do with the stickers and the bottle visually would be a great example for those with English as 2nd language.

The new batch of Vial of Life packets have been received thanks to the sponsorship by Barrier Motors. They are currently being assembled and will be distributed to the Bellevue Fire Stations.

Bellevue Reporter articles have been published online but a question remains if they are being published in the print copy of the paper. Ms. VonWald has sent a follow up email to the Reporter but has not received a response as yet.

Chair Robinson reported that she staffed the BNOA table at the Chinese Information and Service Center Resource Fair on Thursday, October 14 at NBCC. She said it was a very well attended fair that reached a large number of older adults for whom English is a second language. She also met some candidates for the Network and passed those names and contacts on to Ms. VonWald.

Ms. Sharek reported that she staffed the shared table at the Home is Where The Heart Is Fair on Saturday, October 16 at Westminster Chapel. The shared table was ½ BNOA and ½ Elder and Adult Day Services. This was also a well attended fair and she made a lot of contact with older adults.

C. Housing

Ms. Kimball reported that the City's Planning Commission will be taking up the issue of detached Accessory Dwelling Units at their Public Hearing on November 3rd. All members of the Network are encouraged to attend and speak in support of ADU's as an affordable housing choice for older adults in Bellevue.

Ms. Kimball also reported that they Housing Committee met with members of Leadership Eastside. The meeting was an information gathering exercise for the member of Leadership Eastside as they identify a need in the community and turn that into a project.

Chair Robinson mentioned that the Housing information for the website has been finalized. ARCH is editing the content slightly to meet their needs and the data and links are being fact checked by a City intern. Ms VonWald reported that the information may soon be on the City website.

D. Nominating Committee

The Nominating committee was composed of Dick Englund, Peg English, Berta Seltzer, and Beverly Heyden. Ms. Heyden thanked Ms VonWald for all her work on the recruitment and interviewing. It was an enjoyable experience and there were many very qualified applicants. It was a hard decision to pick only three. Mr. Englund also said that he enjoyed being on the committee and stated that it was a very rewarding and enjoyable experience.

Mr Englund made the following motions which were each carried unanimously:

- 1. The Nominating Committee moves to approve the reappointment of Lynne Robinson, Hannah Kimball, Jullie Gray, and Bill Merriman as regular members to an additional 2 year term expiring December, 2012.**
- 2. The Nominating Committee moves to approve the reappointment of Bob Megargel as a liaison member in a non-voting capacity.**

3. The Nominating Committee moves to approve the appointment of new members Jeanne Grote, Merle Keeney, and Blake Werner to serve a 2 year term expiring December, 2012.

Mr. Englund also reported the following on behalf of the nominating committee: Eight applications were received. Seven applicants were interviewed and three are recommended for membership as they demonstrated the best matches in knowledge and experience.

Bios of new members:

Jeanne Grote- Resident of Bellevue, community volunteer, retired from career in Assisted Living management.

Merle Keeney- Resident of Bellevue, community volunteer, currently working in the field of facilities management.

Blake Werner, PsyD- Resident of Bellevue, currently working as a clinical psychologist specializing in gero psychology.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP REPORTS

A. Eastside Easy Rider Collaborative

Ms. VonWald noted that the Eastside Easy Rider Collaborative is sponsoring the East King County Transportation Forum on November 3 at the North Bellevue Community Center. The first part of the program will involve a presentation by the Washington State Department of Transportation regarding tolling on the SR-520 Bridge. The transportation issues facing east King County will also be highlighted.

B. Eastside Human Services Forum- no report

OTHER BOARDS/COMMISSIONS REPORTS

STAFF REPORT

Ms. VonWald mentioned that due to a spending freeze, minutes taker duties will now be performed by staff within the Parks Department. In addition, coffee will not be provided at meetings. Additionally, the costs associated with the retreat facilitator will not be available to us this year. Ms. VonWald is working with the Parks Department to find someone in house to facilitate the retreat in January.

Ms. VonWald reminded everyone to mark their calendars for the Legislative Forum on November 18th. An invitation will be emailed to all Network members.

NEW BUSINESS – None

PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS – None

UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS

Ms. VonWald reported that the December agenda will include a retreat topics discussion as well as the annual celebration and potluck including new members.

New member orientation will take place on Wednesday, December 8th, 11am-Noon in Room 119.

Annual Retreat will take place on Thursday, January 6th, 8am-Noon in Room 112.

ADJOURN

Chair Robinson adjourned the meeting at 10:38 a.m.