

**BELLEVUE NETWORK ON AGING  
MINUTES**

October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
8:30-10:30am

North Bellevue Community Center

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Diana Thompson, Howard Katz, George Twiss, Beverly Heyden, Berta Seltzer, Phyllis Smilen, Hannah Kimball, Judy Dowling, Jeanne Grote, Janet Zielasko, Arlene Cheng, Ethan Crawford, Bob Megargel, Gazel Tan,

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Christy Stangland, Lauren Emery, Jullie Gray, Peggy Foster, Bill Merriman, Desiree Leigh

**STAFF PRESENT:** Dan Lassiter/Bellevue Parks & Community Services

**GUESTS:** Joanne Gainen – Eastside Neighbors Network  
Adam Schmidt – KC Veterans Seniors Human Services Levy  
*The Levy Passed in 2017 and now King County is about to roll out \$4 million of funding/year for Senior Centers and upwards of \$2.6 million in total for Virtual Villages. On October 19<sup>th</sup> Mercer Island Community Center in hosting a meeting to receive input on what exactly is a Senior Center and how that should be defined in King County.*

**RECORDING SECRETARY:** Abby Burdick/Bellevue Parks & Community Services

**WELCOME AND ROLL CALL:** The meeting was called to order by Hannah Kimball and roll call taken.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Changes to September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018 minutes submitted by Diana Thompson.

**PRESENTATION & DISCUSSION:**

**Rebecca Chatfield, PHD** – Emergency Preparedness in Bellevue – What You Really Need to Know!

The Office of Emergency Management manages a comprehensive emergency management program and supports response efforts within the City of Bellevue. This process involves mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery. They aim to prevent hazards from impacting residents altogether and minimizing the effects of disasters when they occur.

Large-scale emergencies or events do not occur every day. During normal operations the Office of Emergency Management attends to essential tasks such as educating the public, creating

plans, developing training and exercises, and engaging local and regional partners. City resilience depends on these day to day operations.

Response to emergencies or events that may harm residents requires coordination between city departments. The Office of Emergency Management manages that coordination from the Emergency Operations Center. Bellevue's EOC is a central location from which subject matter experts provide resources and expertise in support of incident response and recovery operations.

Bellevue's Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan is an all-hazards plan that describes the structure of the city's emergency management program, and provides a framework for citywide prevention, mitigation, response and recovery activities.

- [CEMP Base Plan](#)
- [Annexes](#)

The biggest takeaway from this is in a disaster, your family, neighbors, and friends may be your primary source of support and assistance. Preparedness is essential in building community resilience and ensuring Bellevue can recover efficiently and effectively.

The office of Emergency Management has a very comprehensive website for more information: <https://fire.bellevuewa.gov/emergency-management>

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### **Advocacy Committee** *(reported by Diana Thompson)*

At the next committee meeting the group will hopefully be drawing up the State and Federal Agenda. The State Agenda has been challenging because the Eastside Human Services Forum generally adopts our agenda and they wanted it completed last week when the Advocacy committee didn't want to work on it until after the Senior Lobby Conference on October 11<sup>th</sup>.

#### Candidates Forum Feedback:

- ✓ A break was needed.
- ✓ Candidates should have been present, no substitutes.
- ✓ The pre-selected questions took too much time – more open audience interaction would have been nice.

### **Outreach, Education & Diversity Committee** *(reported by Gazel Tan)*

The committee reviewed recent events they have participated in:

- ✓ Bellevue AgeWave Candidates Forum.
- ✓ Annual Senior Resource Fair.

The committee reviewed upcoming events they're participating in:

- ✓ Bellevue Resource Fair, at the Bellevue Library, October 30<sup>th</sup>
- ✓ India Association of Western Washington Health Fair, at North Bellevue Community Center, November 1<sup>st</sup>

The committee reviewed different events and partnership opportunities:

- ✓ The Old Friends Club Partnership?
- ✓ Mometia Partnership?

New outreach idea would be (inspired from today's Emergency Preparedness Presentation) is to maybe host an event and "build a kit" type of a thing. . .

### **Transportation & Housing Committee** *(reported by Judy Dowling)*

Human Services Meeting with Don Okazaki from Metro. No money yet for anything Senior Transportation, but it is on their radar. A "soiree" of some kind was discussed as an event to host and invite everyone involved with Transportation for a large gathering/discussion.

Mindy Garner with ElderMove attended the last meeting to discuss their seminars they host called "Moving to a Simpler Life".

Moving to a Simpler Life at South Bellevue Community Center, October 16<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Moving to a Simpler Life at North Bellevue Community Center, January 22<sup>nd</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>

Jeanne and Phyllis attended a housing forum on finding ways for housing for people who are making significant changes in their life or who can't afford to live where they work or can't afford to move and just attempting to reduce the number of unsheltered people.

### **COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS REPORTS:**

#### **Eastside Easy Rider Collaborative** *(reported by*

At the last meeting, Alex O'Reilly reviewed the Don Okazaki Human Services meeting on Metro options.

Metro has organized little informational "Coffee Talks" at different Community Centers to draw in older adults who are not used to using transit. One has been completed in Issaquah already and the next one is at the Redmond Senior Center on December 7<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Eastside Human Services Forum** *(reported by Diana Thompson)*

Diana attended their last meeting and gave Legislative Agenda Suggestions, including:

- ✓ Supporting Senior Issues/Services in General

Property Tax Exemptions: Raising the income one can have and still qualify.

Get something passed that would essentially enable you to have money in the bank” to pay for care for yourself if/when it is needed. To be financed through a payroll tax of 58%.

**Aging & Disability Services** *(no report)*

Conference on the 10<sup>th</sup> of October in Tacoma.

**Senior Lobby** *(reported by*

Educational Conference on October 11th.

**New Business**

Berta Seltzer – ADHOC Committee is trying to bring together representatives of all East King County Cities who work with Older Adults to advocate as a group on local issues. Christy Stangland will end up being the facilitator of this group.

**Staff Report**

Recruitment month has come to an end.

2 voting member position openings. 1 liaison member opening.

- Arlene Cheng will not return
- Ethan Crawford will not return
- Lauren Emery will move into a liaison position

There were 13 new member applicants. Interviews will be conducted Tues/Thurs of next week.

New member orientations will need to take place, need people to conduct these orientations. (Diana, Gazel, Jeanne & George are willing to do so).

**ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 10:30am.