

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

January 9, 2019  
6:00-8:00 p.m.

City Hall  
Room 1E-120  
Bellevue, WA

**BOARDMEMBERS PRESENT:** Co-Chairs Joydeep Hazra and Phillip Wang<sup>1</sup>, Boardmembers Michelle Bomberger, Katherine Jordan, Amanda Li, Yan Li<sup>2</sup>, Jessie Liu, Emily Mather<sup>3</sup>, Darrell Tsukiji

**BOARDMEMBERS ABSENT:** Boardmembers Ton Bodin<sup>4</sup>, Ananaya Jain<sup>5</sup>

**COUNCILMEMBER PRESENT:** Councilmember Janice Zahn

**STAFF PRESENT:** Patrick Alina, Toni Esparza, Sommē Khan, Cecilia Martinez-Vasquez

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Christina Joo (BYC), Daniel Kim (BYC), Jonathan Lee (BSD Intern), Sima Sarrafan (Bellevue School Board)

**MINUTES TAKER:** Michelle Cash

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by Co-Chair Wang at 6:01 p.m. A quorum was present.

Timekeeper: Ananaya Jain

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

**Motion by Boardmember Liu and second by Boardmember Bomberger to approve the meeting agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).**

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<sup>1</sup> Departed at 6:38 p.m.

<sup>2</sup> Arrived at 6:07 p.m.

<sup>3</sup> Arrived at 6:07 p.m.

<sup>4</sup> Excused absence.

<sup>5</sup> Excused absence.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Motion by Boardmember Liu and second by Boardmember Bomberger to approve the December 12, 2018 Youth Link Board meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).**

**4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:**

None.

**5. REPORTS:**

A. Council Liaison Update

Councilmember Zahn reported that Council recently met to discuss code revisions and having master lease agreements for small cell towers so that they can be installed throughout the community. Councilmember Zahn also noted that a branding process is underway to rename the Eastside Rail Corridor. Feedback is encouraged.

B. Youth Council Report

On behalf of the Bellevue Youth Council, Christina Joo and Daniel Kim provided the following report:

- The 2018-2019 BYC Executive Committee members include:
  - Phillip Wang and Christina Joo (Co-Presidents)
  - Bitaniya Giday and Daniel Kim (Co-Vice Presidents)
  - Evy Wohlman and Amy Leers (Co-Secretaries)
  - Cameron White and Ethan Lee (Co-Event Coordinators)
- There was a Holiday Youth Party at Crossroads on December 18, 2018.
- Due to the winter break schedule, there was an abbreviated BYC meeting today.
- The 29<sup>th</sup> Community Leadership Awards event will be held on May 29, 2019. Planning efforts are underway.
- A Community Cultural Conversations training event will be held on January 16, 2019.
- Youth Link University pre-registration is underway. The first class will be held on February 4, 2019 at Crossroads Community Center.
- Thank you to Bellevue Downtown Association for donating free ice skating tickets.

C. Bellevue School Board Liaison Update

Ms. Sarrafan reported that the Bellevue School District currently has an open Board position due My-Linh Thai's recent departure from the Board. Ms. Sarrafan also reviewed the 2019 Legislative Positions for the Bellevue School Board. These include:

- Comprehensive Student Safety
- Fully Fund Special Education
- Fund Early Learning
- Fully Fund State Obligations and Respect Local Control

D. Staff Report/BSK Update

Mr. Alina reminded Boardmembers that Gumbo Night will be held February 27, 2019 at the home of Sherry and David Grindeland.

Ms. Martinez-Vasquez informed Boardmembers that Cultural Conversations, the popular discussion group aimed at increasing cultural understanding and connection, will host a "Transcending Boundaries, Transforming Community" event on February 6, 2019. All Boardmembers are encouraged to attend.

E. Eastside Pathways Update

On behalf of Boardmember Bodin, Ms. Martinez-Vasquez explained that Boardmember Bodin spoke with Eastside Pathways Chairperson Stephanie Cherrington to make sure that the relationship between the Youth Link Board and the Eastside Pathways Board was clear. After the meeting, it was apparent that, due to Youth Link duties, Boardmembers Jain and Bodin could no longer consistently attend the Eastside Pathways Board meetings. Boardmember Bodin expressed this conflict to Ms. Cherrington and connected her with Boardmembers Jain and Liu as potential replacements. There was a brief discussion about the Eastside Pathways Board/Youth Link Board relationship. Boardmembers Jain and Liu will attend the next Eastside Pathways Board meeting to determine if they can join the Eastside Pathways Board.

**6. TEAM BUILDING**

No activity.

**7. UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS**

A. One-page Update on YL Board Accomplishments

No report.

**B. Human Services Commission follow-up conversation**

Ms. Martinez-Vasquez informed Boardmembers that the Human Services Commission has an opening on their February 20, 2019 meeting agenda so the Youth Link Board could make a presentation about current projects. Since this is during mid-winter break, Boardmembers requested that an alternate date be determined for the presentation.

Boardmember Li asked if the Human Services Commission meets with the various groups for emergency assistance funding. Ms. Esparza will email this information to Boardmembers.

**8. ACTION ITEMS**

None.

**9. STUDY SESSION ITEMS:**

**A. Bellevue School District Strategic Plan**

Johnathan Lee, BSD Intern, explained that the Bellevue School District recently updated their vision, mission, values and priorities at their fall board retreat.

- Vision:  
To affirm and inspire each and every student to learn and thrive as creators of their future world.
- Mission:  
To serve each and every student academically, socially, and emotionally, through a rigorous and relevant education that is innovative and individualized. As a learning community that values one another's humanity, we provide courageous support of an equitable and exceptional education for all students.
- Values:
  - Service
  - Integrity
  - Excellence
  - Compassion
  - Respect
  - Collaboration

Mr. Lee reviewed the following strategic priorities:

- High Quality Instruction
- Student Well-Being
- Exceptional Staff

- Culture & Climate
- Family & Community
- Organizational Alignment

Ms. ??? noted that the Bellevue School District is in the process of building out their specific five-year actions for each of the above priorities. Boardmembers were asked for their feedback on the priorities. There was also a general discussion about the strategic plan and how the new mission came about.

#### B. Cultural Sensitivity Presentation

Youth Link intern Sommē Khan provided an overview about cultural intelligence. The goal of cultural intelligence is to develop self-awareness about our own culture, race, and the commonalities and differences with those whom we serve; and develop a skillset necessary to effectively work and provide services to diverse populations. Ms. Khan explained that cultural intelligence is the capability to relate and work effectively in culturally diverse situations. Going beyond existing notions of cultural sensitivity and awareness, it is important to identify the recurring capabilities of individuals who can successfully and respectfully accomplish their objectives, whatever the cultural context. Cultural intelligence is one aspect of multiple intelligences. A culturally intelligent individual is not only aware but can also effectively work and relate with people and projects across different cultural contexts. Ms. Khan also discussed racism and its impacts. All of the cultural intelligence and cultural culture impacts homelessness.

There are five essential elements that contribute to a system's ability to become more culturally competent. These include:

- Valuing diversity
- The capacity for cultural self-assessment
- Consciousness of the "dynamics" inherent when cultures interact
- Institutionalization of cultural knowledge
- Developing adaptations to service delivery reflecting and understanding between and within cultures

Ms. Khan noted that these five elements must be manifested in every level of the service delivery system as reflected in attitudes, policies, structures, and services.

Boardmembers participated in a simulation exercise that puts participants in the position of balancing on the edge of homelessness.

#### **4. ADJOURNMENT:**

By general consensus the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.