

CITY OF BELLEVUE
HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION/PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD
MINUTES

December 2, 2014
6:00 p.m.

Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Chairperson Perelman, Commissioners Bruels, Beighle, Kline, McEachran, Villar, Councilmember John Chelminiak (Human Services Commission liaison)

PARK BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairperson Grindeland, Boardmembers Evans, Powell, Kumar, Van Hollebeke, Heath

COMMISSIONERS and BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Commissioner Plaskon, Boardmember George

STAFF PRESENT: Patrick Foran, Shelley McVein, Emily Leslie, Alex O'Reilly, Joseph Adriano, Teri Ekstrom, Nancy Harvey, Glenn Kost, Viki Stover, Department of Parks & Community Services

RECORDING SECRETARY: Teri Ekstrom

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Dinner was served at 6:30 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

All members were present with the exception of Commissioner Plaskon and Boardmember George.

3. YEAR IN REVIEW

Patrick Foran, Director of the Parks & Community Services Department, thanked everyone for coming and for all of their hard work in the last year. Both groups do a spectacular job and their work is very much appreciated.

Sherry Grindeland, Chairperson of the Parks & Community Services Board, talked about the 2014 Park Board highlights and accomplishments and introduced the newest member (Debra Kumar) of the Parks & Community Services Board.

Olga Perelman, Chairperson of the Human Services Commission, talked about the 2014 Human Services Commission highlights and accomplishments and introduced the two new members (Michelle Kline and Carla Villar) to the group. She also thanked Jan Stout and Michael Yantis, whose terms were up, for all of their hard work over the years.

Councilmember John Chelminiak, liaison to the Human Services Commission, thanked both groups for all of their hard work over the year. He stated that the City of Bellevue budget was passed unanimously the night before at the City Council meeting and both groups did very well with the adopted budget. As an example, there were funds that were adopted in that budget for the Eastside Men's Winter Shelter. He stated that the Council appreciates all of the hard work of both of the groups.

Director Patrick Foran again thanked the groups for all of their hard work and the meeting portion of the gathering was adjourned.

**Parks & Community Services Board
2014 Highlights**

Requests from the community:

- Bannerwood Park Proposal with Seattle University
- Bellevue Botanical Garden – proposed name for Education Center
- Surrey Downs Master Plan Update

Planning initiatives:

- CIP Recommendations to Council
- Comprehensive Plan Update
- Diversity Plan Update
- Downtown Livability Study
- East Link
- MyBellevue App
- Visioning for the Future – Board retreat discussion

Parks & Community Services Program presentations:

- Bellevue Botanical Garden
- Enterprise Division's Scheduling Office
- Probation Division
- South Bellevue Community Center

Welcomed our newest Boardmember – Debra Kumar

Boardmember activities:

- **Volunteered at special events**
- **Downtown Livability Study**

BELLEVUE HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION

2014 Highlights – Parks Board/Human Services Commission Holiday Gathering

Major Work Items:

1. Published the *2013-2014 Human Services Needs Update* – Alex O'Reilly presented the report to City Council (January)
2. Discussed gaps/findings from the *Needs Update* and developed focus areas for 2015-2016 funding (February-March):

Focus Areas for 2015-2016

- *Housing with services, particularly for those moving from homelessness, including prevention programs that intervene early to stabilize people at risk of homelessness.*
 - *Support for employment and those skills and services that promote a productive workforce.*
 - *Services that allow older adults to remain secure in the community.*
3. Public hearing on human services needs (April)
 4. Reviewed 95 applications and developed recommendations for 2015-2016 funding plus review of CDBG applications and recommendations for funding for 2015 (May-July)
 5. Public hearing on preliminary 2015-2016 Human Services Fund and 2015 CDBG funding recommendations (July)
 6. Presented funding recommendations to Council (October); two new programs were recommended for funding (King County Bar Foundation Pro Bono Services and International Community Health Services Dental Services for Low-Income)

Program or System Briefings and/or Presentations:

1. Overview of Transportation Element and Downtown Transportation Recommendations
2. Commission training on the Public Records Act and Open Public Meetings Act
3. Update on Homeless Outreach Program
4. Update on The Sophia Way
5. Panel presentation on Mental Health/Substance Abuse Trends and Issues
6. Presentation on Coordinated Mobility: King County Mobility Coalition and Eastside Easy Rider Collaborative
7. Demographic Update
8. Updates on City initiatives/programs:
 - a. Bellevue Diversity Initiative – “The Diversity Advantage”
 - b. Comprehensive Plan Update – Human Services Element
 - c. Bellevue Fire C.A.R.E.S. program

Other:

1. Commission changes in 2014: Jan Stout and Michael Yantis both completed their two terms; Michelle Kline and Carla Villar joined the Commission