CITY OF BELLEVUE
PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday
September 13, 2011
6:00 p.m.

Conference Room 1E-113
Bellevue City Hall
Bellevue, Washington

BOARDMEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Robinson, Boardmembers Evans, George, Roland, Stokes, and Van Hollebeke[1]

BOARDMEMBER ABSENT: Vice-Chair Grindeland

PARKS STAFF PRESENT: Shelley Brittingham, Nancy Harvey, Monica Houston, Kim Indurkar, Dan Lassiter, Terry Smith

OTHERS PRESENT: Julia Cain, Dinesh Indurkar, Malan Indurkar, Vasant Indurkar, Bill Henningsgaard, Rose Waller

MINUTES TAKER: Michelle Cash

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Chair Robinson at 6:01 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion by Boardmember George and second by Boardmember Stokes to approve the meeting agenda as presented. Motion carried (4-0), with Boardmember Evans abstaining.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Boardmember Roland and second by Boardmember Stokes to approve the July 12, 2011 regular meeting minutes of the Parks & Community Services Board as presented. Motion carried unanimously (5-0).

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS/PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

[1] Arrived at 6:06 p.m.

5. **CHAIR COMMUNICATION:**

In lieu of an Annual Board Retreat, Chair Robinson suggested that the Board participate in a park tour. Proposed dates are October 8 or 15. Staff will check with Boardmembers to determine an optimal date.

6. **BOARD COMMUNICATION:**

Boardmember George made the following report:

- Attended the Art in the Garden event at Bellevue Botanical Gardens.
- Attended the Shakespeare in the Park: "As You Like It" production by Bellevue Youth Theatre.

Chair Robinson, along with Boardmember Grindeland, attended the $10,000 grant presentation from Coca-Cola to the South Bellevue Community Center. The grant will be used to help make the Community Center's ropes course more accessible to those with disabilities.

Boardmember Van Hollebeke made the following report:

- Visited Bellevue Golf Course.
- Kayaked from Meydenbauer Bay to the Mercer Slough.

In addition to Kelsey Creek Park, Boardmember Stokes enjoyed many city parks throughout the summer.

7. **CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION:**

On behalf of Councilmember Robertson, Chair Robinson suggested that a briefing be provided about the World War I monument request in Downtown Bellevue. This topic will be added to a future meeting agenda.

8. **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:**

A. Welcome to New Boardmember

Chair Robinson welcomed Boardmember Evans to the Board. Boardmember Evans discussed some of the parks that he frequents, particularly Weowna Park and the reasons why he joined the Park Board. He also reported that he plans to participate in the United Way Day of Caring.

B. Welcome to Chris Salomone

Mr. Smith reported that Mr. Salomone is the new Director of Planning & Community Development for Bellevue and had planned to attend the meeting.

C. Eastside Pathways

Mr. Henningsgaard discussed the Eastside Pathways initiative. This effort is data driven and focused on the whole child. Eastside Pathways convenes stakeholders, facilitates efforts, and helps with data tracking and analysis. Eastside Pathways does not offer direct services, but helps identify where children and families need support and which organizations in the community offer services appropriate for the age, culture, learning, and health needs of every child and family.

Since March of this year, Eastside Pathways has done extensive outreach within the service provider community to evaluate the feasibility of implementing a "Collective Impact" strategy in order to achieve their vision in Bellevue and eventually, throughout the greater Eastside.

Mr. Henningsgaard read Eastside Pathways' Mission/Vision statement, which states: *Eastside Pathways mobilizes our entire community to support every child, step by step, from cradle to career. Families, providers, schools and cities unite around common goals, measurements, and strategies to maximize each child's opportunity for a productive, fulfilling life.*

Mr. Henningsgaard explained that Eastside Pathways operates with a Collective Impact framework. This framework includes the following:

- Common Agenda
- Shared Measurements
- Mutually Reinforcing Activities
- Continuous Communication
- Backbone Support Organization

Mr. Henningsgaard explained that Eastside Pathways is trying to establish a system where the community, service providers, parents, and/or funders can identify where every child is succeeding.

Boardmember Stokes explained that the Bellevue Network on Aging has a program similar to Eastside Pathways. He suggested that the two groups collaborate on some of their efforts.

Boardmember George questioned if there are lobbying efforts in Olympia for Eastside Pathways. Mr. Henningsgaard clarified that Eastside Pathways prefers to work on a local level. The efforts do not include lobbying at this time. In addition, Boardmember George commented that the main factors correlating to school performance are parents' education and income levels, rather than students' ethnicity, which was emphasized by the speaker.

Boardmember Van Hollebeke enjoyed the *Stanford Social Innovation Review,* Winter 2011 article and discussed the elements of the article that he found interesting. He questioned if Eastside Pathways is modeling itself after the Collective Impact framework, as established by Strive Together. Mr. Henningsgaard confirmed that Eastside Pathways is modeled after Strive

Together. However, Eastside Pathways is more of a grassroots effort and initially driven by service providers. The program is not currently funder driven.

Boardmember Evans suggested that it would be beneficial if some of the initiative efforts originated with Bellevue School District. In addition, Boardmember Evans suggested that Eastside Pathways develop a method to assist/track students that frequently move.

Boardmember Roland asked for clarification on how Eastside Pathways coordinates with Bellevue's Wrap-Around Services program. Mr. Henningsgaard explained that the Collective Impact model is consistent with the Wrap-Around Services model used in Bellevue and shares many of the same elements and principles. Wrap-Around Services staff members are also members on the Eastside Pathways committee.

Chair Robinson views the Eastside Pathways program as an excellent guide and suggested that the Eastside Pathways framework be applied to the aging adult population. Mr. Henningsgaard clarified that some of King County's efforts with the homeless population are built upon the Eastside Pathways model.

D. Choices Plan

Mr. Lassiter discussed the Choices Plan, which is focused on the inclusion model. The Choices Plan provides an internal process and strategies that support the successful participation and integration of individuals with disabilities into facilities, programs, activities and services provided through Parks & Community Services. The plan clearly communications a vision, sets a standard for service, and responds to accommodation requests.

Mr. Lassiter noted that approximately 25% of people with disabilities live within two miles of Highland Community Center. In addition, there has been a very large increase in the number of autistic clients.

Inclusive experiences encourage and enhance opportunities for people of varying abilities to participate and interact in life's activities together. It also provides an environment that promotes and fosters physical, social and psychological inclusion of people with diverse experiences and skill levels. Mr. Lassiter noted that the Adaptive Recreation sites include:

- Highland Community Center
- Northwest Arts Center
- Robinswood Tennis Center
- Bellevue Aquatics Center.

Mr. Lassiter summarized the goals for the Choices Plan, which include:

- Goal 1: Ensure that people with disabilities have access to City parks, facilities, and programs.
- Goal 2: Expand recreation "choice" opportunities.
- Goal 3: Improve Parks & Community Services staff knowledge and awareness toward serving residents with disabilities.

- Goal 4: Develop and implement strategies that expand awareness and knowledge of program and service opportunities for residents with disabilities.

Boardmembers were impressed by the presentation and overall Choices Plan.

Boardmember George explained that there is a large gap in recreational programs for people with disabilities, particularly with school-aged children. She praised the Bellevue Youth Theatre for its inclusive program and ability to accommodate all talents. In addition, she suggested that Mr. Lassiter contact Bellevue College, since they offer an Occupational and Life Skills Degree.

9. **BOARDMEMBER COMMITTEE/LIAISON REPORTS:**

A. Eastgate Corridor Study

Boardmember Stokes reported that a significant amount of feedback was obtained at the recent public comment opportunities for the Eastgate/I-90 Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC). In October, the committee will start to streamline the preferred alternatives into one plan. This information will then be presented to the various Boards and Commissions.

B. Network on Aging

Chair Robinson reported that the Network on Aging will once again convene the Legislative Forum in November to discuss the needs of older adults. Also, they are investigating the PACE program and working with the Eastside Easy Rider Collaborative to solve the transportation challenges facing older adults.

C. Other Groups

None.

10. **DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

None.

11. **NEW BUSINESS:**

A. Future agenda items

Chair Robinson asked Boardmembers if they would like a session about meeting etiquette and the *Robert's Rules of Order*. Boardmembers agreed that a training session is not necessary.

12. **OTHER COMMUNICATIONS:**

A. CIP Project Report

B. Email from Lisa Scott re Tateuchi Foundation gifts to BBGS

C. Letter from Ruth Johnston Vaughan re Bellevue Skate Park

D. Email from the Lodwick family re Kelsey Creek day camp

E. Email from Marty Duitch re Coal Creek trail system

13. **INFORMATION:**

A. List of upcoming Parks special events

B. October 11—next scheduled regular Park Board meeting

14. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS/PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

None.

15. **ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Boardmember Stokes and second by Boardmember George to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 p.m. Motion carried unanimously (6-0).