

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

May 14, 2008  
6:00-8:00 p.m.

City Hall  
Room 1E-120  
Bellevue, WA

**BOARDMEMBERS PRESENT:** Co-chairs Brenda Gurung and Osbaldo Hernandez, Boardmembers Nazila Dabestani, Faisal Jaswal<sup>1</sup>, Rachel Jiang, Anne Jun, Farrah Khan, Brian Li, Mike Murphy

**BOARDMEMBERS ABSENT:** Boardmembers Juan Hernandez, Nancy O'Brien-Abel, Lt. Dave Sellers

**COUNCILMEMBER PRESENT:** Deputy Mayor Balducci

**STAFF PRESENT:** Patrick Alina, Helena Stephens

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Sara Edmond, Jeanette Guzman, Judi Hagen, Arielle Knowles, Paul Martin, Angelique Saragoi

**MINUTES TAKER:** Michelle Cash, Lakemont Business Services, Inc.

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by Co-chair Hernandez at 6:03 p.m.

Timekeeper: Boardmember Dabestani

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

**Motion by Boardmember Jiang and second by Boardmember Khan to approve the meeting agenda. Motion carried unanimously (9-0).**

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<sup>1</sup> Departed at 7:14 p.m.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Motion by Boardmember Khan and second by Boardmember Jun to approve the April 9, 2008 Regular Meeting Minutes of the Youth Link Board as presented.**

Co-chair Gurung made the following correction:

Page 3, Study Session Items/New Poet's Society, second sentence should read, "In inspiration of the success from these books..." rather than "in acknowledgement of the success from these books..."

**At the question, motion carried unanimously (9-0).**

**4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:**

None.

**5. BOARD COMMUNICATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS :**

a. BYC Executive Committee Report

Ms. Edmond reported on the following BYC activities:

- The Youth Involvement Conference priorities from the 2008 event were discussed at the recent BYC meeting.
- Volunteers participated in the Earth Day celebration.
- There was a Teen Closet held on April 26, 2008.
- The Community Leadership Awards event will be held May 29, 2008.
- The Bellevue Art Action Team will present at the 24-Hour Relay.
- The next Teen Closet event will be held on May 19, 2008. It has been rescheduled due to the Memorial Day holiday.
- All nominations for the CLA are due by Friday, May 16, 2008.

The top priorities derived from the YIC were discussed. The next step for these priorities is to work closer with the schools to address some of the school related issues and to create action teams. Boardmember Jaswal offered to assist with the college prep priority, which was identified on the YIC priority list.

b. Staff Report

Ms. Stephens reported on the following:

- The Community Leadership Awards will be held on May 29, 2008, 7:00 p.m. at Meydenbauer Center. All Boardmembers are encouraged to attend.
- The Highland Skate Plaza Grand Opening will be held Friday, May 16 at 3:30 p.m. This is a project that Youth Link Boardmembers helped fund.

- Washington Recreation & Parks Association presented the following awards at the WRPA 2007-08 annual conference
  - Best Event/Fair/Festival: Garden d’Lights at Bellevue Botanical Garden
  - Best Youth/Adult Program: Wrap-Around Services
  - Best Website: www.Myparksandrecreation.com
  - Best Sports Complex: Robinswood Sports field
  - Citizen of the Year: Sherry Grindeland

Ms. Stephens also distributed the most recent edition of *Outspoken*.

The next Youth Court session will be held May 27, 2008. Ms. Stephens informed Boardmembers that there will be a visiting judge from Japan at the session.

**6. UNFINISHED & NEW BUSINESS:**

None.

**7. ACTION ITEMS:**

None.

**8. STUDY SESSION ITEMS:**

- a. Snowboard Outreach Society grant proposal

Mr. Martin explained the mission of the Snowboard Outreach Society. In addition to snowboarding, the program also includes skiing.

A slideshow as reviewed, which depicted the life of an S.O.S. participant. Mr. Martin then explained the core values of the S.O.S. program.

Ms. Knowles participated in the 2007/08 S.O.S. program and explained some of her experiences from her sessions.

Ms. Hagen explained the transportation challenges of the S.O.S. program as well as the liability concerns related to transportation. There were 44 youth members served by the S.O.S. program in the 2007/08 season.

Ms. Knowles volunteered at the S.O.S. sessions. She shared her viewpoints about the program and how it positively affects the youth members that participate.

Deputy Mayor Balducci encouraged youth members to become more involved in the various efforts throughout the City (i.e. Surrey Downs Park, etc.).

b. Seeds of Compassion Report

Co-chair Gurung expressed her disappointment that she was not able to attend the Dalai Lama's presentation.

Ms. Stephens was informed about the Seeds of Compassion discussion that occurred prior to the Dalai Lama's presentation. There will be further Seeds of Compassion discussions and Ms. Stephens will keep Boardmembers informed on the issues raised.

c. Youth Link Board Goals Update

The Environmental Stewardship Committee recently met to discuss the top priorities. A survey was originally going to be distributed on Earth Day to poll students on their environmental concerns. Rather than conducting a survey, the committee decided to work with the Bellevue School District to develop a partnership for environmental stewardship. The committee will keep Boardmembers informed on their progress.

Boardmember Murphy reported that the Evaluation Committee meeting has been rescheduled to a later date. This committee has been charged with evaluating the Bellevue Youth Link program to create a strategic road map. Mr. Murphy explained that the committee will evaluate the projects Youth Link has initiated and/or sponsored to determine if budgets and resources are available. Co-chair Gurung added that the committee discussed designing a flowchart to help establish a priority list.

Ms. Stephens distributed the January 2000 Bellevue Youth Link Evaluation report. The purpose of the 2000 report was to help determine Youth Link's effectiveness.

**9. OTHER COMMUNICATIONS:**

Ms. Stephens distributed the Executive Summary for the Reinvesting in Youth program. Deputy Mayor Balducci suggested linking the summary to the Youth Link website.

Co-chair Hernandez was congratulated for his accomplishments with helping Hispanic students at Interlake High School pull together to graduate. His efforts were featured in a recent *Seattle Times* article.

A. Acknowledgement – Youth Link Board graduating seniors

Co-chair Hernandez and Boardmember Dabestani were recognized as Youth Link Board graduating seniors. Both members will be deeply missed from the board.

**10. ADJOURNMENT:**

Ms. Stephens reminded Boardmembers that there will not be a July or August board meeting. She also encouraged Boardmembers to attend the June Youth Court session. There will be two completion hearings for the program as well as acknowledgements for people that have participated in the program.

**Motion by Boardmember Jun and second by Boardmember Dabestani to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 p.m. Motion carried unanimously (8-0).**