

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

June 11, 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, Rachel Jiang, Farrah Khan<sup>1</sup>, Brian Li, Mike Murphy, Nancy O'Brien-Abel, Lt. Dave Sellers<sup>2</sup>

**BOARDMEMBERS ABSENT:** Boardmembers Juan Hernandez, Anne Jun, Faisal Jaswal

**STAFF PRESENT:** Nik Reikalas, Helena Stephens

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Julia Abelev

**MINUTES TAKER:** Michelle Cash

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by Co-chair Gurung at 6:01 p.m.

Timekeeper: Boardmember Dabestani

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

**Motion by Boardmember Jiang and second by Boardmember O'Brien-Abel to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m., rather than 8:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously (9-0).**

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

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<sup>1</sup> Departed at 6:42 p.m.

<sup>2</sup> Departed at 7:16 p.m.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Motion by Boardmember Khan and second by Boardmember Murphy to approve the May 14, 2008 Regular Meeting Minutes of the Youth Link Board as presented.**

Boardmember Jiang corrected the spelling of Sarah Edmond's name on page 1, "Others Present."

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

**4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:**

None.

**5. BOARD COMMUNICATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS :**

a. BYC Executive Committee Report

Ms. Khan reported on the following BYC activities:

- Volunteers are still being recruited for the 24-Hour Relay.
- Youth members are encouraged to submit their art work activities to the Bellevue Art Action Team so they can be displayed at the 24-Hour Relay.
- The Youth Link Leadership Academy will be held in July.

Ms. Stephens shared that KING 5 news recently aired a show about the Teen Closet program. This program can be viewed at KING5.com.

b. Staff Report

Ms. Stephens reported on the following:

- Co-chairs Gurung and Hernandez were thanked for hosting the Community Leadership Awards.
- Congressman Reichert recently read a congratulatory note about Youth Link into the Congressional Record.
- There will be a Washington State Youth Court meeting at Seattle University on June 21, 2008.
- The next Youth Court session will be held on June 24, 2008. There will be two completion ceremonies at this session.
- The Patsy Collins Adventure in Leadership Program will be held throughout the summer.
- The Metro YMCA is conducting a digital literacy program.
- The Bellevue 24-Hour Relay Challenge will be held June 21 and 22, 2008.
- The Crossroads Spray Park recently opened.

Ms. Abelev also called attention to some of the recent BYC activities. The BYC will resume meeting in August.

**6. UNFINISHED & NEW BUSINESS:**

None.

**7. ACTION ITEMS:**

- a. Snowboard Outreach Society grant proposal

There was a brief discussion regarding the Snowboard Outreach Society and the difference between S.O.S. and TRACKS programs.

**Motion by Boardmember Murphy and second by Boardmember Dabestani to approve the Snowboard Outreach Society grant proposal. Motion carried unanimously (9-0).**

**8. STUDY SESSION ITEMS:**

- a. Community Leadership Awards Report

Mr. Reikalas summarized some of the highlights, items to be aware of, and suggestions from the Community Leadership Awards. In addition, there was a general discussion on timing of the CLA and possibilities of moving the ceremony earlier in the year.

Boardmember O'Brien-Abel suggested that teachers be included as award recipients. It was also suggested that a rehearsal for award winners be conducted.

Overall, Boardmembers felt that the award categories need to be reviewed.

Co-chair Gurung expressed her concern with the grammatical errors within the program brochure. In addition, Boardmember Jiang recommended that tools are utilized to assist with name pronunciation.

- b. Youth Link Board Summer Work Schedule

Ms. Gurung will e-mail a summer work schedule to Boardmembers.

c. Youth Link Board Goals Update

The Environmental Stewardship Committee recently met with the Bellevue School District to identify environmental plans currently in place.

There was a general discussion regarding the current recycling programs within the schools and the need for proper recycling education.

**Motion by Boardmember Dabestani and second by Boardmember Jiang to extend the meeting until 7:35 p.m. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).**

The Evaluation Committee has reviewed the summary from the previous evaluation. Further committee direction is being discussed. Co-chair Gurung will e-mail committee members to determine the next meeting time.

**9. OTHER COMMUNICATIONS:**

The Bellevue Arts Fair will be held July 25-27, 2008.

**10. ADJOURNMENT:**

**Motion by Boardmember Jiang and second by Boardmember O'Brien-Abel to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 p.m. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).**