

BELLEVUE NETWORK ON AGING

MINUTES

February 6th, 2020

North Bellevue Community Center

8:30am – 10:30pm

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Gina Johnson, D’Anna Edison, Phyllis Smilen, Berta Seltzer, Beverly Heyden, Linda Forshaw, Desiree Leigh, Gazel Tan, Hannah Kimball, Michelle Tremble, Mary Fredeen, Paul Bradley, Janet Jelleff, Judy Stenberg, Catherine Wong, Abigail Brown, Diana Thompson.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Jeanne Grote, Bill Merriman

STAFF PRESENT:

Dan Lassiter, Bellevue Parks & Community Services

Christy Stangland Parks & Community Services

Betty Lee, Bellevue Parks & Community Services

GUESTS:

None.

RECORDING SECRETARY:

Betty Lee

WELCOME AND ROLL CALL:

The meeting was called to order by Gazel Tan and roll call taken.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Changes made and approved.

EASTSIDE HUMAN SERVICES FORUM: (*Christy Stangland*)

The Human Services Forum had their annual meeting last week and had a panel on affordable housing providers expressing what they really needed. Main topics were: increase funding, making sure service dollars are available prior to development and for cities to find ways to incentivize affordable housing. They discussed what other cities operate and how cities could work together to bring different approaches into our cities.

The Forum is in process of realigning mission and organizational restructuring.

PRESENTATION: (*Gwen Rousseau, COB Senior Planner and Kate Nesse COB Demographer*)

See the BNOA website for this PowerPoint presentation.

Presenting: *What's the New Face of Bellevue?* Update on Key Demographic Characteristics.

US since 2010 grew by about 6%, our region grew by about 14%. We are growing a lot faster than the US as a whole and are absorbing more of the growth than other places. Puget Sound Region has absorbed 2.75% of total national population growth.

Economic Expansion:

Perspective on growth - jobs grew by 18% but population grew by only 14%. We're producing jobs but not enough housing, so people are commuting longer distance to work.

There are many H1-B visa recipients – 1,296 accepted H-1B visa applications from companies headquartered in Bellevue. Highly capable population exists that cannot work due to immigration issues.

Income Inequality:

Income is becoming more and more unequal across Puget Sound region. The household income has a 28% increase in the gap between the top 20% population and the bottom 20% of households. 45% of the region's households with total income from a full-time minimum wage earner (\$28,080) support more than 1 person.

Implication – there is substantial financial need in Bellevue. It's not that people are doing worse, but their income is not increasing at a comparable rate.

Residential Character:

Multi-Family Now Studios & 1 Beds. 34% increase in small homes.

Single-Family homes get bigger, neighborhoods are different and losing housing for young families. Neighborhoods are evolving within the development limits set by the city. 2% decrease in family-size homes, 27% increase in very large homes.

- Kate will follow up on how the age 65+ falls in the above demographics and how these numbers affect aging adults. What percentage of Bellevue's aged 65+ population is on SSI?
- COB Transportation contacted Kate to find demographic numbers that show the need for more public transportation support from King County in Bellevue. Kate is in process finding data that would justify adding more public transportation to the eastside and to Bellevue. Kate will share this information with BNOA.

2020 CENSUS “Everyone Counts. Together We Thrive!” (Gwen Rousseau)

- Census happens every 10 years and only has 10 questions. Respond online or by phone.
- Why is it important? Democracy. Data. Dollars.
 - ✓ Bellevue School District has received over \$112 million over the past 10 years in federal money, all based on population.
 - ✓ Parks and Community Services has received over \$12 million in federal and state funding.

- Why do we do a census? To be more effective and efficient with money spent.
- How and when will it be conducted?
 - ✓ March 12-20: Invitations to respond are mailed.
 - ✓ April 1st CENSUS DAY – Count everyone as of April 1!
If you have not yet responded....
 - ✓ April 8-16: Paper questionnaire are mailed.
 - ✓ May-Late July: Census takers follow up in person if you have not responded online, by phone or by mail.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ADVOCACY: *(Michelle)*

- Senior Lobby Day Feb 20th at Olympia, – Featuring speakers on issues affecting seniors, and opportunity to see what other agencies are doing. Visits with Legislators will occur in the afternoon.
- At the meeting, discussed all the bills and initiatives supporting the 4 previously agreed upon state agenda items, and now waiting to find out what is going to make the cut off date and what we’re going to be introduced. Diana will be developing the final talking points around those and what we will be using when visiting with legislatures.

OUTREACH: *(Janet)*

- Set Goals for 2020 – Get BNOA monthly/quarterly informational articles in Bellevue Reporter and It’s Your Neighborhood.
- Senior Day at the Bellevue Farmer’s Market, wider use of our BNOA Power Point presentation.
- Discussed collaboration between all our committees and importance of sending out meeting minutes to each other to be connected.

HOUSING & TRANSPORTATION: *(Phyllis)*

- Goals for transportation will be to follow Marty Boggs’ information about transportation so we can get a bus for people to get around in Bellevue.
- Goal – updating the ARCH Senior housing site, done twice a year.
- An activity was held at the meeting by dividing members into two groups to talk about different possible scenarios, 1) a man and child needing housing, 2) an aging adult needing part time job to supplement social security but don’t have a car. The group discussed different unique issues and tried to problem solve each situation. This was a very thought-provoking group activity.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP: *(Hannah)*

EERC Eastside Easy Rider Collaborative.

- 2020 goal - To maintain and expand active participation of the EERC.

- Partner with member organizations to mobility improvement projects specifically to east King County.
- Partner with member organizations to bring policy ideas to decision makers at a local level.
- Ride 2 Pilot in Eastgate was complete successful. Worked well, many people liked and used the service. After 12 months declined to renew it due to cost although they know it works. They will hopefully look into future budgets to build it back in.

AGING AND DISABILITY & WA Senior Lobby: (*Diana*)

One thing our advocacy committee is supporting is to help lower the price of medicine.

AARP has a number of bills introduced and some look positive to getting passed.

NEW BUSINESS: (*Dan*)

Who will go to what committee?

Linda – Outreach

Mary – Outreach

Dianna – Housing and Transportation

Paul – Outreach

Abigail – Advocacy & possibly Outreach?

Gina – Advocacy & happy to write health related articles for Outreach.

Judy – Advocacy and Transportation/Housing

Catherine – Outreach

March meeting – City Hall 1E-113 - Park at main parking lot on same level as lobby off 110th.

Blayne Amson, ADA/VI Administrator – Will speak about his role as to how he can help with aging adults with disabilities.

Dan will ask Blaine to address his efforts around universal design.

Dan needs ideas for people coming in:

- What do you want to hear? Fraud? Abuse?
- Feedback on talking about what's going on twice a year. June? End of year?
 - ✓ Abigail following up on – Getting the Bellevue regional advocacy person to come in as speaker. What does the city have in their legislative agenda? Dan still waiting to hear from them.
 - ✓ Diana suggested – areas of the law that affect seniors: guardianship, polst, directives to physicians, possibly have Eastside Legal come out.

10:28 meeting adjourned.