

# City of Bellevue

## Bellevue Diversity Advisory Network

### Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 26, 2020	Virtual Meeting
6:00p.m.	Zoom

**Membership in Attendance:**

Adnan Siddiquie	Faizal Kassamali	Liena Ugarova	Seema Bahl
Aisha Kabani	Guang-an Wu (GW)	Mohamed Bakr	
Alaric Bien	Haruka Kojima	Philip Peterson	
Angela De La Hoz	Jennifer Karls	Sapan Parekh	

**City Staff:** Yuriana Garcia Tellez, Diversity Outreach and Engagement Administrator

**Recording secretary:** Phil Peterson

**I. Call to Order:**

- A. Roll call of members: *Alaric called to order at 6:05p. Roll call was initiated at 6:05p*
- B. Adoption of the Minutes: *Sapan moved, Adnan seconded, unanimously approved.*
- C. Adoption of the Agenda: *GW moved, Sapan seconded, unanimously approved.*

**II. Public Comment:** None

**III. Ice Breaker:** Members connected with personal updates.

**IV. Nomination Committee**

New members are added in September. There are up to 7 available spots, including reappointments. July thru August is the open nomination period. Aisha requested 3 to 5 for the committee, who recommends candidates to the City Manager for the final decision. Committee meetings will be done remotely. Email Alaric or Aisha if there is interest by June 7.

**V. Welcoming Week**

Every year for two weeks the City of Bellevue organizes activities and events at different locations to bring people together in September. In light of COVID-19, there is a recommendation to form a committee to prepare a plan for a different approach this year. A poll was submitted to solicit interest from the BDAN members. 5 members will help with planning.

**VI. Committee Breakout**

The members broke out into their committees to discuss their projects.

## VII. Committee Updates

- A. *CCL Group Presentation*: GW reported. They met twice and made progress on a proposal and have two more times to meet before presenting to BDAN in June.
- B. *Community Engagement*: Phil and Mohamed reported. They have a 1-page proposal prepared, which they plan to present on to BDAN in June.
- C. *Outreach/ Communications*: Sapan reported. They are planning to meet in the future and prepare for the census. There is interest to discuss other topics as well.
- D. *Culturally Responsive Government*: Jennifer reported. They are coordinating next steps with Yuriana on their projects.

## VIII. Announcements /Future Agendas

- The CCL and CE Groups are prepared to report next month at BDAN.
- Next month is Pride Month. Sapan shared that BC and Pride Asia have online options.
- Alaric recommends the PBS Asian American documentary.
- Bellevue Essentials is recruiting for the fall and is also hosting an event in early June regarding homelessness.
- “Disability Teaches Us” is an introduction to disability justice issues in schools, which Jennifer is hosting online.

## IX. Closing of Session:

- A. Next Meeting – Tuesday, June 30, 2020.
- B. Motion to Adjourn: *Alaric called to adjourn at 7:08p. Sapan moved, GW seconded, unanimously approved.* (Group breakouts occurred after the motion to adjourn, and the Zoom link was open until 8p).