

# City of Bellevue

## Bellevue Diversity Advisory Network

### Meeting Minutes

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| Tuesday, July 28, 2020 | Virtual Meeting |
| 6:00p.m.               | Zoom            |

**Membership:**

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| Adnan Siddiquie  | Eloisa Tran      | Karia Wong       | Philip Peterson |
| Alaric Bien      | Guang-an Wu (GW) | Margie Ye        | Quiana Ross     |
| Angela De la Hoz | Haruka Kojima    | Mohamed Bakr     | Sapan Parekh    |
| Diane Li         | Jennifer Karls   | Nahyeli Mendivil | Sarim Bhatti    |

**City Staff:** Yuriana Garcia Tellez, the Diversity Outreach and Engagement Administrator, as well as, Elaine Acacio, the Diversity and Inclusion 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 6:07p.*
- B. Adoption of the Agenda: *Jennifer moved, Quiana seconded, unanimously approved.*
- C. Adoption of the Minutes: *GW moved, Sapan seconded, unanimously approved.*

**II. Public Comment:** None

**III. Race in the U.S. by Elaine Acacio**

Elaine is the Diversity and Inclusion Administrator from the City of Bellevue. She presented on the “History of Racism and Policies in the U.S., Washington State, and Bellevue.” A PowerPoint is available upon request.

**IV. Updates from the City by Yuriana Garcia**

Yuriana shared an update from the City Manager. The City Manager and other leaders are meeting with black leadership in the city to discuss how to move forward together. Alaric and Yuriana from BDAN will meet with Brad, the City Manager, to discuss our BDAN recommendations as well. Yuriana also discussed the nomination process for BDAN, as well as an application for the *Bellevue Essentials*. There will be an open part-time position in the Diversity Advantage Team. More information will be sent by email from Yuriana to BDAN.

**V. Community Engagement Committee Presentation by Phil**

Phil shared how Bellevue’s 80+ faith communities are strong independent communities. His committee is proposing a new network of diverse faith communities who build relationships and collaborate for the common good of our city. Their recommendation is for the 1-page proposal to be submitted to the City Manager for review and feedback. This proposal is available upon request.

**VI. CCL Group Presentation by GW.**

GW shared how cultural and ethnic groups are relatively isolated and not equally represented in policy making and applications. His committee is proposing a cultural liaison program in the city of Bellevue, who would start by reaching out to the top five ethnic/language groups in the city. Their recommendation is for the Cultural Liaison Program to be considered by the City Manager. A proposal is available upon request.

For both projects, a response from the City Manager's Office is expected for September or October.

**VII. Announcements /Future Agendas by Alaric**

For those interested to serve a second term in BDAN, the application is due Friday, July 31<sup>st</sup>.

**VIII. Closing of Session:**

- A. Next Meeting – Tuesday, August 25, 2020.
- B. Motion to Adjourn at 8:02p by Alaric. Sapan moved, GW seconded, unanimously approved.