

City of Bellevue

Bellevue Diversity Advisory Network

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 25, 2020	Virtual Meeting
6:00p.m.	Zoom

Membership:

Adnan Siddiquie	Guang-an Wu (GW)	Liena Ugarova	Sapan Parekh
Alaric Bien	Haruka Kojima	Margie Ye	Seema Bahl
Angela de la Hoz	Jennifer Karls	Mohamed Bakr	
Diane Li	Karia Wong	Philip Peterson	
Eloisa Tran		Quiana Ross	

City Staff: Yuriana Garcia Tellez, Elaine Acacio, and Jennifer Ewing

Recording secretary: *Phil Peterson*

I. Call to Order:

- A. Roll call of members: *Alaric called to order at 6:03p. Roll call was initiated at 6:08p*
- B. Adoption of the Agenda (as amended): *Sapan moved, GW seconded, unanimously approved.*
- C. Adoption of the Minutes: *Seema moved, Karia seconded, unanimously approved.*

II. Public Comment: None

III. Opening Comment by Yuriana

Yuriana opened with expectations for an effective online meeting, including our community commitments based upon the “Courageous Conversations” framework. Our four community commitments include: stay engaged, experience discomfort, speak your truth, and expect/accept non-closure.

IV. Race in the U.S. Part II by Elaine Acacio, CMO

Elaine is the Diversity and Inclusion Administrator from the City of Bellevue. Last month she presented on the “History of Racism and Policies in the U.S., Washington State, and Bellevue.” This month she further addressed and facilitated a conversation with us on the effects of racist policies, practices, and our call to action. Members of BDAN spent time in small group discussion, asking each other questions and sharing their point of view. The meeting closed with specific members sharing feedback on what BDAN can do to support the city with a more active antiracist response. A PowerPoint is available.

V. Environmental Stewardship Plan Update by Jennifer Ewing, CD

Jennifer Ewing is the Environmental Stewardship Program Manager from the City of Bellevue. She gave an overview of the Environmental Stewardship Plan, including the updated goals, targets, and action steps. She looked for input from BDAN on her draft of the plan. The final version will be

presented to the City Council on September 14, 2020. Jennifer shared specific ideas on environmental justice actions, so that the city moves forward with priority given to underprivileged populations. A PowerPoint is available. Contact Jennifer at jawing@bellevuewa.gov for more information.

VI. Welcoming Week by Yuriana

Yuriana shared about the Race and Equity Summit, which will be part of “Welcoming Week” on Saturday, September 26 from 9:30a to 12:30p. BDAN will not have a formal event at the Welcoming Week this year and so members are encouraged to attend this summit. BDAN will tentatively reschedule their retreat for the 10th of October or the 19th of September for this reason.

VII. BDAN Application Update by Alaric

We have 32 applicants, and the nomination committee is currently reviewing their applications. The nomination committee will recommend 12 applicants by the end of this week for the City Manager to make his final decision on who will join BDAN for this coming year. His decision is expected by the first week of September.

VIII. Immigrant Charter School by Alaric

Mohamed is requesting a letter of support from members of BDAN for a new charter school. The purpose of this school is to reflect the values of the immigrant community. The application is due this Friday, and he is looking for organizations, who want to support him and this work. Mohamed will email anyone who is interested.

IX. 2018 Member Recognition by Yuriana

Yuriana gave her congratulations on behalf of the City Manager and the City of Bellevue for members completing two years with BDAN, including Seema, Sapan, Quiana, Nahyeli, Angela, Guan-an, Liena, and Adnan. Some members are continuing for another two-year term, and others are stepping-down. Contact Yuriana for more information.

X. Announcements /Future Agendas by Alaric

No verbal announcements given due to time constraints. Yuriana will send out a follow-up email.

XI. Closing of Session:

- A. Next Meeting – Tuesday, October 27, 2020
- B. Motion to Adjourn