

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

September 22, 2021
6:00-8:00 p.m.

via Zoom

BOARDMEMBERS PRESENT: Co-Chair Angela Phan; Boardmembers Sarah Desai, Linda Forshaw, Neo Hou, Rachel Karpf, Lauren Lambert, Richard Li, Irfan Madhani, Rosy Mendoza, Priyanka Mukhara, Manish Nadendla, Natalie Sarabosing, Melisa Shafiee, Mia Trenbeath, Devika Vyas, Candace Warner

COUNCILMEMBER PRESENT: Councilmember Conrad Lee

STAFF PRESENT: Patrick Alina

OTHERS PRESENT: Mike Ingram, Ryan Walker

MINUTES TAKER: Michelle Cash, *via recording*

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Alina at 6:00 p.m. He began the meeting with a Land Acknowledgement. A quorum was present.

Timekeeper: Priyanka Mukhara

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

There was general consensus to approve the meeting agenda as presented.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Boardmember Sarabosing and second by Boardmember Desai to approve the June 9, 2021 Youth Link Board meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously (16-0).

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

5. REPORTS:

A. Council Liaison Update

Councilmember Lee expressed his appreciation to the Youth Link Board for their volunteer efforts. He also discussed the Cross Culture Center project that he has initiated.

B. Bellevue School Board Liaison Update

No report.

C. Bellevue Youth Council Report

On behalf of the BYC, Mr. Alina provided the following report:

- The Youth Link Program Virtual Open House was held on September 15, 2021. A second event will be held on September 29, 2021.
- The first BYC and Action Team meeting will be held on October 6, 2021. The BYC Executive Committee elections will be held during this meeting. Youth Link Boardmembers are encouraged to attend.
- BYC Members will be helping with the Crossroads Children's Holiday Drive, which will be held October 4-November 30, 2021 as a service project.

D. Staff Report

Mr. Alina provided the following staff report:

- Boardmembers are welcome to pick up signs for "Hate has No Home Here". Signs are available at City Hall.
- The Youth Link Program recently hired a new part-time Recreation Technician to help support the program.
- In the following months, Youth Link Boardmembers will be provided information about the Bellevue Parks and Open Space Systems Plan, Diversity Strategic Plan, and Title VI Civil Rights Act regarding equal access.
- Congratulations to Angela Phan who has been named the Youth Link Program RECTech. This will be Co-Chair Phan's last meeting as a Boardmember, since she will soon be participating as a staff member.

6. TEAM BUILDING:

Boardmember Sarabosing conducted a Team Building activity.

7. STUDY SESSION ITEMS:

A. Eastrail Wilburton Corridor Project

Ryan Walker, Senior Planner for the Parks & Community Services Department, and Mike Ingram, Senior Planner, Transportation Department, are assisting to develop a Framework Plan to articulate a vision for the Wilburton Segment of Easttrail, which will be the most urbanized portion of the 42-mile multiuse trail corridor. The Framework Plan will inform future development within the 100-foot-wide corridor as well as intersectionality with adjacent properties and land uses. Through assessment of opportunities and constraints, the Framework Plan will define distinctive character zones within the Wilburton Segment and identify potential uses, improvements, and access points. Further, it is expected to include examples of how the trail and adjacent land uses will mutually support activity along the trail and the adjacent development.

Mr. Walker added that the Framework Plan will set out principles for partners to use in future design and development.

Boardmembers provided their feedback about the Easttrail Wilburton Corridor project.

Mr. Walker said that the Parks and Open Space System Plan will build on the 2020 Strategic Plan vision and goals; the 2016 System Plan objectives, the additional existing policy, and public outreach. The POSSP focus areas include:

- Open Space, Greenways, Wildlife Corridors, & Trails
- Park Facilities
- Active Recreation Facilities
- Urban Park Systems
- Waterfront Access
- Partnership Opportunities
- Historical, Cultural, & Art Resources

In addition, the public participation process includes things like surveys, community events, presentations to boards, commissions, stakeholders, and advisory groups, as well as public hearings.

Mr. Walker provided an overview of the park system level-of-services, which assesses the geographic distribution of parks, open space, trails, and facilities throughout the City. Bellevue's level-of-service analysis evaluates:

- Individual active participation
- Public satisfaction
- Walkable access service area

Mr. Walker showed a draft of the POSSP Story Map. It highlighted gaps in walkable access to parks as well as gaps in environmental health (i.e., tree canopy, wetlands, open space, walkable access, trail connections, multi-modal access, etc.).

Mr. Walker asked: *What elements stand out as particularly important to see reflected in the next Parks & Open Space System Plan update?*

Boardmembers provided their input to Mr. Walker's question.

8. UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS:

A. 2021-2022 Youth Link Board Nomination and Election

Co-Chair Phan opened nominations for the 2021-2022 Youth Link Board Youth Co-Chair position.

- Boardmember Mukhara nominated herself for the 2021-2022 Youth Link Board Youth Co-Chair position.
- Boardmember Sarabosing nominated herself for the 2021-2022 Youth Link Board Youth Co-Chair position.
- Boardmember Li nominated himself for the 2021-2022 Youth Link Board Youth Co-Chair position.

Co-Chair Phan requested other nominations. There were none. Therefore, the nomination process was closed for the 2021-2022 Youth Link Board Youth Co-Chair position.

All nominees stated their reasons for wanting to be the 2021-2022 Youth Link Board Youth Co-Chair.

Votes were cast privately via Zoom. Mr. Alina announced that Boardmember Sarabosing had the most votes.

Motion by Boardmember Vyas and second by Boardmember Mukhara to appoint Boardmember Sarabosing as the 2021-2022 Youth Link Board Youth Co-Chair. Motion carried unanimously (16-0).

Co-Chair Phan opened nominations for the 2021-2022 Youth Link Board Adult Co-Chair position.

- Co-Chair Phan nominated Boardmember Vyas for the 2021-2022 Youth Link Board Adult Co-Chair position.

Co-Chair Phan requested other nominations. There were none. Therefore, the nomination process was closed for the 2021-2022 Youth Link Board Adult Co-Chair position.

Boardmember Vyas accepted the nomination.

Motion by Boardmember Sarabosing and second by Boardmember Trenbeath to appoint Boardmember Vyas as the 2021-2022 Youth Link Board Adult Co-Chair. Motion carried unanimously (16-0).

B. Eastside Pathways Youth Liaison Nomination and Election

Postponed.

C. 2021-2022 Youth Link Board Working Agreements Update

Mr. Alina reviewed the proposed 2021-2022 Working Agreements. Boardmembers discussed the proposed addendums to the agreements including:

- Strive to create genuine connections and build relationship during time on the Board.
- Be patient and ask questions.
- Keep in mind the importance of dialogue, listening, being okay to be uncomfortable.
- Take into account COVID related protocols such as mask requirements and social distancing.

Motion by Boardmember Sarabosing and second by Boardmember Trenbeath to approve the 2021-2022 Youth Link Board Working Agreements with the proposed addendum, as presented. Motion carried unanimously (16-0).

D. Youth Link Board Retreat Follow-Up

Mr. Alina summarized the 2021-2022 Youth Link Board Retreat Notes, including the Core Values of the Board. Additional strategies and tactics will be discussed at the next Board meeting.

Motion by Boardmember Trenbeath and second by Boardmember Sarabosing to approve the 2021-2022 Youth Link Board Retreat Notes as presented. Motion carried unanimously (16-0).

9. ACTION ITEMS:

A. Subcommittee Discussion and Formation

Motion by Boardmember Vyas and second by Boardmember Forshaw to postpone subcommittee discussion and formation until the next Board meeting. Motion carried unanimously (16-0).

10. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Boardmember Li and second by Boardmember Trenbeath to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. Motion carried unanimously (16-0).