

**BELLEVUE NETWORK ON AGING**  
**MINUTES**

December 3, 2020

North Bellevue Community Center via Virtual – Zoom.

8:30am – 10:30pm

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Beverly Heyden.

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Dan Lassiter, Bellevue Parks & Community Services  
Betty Lee, Bellevue Parks & Community Services

**GUESTS:**

Bob Leingang – St. Louise Catholic Church

**PRESENTER(S):**

None

**RECORDING SECRETARY:**

Betty Lee

**WELCOME AND ROLL CALL:**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Attach agenda and files to meeting invite in the future.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Changes made on November minutes and approved.

**EASTSIDE HUMAN SERVICES FORUM:**

No report.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### **ADVOCACY COMMITTEE:** *(Diana)*

Diana wrote a letter to Governor Inslee asking to maintain funds for care of seniors and personal protective equipment in his budget. She also mentioned in the letter concerns about seniors not having access to computers and internet during the Covid19 pandemic.

Later, the committee discussed the lack of technology accessibility including Wi-Fi hotspots for the general community and ways the BNOA can advocate for such things.

### **OUTREACH & EDUCATION COMMITTEE:** *(Janet)*

- Bellevue school's family connections network agreed to work with BNOA to get information out to the public.
- Continuing to write articles for Neighborhood News. Phyllis wrote for December's article and Diana will be writing for January 2021.
- The Outreach Committee is continuing to work on an information tree Gazel has set up. If anyone has connection to add to the tree, please let Janet know.
- Vial of Life – Medic One is rebranding to Vinyl's for Life and they are donating 1000 remaining Vials of Life to BNOA.
- Question – Can BNOA mail out Vinyl's for Life to people when requested? One possible connection would be to send to faith-based organization such as St. Louise Catholic Church for pick up. Diana suggested there needs to be a clear explanation of what you need to do with the items in the packet. Bob Leingang of St. Louise Church suggested creating an explanation video and require it to be watched before picking up a vial/vinyl. Instructions are also available in the packet and online.

### **HOUSING AND TRANSPORTATION:** *(Phyllis)*

- Phyllis won't be serving as committee chair in 2021. Judy will be leading Transportation part of committee. Seeking someone who will step up to lead the Housing part of the committee. Judy Stenberg has agreed to chair the committee on transportation.
- 30% of our population in Bellevue is over 55 years old and that is expected to double in 5 years. We need to make sure seniors do not have to deal with homelessness. How do you eliminate this issue? Perhaps shared housing? How to help people move into different living situations?
- An affordable senior living housing development is opening soon in Puyallup. – Phyllis will be looking into this to learn more about it.

### **EASTSIDE EASY RIDER COLLABORATIVE:** *(Hannah)*

- Crossroads Connect project – had limited boundaries, 3 bus routes. Franz needed superusers and had mediocre response due to pandemic. They have expanded service area from Hwy 520 to I-90 for better community response.

### **AGING & DISABILITY AND SENIOR LOBBY:** *(Diana)*

- Planned affordable senior housing has been cancelled due to change in King County funding rules.

**NEW BUSINESS:** *(Dan)*

- Diana proposes to go to COB Park's department and ask for "Senior Hour" for walking at parks, 8-10am 3 days a week similar to Kirkland. It would be ideal for seniors and those at high risk. Dan will ask the Parks Dept. if they have considered this in the past and *if* they will consider doing this now. Questions on how this will be enforced came up and how long it might take to get an approval. Dan to report back to group and will be discussed at the retreat in January.
- January retreat, should we have a facilitator or just work on committee goals for 2021? Agreed to just work on committee goals at this year's retreat and continue with facilitator next in 2022. The retreat is on Thursday Jan 7<sup>th</sup> 8:30am-Noon. This is not open to the public.
- Will BNOA be voting on federal agenda in January 2021? Diana indicated we are not.

***Meeting adjourned at 10:05 followed by Personal Development Activity.***