

BELLEVUE NETWORK ON AGING

MINUTES

May 2, 2024,

Hybrid Meeting held at North Bellevue Community Center, 8:30a – 10:30a

MEMBERS PRESENT: Anne Rittenhouse; Eleanor Lee; Beverly Heyden; Andrea Kline; Kari Marino; Diana Thompson; Shana Aucsmith; Elaine White; Beth Hanley; Abigail Brown; Julie Hart; Dianne Thompson; Bhavana Pahwa

MEMBERS ABSENT: Barbara Carey.

STAFF PRESENT: Shelley Brittingham - Assist Park Director; Jen Newton – Manager; Dan Lassiter -Community Services Supervisor; Christy Stangland – HS Planner, Bellevue Parks & Community Services – Recreation Div.

GUESTS: Mayor Lynn Robinson; Hannah Kimball; Kathy Iverson; Cathy VonWald; Karen Hart; Alex O’Reily

PRESENTER(S): Appreciation Ceremony with Mayor Robinson & Park Supervisor for Diana Thompson

RECORDING SECRETARY: Daniel Lassiter, Bellevue Parks & Community Services

WELCOME AND ROLL CALL: The meeting was called to order by Anne Rittenhouse

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Kathy Iverson indicated that the Gala Art Show at Merrill Gardens in Kirkland was still available for viewing.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: March 2024 minutes were approved.

Human Services Report – Christy Stangland

Christy reports that the Human Services funding applications are in, and review is underway. Christy did not have a list of those who had applied. It is possible that additional funds will be requested by Human Services from the City of Bellevue Council but is not currently known. Community members are involved with the decision-making process on who receives funding. Five of the commissioners reviewing the applications are new to Human Services. Christy reports that the “Safe Parking” site has been open for a week and some new residents have been screened and are in place.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: *Members were asked to read the committee reports before the meeting for discussion.*

Advocacy Committee Report – Abigail

Abigail had no new information to report but referred members to read the minutes from the April 1, 2024, minutes.

Diana invited BNOA members to attend the Dementia Collaborative Event on May 8th and June 4th.

Outreach Committee Report – Shana

Farmers Markets planning continues and one more person is needed for June 11 and several for July 2 at the Crossroads Market. The first Bellevue Market is on May 23 and is mostly staffed. Senior Day at the Bellevue Farmers Market will be on Thursday September 5th. There will be space for six non-profit older adult supportive agencies.

An event is planned at the Bellevue City Hall for June 1 headed by Mark Heilman and is scheduled for 9:30-noon. Andrea will update the resource box prior to the event. Final tabling assignments were discussed.

All of BNOA was reminded to continue seeking good locations to distribute the Neighborhood News. Let Shana know of any changes in distribution.

Housing and Transportation – Anne

Anne reminded BNOA of a meeting with Senior Villages as they seek funding from the King County Veteran, Senior, Human Services Levy.

A Grand Connection Plan reveal meeting is planned today May at the Bellevue Botanical Gardens.

On May 4th there will be an Affordable Housing Tour. The tour is full by Anne has a spot and will report out to BNOA.

May 6th the City of Bellevue Planning Dept will have the final Comprehensive Plan Review and will go to print May 8th.

Community Meetings and Events Attended

Andrea reported she was able to ride the first link ride on Saturday. The train was packed and full of families. Andrea reported that it was a nice ride and is looking forward to using it in the future.

Abigail reported that on May 15th the Crossroads Mini City Hall was opened in a new larger space at Crossroads Mall. More information will be able to be stored and given out. Dan indicated material from North Bellevue Community Center is distributed to the site regularly.

Diana reported the Aging and Disability Services board is doing a great job in advocacy with Alex O'Reilly's leadership. Hannah Kimball has applied for a position and is waiting to hear of an interview.

Diana reported that most Hearing Loss Association of America chapters have stopped meeting. The second Friday of the month in Renton the group continues to meet. Diana encourages BNOA members to check it out.

Old Business –

Older American Awareness Month City of Bellevue Proclamation will be read at City Council May 21st and Abigail will receive the document and provide a statement. In attendance will be Abigail, Eleanor, Beth, Kari, Andrea, and Dan

World Older Adult Abuse Awareness Day is June 15th, and a Proclamation will be read at the City Council on June 11th with Anne Rittenhouse receiving and providing a statement. Planning on attending is Anne, Diana, Bhavana, Julie, and Dan.

New Business

The celebration of Diana Thompson's nineteen years as a member of Bellevue Network on Aging occurred with a presentation from Mayor Robinson including an appreciation City of Bellevue Art piece and a recognition of Service. Many members, current and previous talked of Diane's achievements and character including comments from BNOA originator Kathy VonWald. Also, comments and appreciations were given from Alex O'Reilly, Shelley Brittingham.

Meeting adjourned at 10:35a.m.