

BELLEVUE NETWORK ON AGING

MINUTES

November 7, 2024. 8:30a – 10:30a Hybrid Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT: Anne Rittenhouse; Shana Aucsmith; Abigail Brown; Eleanor White; Beth Hanley; Andrea Kline; Kari Marino; Elaine White

MEMBERS ABSENT: Beverly Heyden; Julie Hart; Barbara Carey; Bhavana Pahwa; Joyce Hansbearry

STAFF PRESENT: Dan Lassiter -Community Services Supervisor
Christy Stangland- Human Services Planner

GUESTS: Janet Dragon; Hannah Kimball

PRESENTER(S): BNOA team discussion post-City of Bellevue Dept Oct 9th meeting.

RECORDING SECRETARY: Daniel Lassiter, Bellevue Parks & Community Services

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: **None**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: October minutes were approved.

Presentation: October 9th the BNOA will participate in the City of Bellevue Department discussion on how each supports the Bellevue older adult.

The meeting on October 9th was attended by the City of Bellevue departments of Police, Fire, Transportation, Utilities, Development Services, Community Development and Parks & Community Services to include Human Services, Recreation, and the Bellevue Network on Aging. All of these departments

reportedly provided an excellent discussion on what their work groups are doing that enrich the lives of Bellevue older adults. Projects that were suggested was to help maintain a volunteer list of Bellevue Essential graduates; create a listing of senior housing in Bellevue where information can be dropped or emailed which could include groups like Eastside Network. Some potential issues were identified such as sidewalk issues for older adults and lack of parking spaces in new buildings; the ongoing issue of needed affordable housing; a more friendly City of Bellevue web page that makes it easier to do a search for resources that affect older adults;

The group discussed the issue of “How can BNOA be heard?” with a suggested answer of members getting involved in the department public meetings by at least being noticed with a BNOA tag and an elevator speech to have at public comment time. See Summary Report and Recommendations provided by facilitator Sara Morris for a summation of presenters’ information. The BNOA will discuss these ideas at the annual retreat in January.

Human Services Report – Christy Stangland

Christy reported that approximately 2.5 million beyond what is available through Human Services will be approved by city council for 2025 and 2026. 70% of that will cover child services, then rental assistance. The overall hearing on the budget will occur on November 12th at the city council meeting.

Human Services has begun to create the contracts for those who will receive funding.

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

Advocacy Committee Report – Abigail

No meeting was held in October. The focus of the group will be to create the local, state, and federal agendas for 2025.

Outreach Committee Report – Shana

Please read the minutes from the October meeting. Shana asked for input on the Neighborhood News distribution lists, so the list of deliveries stays current.

Housing and Transportation – Anne

A team of BNOA members attended the Dept of Transportations Traffic control room tour. They learned about the upgraded technology that allows traffic intersection monitoring and light control. They found that crosswalk timings can be adjusted from the control center and what happens in the case of an emergency. Data is able to be reviewed for the past seven years from what has been recorded on the cameras. The big take-away, when you leave Bellevue in your vehicle, recognize that other cities do not have the technology or ability to control traffic in the same manner s they just do not have the same technology.

Community Meetings and Events Attended

BNOA members have been attending both the Crossroads and Newport Hills Neighborhood project meetings.

Old Business –

Pembroke Meadows presentation – Elaine. Anne and Beth presented on October 16. A box of Vials of Life was taken to the presentation and handed out which were well received by Pembroke Meadows.

Status of Legal Resource Flyer is that Bhavana will review prior to printing then Dan will submit to the City graphics department for flyer design update.

Recruitment for BNOA members will be completed by Anne, Andrea, Bhavana, and Elaine as committee members. Recruitment is scheduled for Nov 20th.

New Business

A change in January's BNOA schedule: The monthly meeting will be moved to January 9th and will be a closed meeting retreat from 8:30a – noon. The team has decided to make the new member orientation part of the January retreat which will be on January 9th this year, 8:30a-noon.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.