

## **BELLEVUE NETWORK ON AGING**

### **MINUTES**

**February 5, 2026.** 8:30am - noon

**MEMBERS' PRESENT:** Elaine White, Bhavana Pahwa, Beth Hanley, Shilpa Mehta, John DePalma, Julie Hart, Madhu Kachru, Hannah Kimball, Anne Rittenhouse, Andrea Kline, Roxi Wilson, Suresh Velagapudi, Guang-an Wu, Kan Liang, Kari Marino, Chelcy Flores, Eleanor Lee,

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** none

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

**GUESTS:** Ramsey Mathews- King County Women's Advisory Board

**PRESENTER(S):** Erin Funk, Hopelink Coordinator

**RECORDING SECRETARY:** Daniel Lassiter, Bellevue Parks & Community Services

**WELCOME AND ROLL CALL:** The meeting was called to order by co- chair Elaine White

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes approved for January 2026 were updated to include correct members volunteer for ad hoc committees. The updated 1/8/26 minutes were approved.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Guest Ramsey Mathews introduced herself and expressed the desire to learn about service for older adults, learn about the BNOA, seeking representatives from all communities of KC, and seeking-out specific needs of the Bellevue community.

**Presentation: Hopelink Travel Ambassador Program.**

Mobility Management Team

**Our Vision**

Everyone can get where they want to go

- Recognition that transportation is an essential service
- Greater coordination of information and resources between transportation service providers
- All new services are accessible to those who need them

## ORCA program

### Passes & fare

#### Paying with an ORCA card:

- One regional card for all 9 transit agencies and transfers. Can be used in King, Pierce, and Snohomish County
- [Transit Agencies that use ORCA:](#)
- **The following 9 agencies accept ORCA Cards:** King County Metro, Everett Transit, Seattle Monorail, Sound Transit, Seattle Streetcar, Washington State Ferries, Kitsap Transit, Pierce Transit and Community Transit.
- Determining the right fare for each individual depends on one's situation including: employer assisted, poverty level, adults 65+, on disability or Medicare, or other state programs. Call Hopelink to get assistance to register for the correct program per individual.

#### Loading your ORCA pass is done in two ways.

- The electronic purse(like a debit card) or the regional monthly pass(heavy users of a system each month).
- Check [myorca.com](http://myorca.com) for places to load your ORCA card. A single ticket can be purchased for a ride using your phone.

#### Text for Departure

- Free service provided by Metro. Find the next departure times of transit service at your stop by texting your stop ID to 62550.
- The stop ID number can be found posted on the signage at nearly every bus stop. You can also call 206-553-3000.

**King County Metro Buses**  
**Dial-A-Ride Transit (DART)**

For reservations call 1(866) 261-DART (3278) or submit by online form.

**Local buses in King County**

**Sound Transit Modes**

- Connections between cities with Bus, Link Light Rail & Sounder Commuter Rail

**Shuttle Services**

- Hyde Shuttle

**Metro Flex**

**BELLHOP**

**Volunteer Driver Programs**

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY SERVICES – VOLUNTEER SERVICES - Phone: (206) 328-5787 (Intake) Email: [VC@ccsww.org](mailto:VC@ccsww.org)

SOUND GENERATION'S - Phone: (206) 448-5740 or 1(800) 282-5815 Email: [info@soundgenerations.org](mailto:info@soundgenerations.org)

**COMMUNITY VAN**

<mailto:communityvan@hopelink.org>

**Medical Service and Paratransit**

Hopelink Medicaid Transportation - King County Line: (800) 923-7433  
Gas Card Reimbursement

**Door to Door Service**

**Public Transit Assistance**

**King County Metro Access**

- **Shared-ride van service. Rides are reserved 1-7 days in advance.**
- **Pre-application form | Call: (206) 263-3113**

**Trip and Planning Support**

**Language Interpreter Services**

**King County Metro Interpreter**, Call (206) 553-3000, Press 1 for an interpreter, State your language.

## **Sound Transit Interpreter**

Call 1 (800) 823-9230, State your language.

## **Transportation Resources Line**

1-888-697-9080

- Provides one-on-one support in finding unique transportation options that fit clients' needs.
- Helps clients navigate public transportation routes and provide individualized trip plans.
- Open from 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday.
- To learn more about this service, or to get help with transportation Contact [mobility@hopelink.org](mailto:mobility@hopelink.org).

## **Find a Ride**

Our trip planner is part of our existing Find a Ride service discovery website.

<https://www.findaride.org/>

We cannot book your ride.

Phone support is available, including in-Language support.

## **Mobility Education and Outreach**-Public Transit Orientations (PTOs)

### **Guided excursions on local public transit**

Flexible origin points & destinations

#### **Learn about:**

Common bus routes

Nearby Link light rail stations

Water Taxi

Other fun kinds of transit

#### **Hands-on learning experience:**

Trip planning

Paying fares

Riding transit

## **EERC Bi-monthly meeting**

Fourth Tuesday of every second month

1:00pm – 2:30pm

Contact: [efunk@hopelink.org](mailto:efunk@hopelink.org).

## **Human Services Needs Update – Christy Stangland**

The categories to be funded by Human Services were presented at the January 27 City Council meeting. Funding applications open March 2 for the 8.6 million dollars to be allocated for human services funding in Bellevue. Encourage older adult programs to apply. Councilmember Robinson will be the council liaison for 2026 of Human Service Commission.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** Members were asked to read the committee reports before the meeting for discussion and due to time restraints were skipped this month.

**Advocacy:** Having difficulty in coming up with a State agenda as the legislation session is short and BNOA organizing needed to begin in October of 2025. The committee will look at what AARP of Washington is supporting this year. Several members will attend the Senior Lobby Day in February.

**Housing & Transportation:** Discussed the possibility of changing the bylaws to allow newcomers to be leaders. No other comments beyond the committee minutes submitted to the group.

**Outreach:** Overlake Hospital has organized a Senior Resource Fair on Feb 14<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers were called for to help table the event 9 – 3:30. Shilpa and Roxy indicated they would help Andrea with the event.

### **Ad hoc committees:**

Celebration Committee met and discussed good dates in October to hold the event in the early afternoon. Dan will secure a space at city hall. Ideas were brought up concerning who should attend and what should be the highlight. More work on these last two items will be at the next meeting.

Older Adult Recreation Plan for Bellevue: The team discussed what areas of the current plan should be updated and where community talks should occur to gather user input. The plan would be best to be updated by the end of September so the Parks & Community Services can vet the information through a variety of workgroups.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

The group would like some advocacy “how to” training or presentation. Hannah and Bhavana will work on setting something up.

The Bellevue Police Scam presentation by officer Ruby Daly, has been updated to occur on March 30<sup>th</sup>, North Bellevue Community Center, at 1:30. Helpers will need to be there 45 minutes early to help set chairs and snacks.

The volunteer background checks were again discussed and packets handed out to those in attendance. There is not an online version so members must pick them up, fill them out and respond to the background check company that reaches out to them. Dan will again bring the packets to the next meeting.

Dan again informed the group that Chat AI is not allowed for public notetaking. Many of the BNOA wanted it to ensure their addresses were not connected to the AI applications.

The group spoke of the possible need to adapt the bylaws to include new members to have leadership roles. Need more discussion. For now, the committees chair positions have been covered.

BNOA goals.

- New goals will be developed by each committee and reported to the group by the March BNOA meeting.

***The meeting was adjourned at 10:30a***

Next meeting is March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Presenters: End of Life Washington by Bob Free.