

BELLEVUE NETWORK ON AGING
MINUTES

October 5th, 2017
8:30-10:30am

Bellevue Youth Theatre

MEMBERS PRESENT: Arlene Cheng, Jeanne Grote, Hannah Kimball, Gazel Tan, Lauren Emery, Desiree Leigh, Phyllis Smilen, Ethan Crawford, Beverly Heyden, Howard Katz, Judy Dowling, Berta Seltzer, Diana Thompson, Janet Zielasko, Bill Merriman,

MEMBERS ABSENT: Linda Whitehead, Bob Megargel, Sandy Shaw-Jones, Eileen Rasnack, Jullie Gray,

STAFF PRESENT: Dan Lassiter/Bellevue Parks & Community Services, Christy Strangland-Bellevue Human Services

GUESTS: George Twiss

RECORDING SECRETARY: Daniel Lassiter, Bellevue Parks & Community Services

WELCOME AND ROLL CALL - The meeting was called to order at 8:30am by Chair Ethan Crawford.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – September 7, 2017 minutes. Changes made included moving Berta Seltzer name to the absent section. The Advocacy section struck out the line “The 1/3 that goes to seniors...”. Minutes were then approved.

PRESENTATION & DISCUSSION - Sound Generations Presentation Canceled.

The presenter for Sound Generations was unable to attend. The BNOA Outreach committee reviewed their outreach PowerPoint presentation to the group and asked for feedback. The group reviewed each section and provided advice and feedback to the committee for 45 minutes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS –

Advocacy Committee (reported by Janet Zielasko)

- The meeting held in partnership with Kirkland Senior Council. Members of the BNOA met with Congressman Smith on August 10th where he indicated his willingness to sign the Medicare bill, yet has not done so. Mr. Smith’s main concerns were: health, education and immigration. An email concerning Medicare was sent to Senator Murray’s office by Diana but no response had been received. Also, an email was sent to Senator Cantwell but only a canned response was received. A meeting with Suzan DelBene has been arranged for September 19th.

- The group discussed writing a letter of support for the Veteran Levy if approved by their respective committees. A motion was made at this BNOA committee meeting to write a letter of support and submit it to the Bellevue Reporter and was seconded, but the vote was not in favor of submitting a letter from the BNOA to the newspaper.
- The BNOA continues to be interested in speaking with the Bellevue City Council, specifically Lynn Robinson, to express the need to support Medicare and Social Security funding changes. A time is being sought to speak to her with data reflecting the need for social security benefits by Bellevue residents.
- Diana announced that October 19th will be the Senior Lobby Conference in Tacoma. Tickets are \$40 and North Bellevue Community Center would register a few members if they would like to attend. Diana will be attending.
- The advocacy team discussed the need for advocates to help individuals needing post hospital care. An article was sent out to the BNOA team and will be posted on the BNOA web page exploring the need.

Outreach, Education Diversity Committee (reported by Gazel Tan)

- The team continued to develop the power-point presentation in preparation for today's review by the BNOA committee. The first group that will receive this presentation is the Newport Presbyterian Church on January 14th, 2018.
- Diana has ordered a Dementia Road Map for each BNOA member, a guide for family and care partners which contains great information, and she recommends each member read the guide.
- Hannah announced that the North Bellevue Advisory Board would sponsor 250 Vials of Life if the labels have North Bellevue Community Center as sponsors on the containers instead of Bartell's. Dianna said she would check it out.

Transportation/Housing Committee (reported by Judy Dowling)

- Jeffrey Davis, the Field Service Supervisor of the Redmond Loop, came to the meeting to talk about the basic service being provided. It appears the Loop is working, especially because it remains flexible on its' route and the willingness of the drivers to make the system work. The BNOA would like to invite King County Metro to come to its' monthly meeting to discuss the project in more detail.
- At this committee meeting the group continued to work on the matrix for transportation. Research is being completed to discover: what the potential market is for transportation agencies; if Bellevue already has a transportation plan for aging and disabled and who oversees that plan; if AARP has rider-in-need statistics; what Overlake Medical Center and Kaiser volunteer ride program looks like. This matrix is likely to be completed by November's monthly BNOA meeting.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS REPORTS

Eastside Rider – A meeting was held on September 26th which covered the Link Connections 520 project by Sound Transit and King County Metro; King County Metro's Eastside Community Connections Program; and the ORCA affordable multifamily development passport program.

New Business

Staff Report (presented by Daniel Lassiter)

- Two potential members to join the BNOA will be interviewed in October and the results will be brought to the BNOA at the November meeting.

- Dan asked for feedback concerning the use of the Bellevue Youth Theater as a meeting site. Remarks made: too much echo; looping system does not give clear sound; sound amplification was not good; people did not like to fight the school bus traffic to get to the site. A vote was taken and the group decided to meet at the Boys & Girls Club at Hidden Valley for the November and December meetings, then make a final decision.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 10:30am.