

**BELLEVUE NETWORK ON AGING
MINUTES**

July 5th, 2018
8:30-10:30am

North Bellevue Community Center

MEMBERS PRESENT: Diana Thompson, Bill Merriman, Jullie Gray, Howard Katz, George Twiss, Ethan Crawford, Desiree Leigh, Beverly Heyden, Berta Seltzer, Phyllis Smilen, Arlene Cheng, Jenny Wilson (in lieu of Lauren Emery), Hannah Kimball, Bob Megargel, Gazel Tan, Peggy Foster, Judy Dowling, Christy Stangland

MEMBERS ABSENT: Linda Whitehead, Janet Zielasko, Lauren Emery, Jeanne Grote

STAFF PRESENT: Dan Lassiter/Bellevue Parks & Community Services,

GUESTS: Cathy Iverson – Kirkland Senior Council
Joanne Gainen – Eastside Neighbors Network
Janet Lewine – Associate Planner, City of Bellevue

RECORDING SECRETARY: Abby Burdick/Bellevue Parks & Community Services

WELCOME AND ROLL CALL: The meeting was called to order by Hannah Kimball and roll call taken.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: June 7th, 2018 minutes approved as written

PRESENTATION & DISCUSSION:

Janet Lewine – Associate Planner, City of Bellevue *speaking on Affordable Housing Strategies in Bellevue*

The Affordable Housing Strategy adopted by the City Council on June 5, 2017 is Bellevue’s action plan to improve affordable housing opportunities across the city. The [Affordable Housing Strategy Report](#) is now available for review, including [appendices](#).

With the cost of renting or owning housing in Bellevue rising faster than income for many in the region, housing is not affordable to a sizable portion of the population. The city seeks to improve affordable housing opportunities across the city.

The City Council recognizes that it is critically important to provide a safe, healthy and affordable place to live for people of all income levels in order to sustain Bellevue's livability and economic vitality. This project will identify what it will take to have a healthy housing market that:

- ✓ Provides affordability across a range of incomes mirroring our population and workforce;
- ✓ Provides a variety of affordable housing choices that meet the needs of our community including:
 - Young persons in college or just entering the job market;
 - First-time home buyers or new employees who are ready to purchase a home;
 - Our aging population, especially those on fixed/limited income, who wish to remain in the community; and
 - Families that want to keep their children in Bellevue schools
- ✓ Preserves the integrity of single-family areas while considering, through the neighborhood planning process, housing that can accommodate a wider spectrum of needs, and foster ongoing investments by individual homeowners.

Janet's Presentation was tailored to cover the following topics:

- ✓ Affordable Housing Needs in Bellevue
- ✓ Senior Affordable Housing Needs
- ✓ New Affordable Housing, Senior Affordable Housing in Bellevue that is either currently going through Development Services or Construction
- ✓ Phase Work Program
- ✓ Questions

Janet Lewine's full presentation can be found on the [Bellevue Network on Aging Web Page](#).

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Advocacy Committee *(reported by Diana Thompson)*

The Bellevue Network on Aging and Kirkland Senior Council Advocacy committees are mostly consumed with concern about Senior Housing. The group arranged a meeting on July 25th with Manka Dhingra, State Senator of the 45th District to discuss:

- ✓ raising the qualifying income level for property tax exemptions
 - ✓ amending a bill that passed last year that allowed property tax exemptions on local levies but did not allow deferrals
 - ✓ housing trust funds
 - ✓ lack of condominium housing
- among other things. . .

Friday, September 28th at North Bellevue Community Center is the legislative forum with all the candidates.

The next Committee Meeting is August 6th (8:30am) at Merrill Gardens in Kirkland. Shelly Parks is presenting on Co-housing.

Outreach, Education & Diversity Committee *(reported Gazel Tan)*

The previous outreach committee meeting was consumed with preparations for the Strawberry Festival. Big thank you to those who volunteered: George, Ethan, Desiree, Arlene, Judy, Hannah and Peggy.

Feedback post-event is to:

- ✓ Attempt a table exclusively for BNOA, or at least attain more space on the COB Parks Dept. table
- ✓ The Strawberry festival seems to really be geared towards children and young families and not individuals interested in aging adult issues or resources.
- ✓ COB Parks Dept. Trail Maps do not indicate any ADA accessible trails. Its indicated they then exist in the parks system but doesn't outline or indicate exactly which ones

A partnership has been formed with the Bellevue Farmers Market to have a "Senior Day". Diana and Gazel are taking on the responsibility for acquiring participants.

- Participating: Shiba, Eastside Neighbors Network, BNOA, Senior Tech, Bellevue Fire Cares
- Declined Participations: Timebank, TELOS
- Still waiting on answers from: Bellevue Mediation Services, King County Metro

Gazel and Desiree attended the community meeting "Shaping our Inclusive Future" with the Bellevue Diversity Institute. Participants at this meeting voted in favor of more Multi-Generational Community Gathering Places, rather than specific centers for specific types of programming.

Transportation & Housing Committee *(reported by Judy Dowling)*

The committees main focus is gathering thoughts, ideas and contacts to put together some kind of Senior Housing "Symposium".

The next Committee Meeting is Wednesday, July 18th (9:00am). Location, TBD.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS REPORTS:

Eastside Easy Rider Collaborative *(reported by Hannah Kimball)*

Reminder that 1-on-1 training and group trainings exist though First Transit for ANY person that is intimidated by transit. This service is something to consider having available at senior fairs.

Through an Easter Seal Grant and some additional funding, the Snoqualmie Valley was able to organize and start a Community Shuttle that goes from Fall City, Snoqualmie and Carnation to

Monroe for medical appointments and such. There is enough funding for this concept for one year. Instead of it taking 4 hours (on public transit) it is taking 45 minutes to get to their destination.

King County Metro/WSDOT Consolidated Grant Information Brainstorming Session is Tuesday, July 10th (1:00pm) at the Renton Library.

The next Committee Meeting is Monday, July 30th. Location TBD.

Eastside Human Services Forum *(reported by Christy Stangland)*

There has been a shift with the Board trying to really streamline the work plan in attempt for it to be more impactful. Of discussion for example is the Heroine and Opiate Training follow up and identifying impact since that training.

The Eastside Human Services Forum Advocacy group is meeting with Congressman Smith in August. Diana is connecting them with information on Social Security and Medicaid.

Timebank of Puget Sound *(no report)*

Aging & Disability Services *(no report)*

Senior Lobby *(no report)*

New Business

Bellettini reached out to BNOA with a proposal to see if there was an interest in work with/sponsoring them at the Bellevue Senior Art Fair. Lynn Robinson was at the Kirkland Senior Fair and made the connection. Revisiting the BNOAs purpose may help guide the answer to participation.

Could BNOA potentially partner with Bellettini on hosting a movie series?

Could Eastside Neighbors Network team up on the Art Show idea instead of BNOA?

Thursday August 23rd, North Bellevue Community Center is hosting an ADA Focus Group.

Staff Report *(reported by Dan Lassiter)*

Medical Cannabis presentation at the August meeting.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 10:30am.