

BELLEVUE NETWORK ON AGING
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES

December 4, 2014
8:30 a.m.

Bellevue City Hall
Room 1E-120

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ethan Crawford, Jullie Gray, Jeanne Grote, Beverly Heyden, Howard Katz, Hannah Kimball, Bill Merriman, Eileen Rasnack, Berta Seltzer, Chris Strand, Diana Thompson, Mary Watkins, Janet Zielasko

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dan Aznoff, Peg Jones, Bob Megargel, Susan Posten, and Terri Wilson

STAFF PRESENT: Bo Du, Parks & Community Services Department
Alex O'Reilly, Human Services Department

OTHERS PRESENT: Arnold Kern, Linda Salter and Bill Cahill (new 2015 members), George Twiss, Senior Services; Bill Perry

RECORDING SECRETARY: Teri Ekstrom

WELCOME AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 am by Chair Rasnack. Roll was taken and all members were present with the exception of Dan Aznoff, Peg Jones, Bob Megargel, Susan Posten, and Terri Wilson.

The three new BNOA members - Arnold Kern, Linda Salter, and Bill Cahill - were introduced and they shared a little bit about themselves.

PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS. None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 6, 2014

An e-mail was sent out to all members prior to the meeting by Diane Thompson with her changes to the minutes.

A motion was made to accept the minutes with the changes that Ms. Thompson indicated and the motion was seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Outreach Committee (reported by Jeanne Grote)

Ms. Grote said that the Outreach Committee is trying to connect to eastside groups and are coming up with a flyer. There is no meeting this month since members will be going to the Frye Art Museum on December 16th for the memory care program.

The first event of 2015 will be Overlake Hospital's Active Senior Fair in mid-March.

Ms. Grote mentioned that the Eastside Time Bank is having a potluck at North Bellevue Community Center (NBCC) on December 11th at 6:30 pm and everyone is invited.

Transportation/Housing Committee (reported by Jeanne Grote)

The group is continuing to update the housing website. Ms. Grote handed out the flyers for the Eastside Women's and Men's Winter Shelters. She has been taking the flyers to grocery stores, churches and Starbucks to post. If others would like flyers to post, let her know. She also stated that Sophia's Way, a day center and a nighttime shelter for women, has a wish list of items if anyone is interested in donating.

On November 15th, the Eastside Easy Rider Collaborative (EERC) received an update from Sound Transit on Eastlink and the transit stations. The South Bellevue Park-N-Ride will be closed for five years for construction of an eastside station.

The signals and crosswalk on NE 8th, Overlake, 148th, 156th, and Bel-Red Road will be upgraded and a red light will be installed at NE 8th & 116th. Signal upgrades will occur in the vicinity of two of the elementary schools.

Ms. Grote said that the EERC met Detective Amanda Jensen who is a new residential crimes detective. She will be working with neighborhoods for block watch, block parties, etc. She would love to come and meet the BNOA group.

The North Bellevue Community Center's Advisory Board will be doing its annual gift-wrapping fundraiser starting on December 8th at Crossroads Mall. People can volunteer to help wrap or bring their gifts to be gift-wrapped by the volunteers. The money will be going to North Bellevue Community Center programs.

Advocacy Committee (reported by Diana Thompson)

As previously indicated, the visit to the Frye Art Museum will be December 16th at 1pm. Please let Ms. Du know if you plan on attending so that she can work on carpooling details. (Frye Art Museum offers a program for memory care participants and their caregivers. It is an amazing program that helps instill "normalcy" in the lives of people touched by memory problems and dementia. This visit is planned for BNOA members to see if such programs can be replicated on the eastside.)

Ms. Rasnack shared that she received an email from Councilmember Robinson regarding the need for blinking lights at the new transit stations and suggested that a BNOA member speak to the City Council regarding this need. Mr. Katz said that these lights have saved many lives on the east coast and he will plan on speaking at the City Council Meeting on December 8th.

Ms. Thompson encouraged Ms. Du to again send out to all members the survey from the Alzheimer's Disease Working Group.

Ms. Thompson reported that Representative Brady drafted federal legislation that will change aspects of Medicare, which will also have an impact on the Medicare Observation status. He is asking for comments. The Advocacy Committee, for several reasons, has decided not to write a letter regarding the bill at this time. Carolyn Kelso will send to Representative Judy Clibborn the information Ms. Thompson and Mr. Katz received from Representative Reichert's office regarding this legislation.

Senior Lobby Day is Thursday, February 26th in Olympia. Ms. Thompson encouraged all members to attend whether or not they are in the advocacy committee. The Lobby Day format has interesting lectures in the morning and meetings with legislators throughout the afternoon (if appointments can be secured), which can run the same time as planned lectures.

At the December meeting, Mike Webb from the Attorney General's office spoke about three bills regarding fraud: 1) Bill will reauthorize legislation that permits civil prosecutions of Medicaid Fraud (current legislation has allowed the AGO to recover \$33 million for the state since 2012 and is scheduled to sunset in 2016). 2) Data Breach Statute Enhancement - proposed legislation requires consumer notification whenever there is a data breach and personal information is likely to be compromised. 3) Combatting Financial Fraud and Identity Theft – renews Financial Fraud and Identity Theft Task Forces in King/Pierce and Spokane Counties and expands to Snohomish. Without renewal this would expire in June 2015.

Ms. Du is trying to get electronic copies of the legislation and will e-mail it to members if she is able to get it.

CHAIR/VICE CHAIR ELECTIONS

There were five nominations for Chairperson – Ms. Rasnack, Ms. Seltzer, Ms. Grote, Mr. Crawford and Ms. Thompson. Ms. Seltzer withdrew her name from consideration. Members voted on the remaining four nominees and Ms. Rasnack was voted in as the 2015 Bellevue Network on Aging Chairperson.

There were five nominations for Vice-Chair – Ms. Grote, Ms. Heyden, Mr. Crawford, Ms. Thompson, and Ms. Posten. Ms. Heyden withdrew her name from consideration and Ms. Posten is leaving the network, so members voted on the remaining three nominees and Mr. Crawford is the 2015 Bellevue Network on Aging Vice-Chairperson.

STAFF REPORT/UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS (reported by Ms. O'Reilly and Ms. Du)

Ms. O'Reilly said that the Eastside Human Services Forum will be having their Annual Event on December 4 at 2:00-4:00 pm at Peter Kirk Community Center in Kirkland.

Ms. O'Reilly said that Aging and Disability Services is scheduling a big, regional meeting (pending date) with many regional topics of interest. One of the topics is Behavioral & Brain Health, which might be of interest to BNOA members. ADS will be organizing the meeting and convening a panel of experts. Ms. O'Reilly will get out information regarding this once it is finalized.

Ms. Du said that the City Council unanimously approved the City of Bellevue budget, which means that the hearing proposal was passed. Ms. Du thanked Ms. Thompson for her work in numerous City Council meetings.

Ms. Du thanked the departing members – Ms. Strand, Ms. Posten, Ms. Jones, Ms. Wilson - for all of their work and contribution throughout the year. They will be missed.

The BNOA Retreat is on January 15th from 9:00-Noon in Conference Room 1E-118.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Grote said that AARP will hold their Lobby Meeting on March 12th in Olympia. All legislators and their staff will attend. It is an all-day event at no cost.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 am.