

**CITY OF BELLEVUE  
YOUTH LINK BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

March 13, 2019  
6:00-8:00 p.m.

City Hall  
Room 1E-120  
Bellevue, WA

**BOARDMEMBERS PRESENT:** Co-Chairs Joydeep Hazra and Phillip Wang, Boardmembers Ton Bodin<sup>1</sup>, Michelle Bomberger<sup>2</sup>, Ananaya Jain, Katherine Jordan, Amanda Li, Jessie Liu, Emily Mather<sup>3</sup>

**BOARDMEMBERS ABSENT:** Boardmembers Yan Li, Darrell Tsukiji

**STAFF PRESENT:** Patrick Alina, Toni Esparza, Cecilia Martinez-Vasquez, Helena Stephens

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Liliana Godinez (BSD), Cassandra Houghton, Sima Sarrafan (Bellevue School Board), Jessica Wood (FOY), Ryan Yap, Connor Yoon

**MINUTES TAKER:** Michelle Cash

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by Co-Chair Wang at 6:03 p.m. A quorum was present.

Timekeeper: Ananaya Jain

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

**Motion by Boardmember Liu and second by Boardmember Bomberger to approve the meeting agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).**

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Motion by Boardmember Liu and second by Boardmember Jain to approve the January 9, 2019 Youth Link Board meeting minutes as presented.**

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<sup>1</sup> Arrived at 6:17 p.m.

<sup>2</sup> Departed at 8:16 p.m.

<sup>3</sup> Arrived at 6:06 p.m.

**Motion by Boardmember Jain and second by Boardmember Liu to amend the January 9, 2019 Youth Link Board meeting minutes to reflect Ananaya Jain present at the meeting. At the question, Motion carried unanimously to approve the amendment to the main motion (7-0).**

**At the question, motion carried unanimously (7-0) to approve the January 9, 2019 Youth Link Board meeting minutes as amended.**

#### **4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:**

Boardmember Liu attended a recent Human Services Commission meeting. She reported that the Commission is not in an active funding cycle. However, they instructed the Youth Link Board to conduct research on how other youth commissions nationwide function, specifically in regards to funding, and then report this information back to the Human Services Commission. The Human Services Commission is currently working on their 2019-2020 Human Services Needs Update.

Human Services Commissioner Timothy Ma expressed his appreciation to Boardmember Liu for attending the recent Human Services Commission meeting. He added that the Human Services Commission would like to determine the best way for the Human Services Commission and the Youth Link Board to interact and collaborate.

#### **5. REPORTS:**

##### **A. Council Liaison Update**

No report.

##### **B. Bellevue School Board Liaison Update**

Ms. Sarrafan reported that the Bellevue School District recently filled their vacant Board position. The Board is currently focused on committee work.

Ms. Sarrafan also discussed the Landed program, which is a down payment assistance and financial wellness program aimed at helping public school teachers and staff afford to buy homes.

##### **C. Youth Council Report**

On behalf of the Bellevue Youth Council, Connor Yoon and Ryan Yap provided the following report:

- The 2018-2019 BYC Executive Committee members include:
  - Phillip Wang and Christina Joo (Co-Presidents)
  - Bitaniya Giday and Daniel Kim (Co-Vice Presidents)

- Evy Wohlman and Amy Leers (Co-Secretaries)
- Cameron White and Ethan Lee (Co-Event Coordinators)
- A BYC meeting was held on March 6, 2019 to discuss the upcoming Cultural Conversations event and the 29<sup>th</sup> Community Leadership Awards event.
- A special service project event was held where over 50 homeless meal kits were prepared.
- The 29<sup>th</sup> Community Leadership Awards event will be held on May 29, 2019. Planning efforts are underway.
- Youth Link University will be hosting the next session on March 18, 2019.
- The Bellevue Youth Link Program will receive the Washington Recreation Program Association (WRPA) Spotlight Program Excellence Award for the Arts & Culture category for Youth Link's "Unity Through Diversity" event. This is the third WRPA award that Youth Link has received since 2016.
- BYC is looking forward to the Youth Link Gumbo Night event, which will be held on April 17, 2019 at Sherry Grindeland's house.

*\*A handout was distributed for Cultural Conversations and Gumbo Night.*

Cassandra Houghton, Connor Yoon, and Ryan Yap invited Boardmembers to attend the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Community Sustainability Summit, which will be held on June 7, 2019. The purpose of the summit is to measurably improve sustainable community conditions, while strengthening local connections for collective impact across generations, jurisdictions, and community sectors. The principles for the summit include:

- Intergenerational dialogue inspires hope for a more sustainable future.
- Interjurisdictional, cross-sector learning builds collective impact.
- Data-driven reporting measures progress over the last 12 months at points to collective action for the next 12 months.
- Shared performance management tools building collective capacity and facilitate communication.

*\*Handouts were distributed for the 1st Annual Community Sustainability Summit.*

D. Staff Report/BSK Update

Ms. Esparza explained that staff has been discussing some changes for the Youth Link program. The goal is to include more students throughout Bellevue. Some ideas include: rotate Board meetings to various high schools, reduce one of the adult Board spots, and continue historical events to name a few. Boardmember Bomberger suggested that a Board liaison be identified for each high school throughout BSD. Boardmembers would like to discuss this concept in greater detail at the next Board meeting.

E. Eastside Pathways Update

No report.

## **6. TEAM BUILDING**

No activity.

## **7. UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Friends of Youth Grant Report**

Ms. Stephens reminded Boardmembers that the Board contracted with Friends of Youth on September 12, 2018 to expand outreach and referral services and information to homeless youth within the Bellevue area. Friends of Youth was sited at the Crossroads Community Center on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month beginning September 12, 2018 with an end date no later than March 13, 2019. Ms. Stephens added that the contract allowed for one-time funding with the following division of funds: \$13,000 to provide outreach and referral services and no more than \$12,000 allocated for expenditures of equipment and supplies for the Friends of Youth Homeless Youth Shelter.

Friends of Youth successfully completed the project during a six-month period and provided the following highlights:

- Contacted 35 young people in Bellevue in 75 outreach trips to Bellevue locations, and disbursed 362 flyers.
- Purchase \$12,000 in equipment and supplies for the youth shelter located in Redmond and serving Bellevue youth.

Friends of Youth representatives discussed some of the suggestions going forward and challenges encountered during the project.

Boardmembers asked if Friends of Youth will continue the project. Ms. Wood responded that it is challenging to conduct multiple mobile drop-ins in Bellevue so additional funding would be needed to continue the project.

Boardmembers expressed their appreciation to Friends of Youth for helping make a small movement to serve the youth homeless population.

## **8. ACTION ITEMS**

### **A. One-page Update on YL Board Accomplishments**

*No report.*

**9. STUDY SESSION ITEMS:**

**A. McKinney Vento Liaison Report**

Ms. Godinez, McKinney-Vento and Foster Care Coordinator for the Bellevue School District, provided an overview of the McKinney-Vento Act and the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). The BSD currently services: 231 homeless students and 24 foster care students. Approximately 46 of these students are unaccompanied homeless youth (not living with parent or legal guardian).

Ms. Godinez explained that the number of homeless youth has almost doubled in the past 10 years in Washington State. In 2007, there were 57 identified homeless youth; last school year there were 296. She added that the statistical trends show that the number of homeless students will continue to grow each year. Ms. Godinez reviewed other statistical factors of BSD homeless and foster students.

Ms. Martinez-Vasquez noted that there is a lack of prevention services for families in financial distress.

**Motion by Boardmember Jain and second by Boardmember Liu to extend the meeting until 8:10 p.m. Motion carried unanimously (9-0).**

**4. ADJOURNMENT:**

Boardmembers discussed whether or not a Youth Link Board representative should attend the Human Service Commission meetings. Boardmembers would like to evaluate the Human Service Commission meeting schedule and complete the task that was assigned to them by the Commission before a decision is made.

**Motion by Boardmember Liu and second by Boardmember Jordan to extend the meeting until 8:15 p.m. Motion carried unanimously (9-0).**

Boardmembers expressed potential conflicts with the April Board meeting. Ms. Martinez-Vasquez will survey the Board to determine an alternate meeting date. She will also forward a sign-up sheet to Boardmembers for the team building activities.

**Motion by Boardmember Liu and second by Boardmember Jordan to extend the meeting until 8:20 p.m. Motion carried unanimously (9-0).**

**Motion by Boardmember Liu and second by Boardmember Jain to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 p.m. Motion carried unanimously (8-0).**