

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

May 8, 2019
6:00-8:00 p.m.

City Hall
Room 1E-120
Bellevue, WA

BOARDMEMBERS PRESENT: Co-Chairs Joydeep Hazra and Phillip Wang, Boardmembers, Amanda Li, Yan Li, Jessie Liu, Emily Mather¹, Darrell Tsukiji

BOARDMEMBERS ABSENT: Boardmembers Ton Bodin², Michelle Bomberger³, Ananaya Jain, Katherine Jordan⁴

STAFF PRESENT: Toni Esparza, Cecilia Martinez-Vasquez, Gwen Rousseau

OTHERS PRESENT: Ethan Lee (BYC), Francine Wiest (BSB)

MINUTES TAKER: Michelle Cash

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Co-Chair Wang at 6:07 p.m. A quorum was present.

Timekeeper: Jessie Liu

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Approval of the meeting minutes was postponed.

¹ Departed at 7:30 p.m.

² Excused absence.

³ Excused absence.

⁴ Excused absence.

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

5. REPORTS:

A. Council Liaison Update

No report.

B. Bellevue School Board Liaison Update

Ms. Wiest provided the following report on Bellevue School Board activities:

- The BSB recently discussed their equity policy. Youth Link Boardmembers are encouraged to provide feedback on this policy.
- The BSD and PTSA are conducting education sessions on the increase in vaping in schools.

Ms. Wiest noted that each month the BSB visits a school. Last month, the Board visited Bellevue High School. This month, the Board will visit Phantom Lake Elementary School. The concept of “office hours” is being discussed where the BSB would be available for students to ask questions/provide comments. Boardmembers discussed the best day/time for these meetings. They also suggested that a prompt question be provided to create dialogue. Ms. Esparza also suggested that the BSB reach out to students participating in summer school.

C. Youth Council Report

On behalf of the Bellevue Youth Council, Mr. Lee provided the following report:

- A BYC meeting was held on May 1, 2019 to discuss the following:
 - 29th Community Leadership Awards event on May 29, 2019.
 - Unity Through Diversity event on June 6, 2019.
 - Sustainability Summit with Youth Climate Team and Sustainability Ambassadors on June 7, 2019.
- Christy Stangland, Human Services Department, collected input from youth regarding needs in the community.
- The next BYC meet will be held on May 22, 2019 with the last meeting for the school year on June 5, 2019 and last YL University class on June 10, 2019.

D. Staff Report/BSK Update

No report.

E. Eastside Pathways Update

Boardmembers Liu and Amanda Li and will be attending next week's Eastside Pathways meeting and will provide a report at the next Board meeting.

6. TEAM BUILDING:

A team building activity was conducted.

7. STUDY SESSION ITEMS:

A. The Changing Faces of Bellevue

Gwen Rousseau, Associate Planner/Demographer, discussed the latest information on Bellevue's demographics from the U.S. Census Bureau's 2017 American Community Survey. The Census assists with strategic planning, as well as determines political representation and distribution of funding for various resources.

Ms. Rousseau reviewed the guiding principles of the Bellevue Diversity Advantage Plan and discussed some of the drivers for the demographic changes. The changes in Bellevue from the 1950s to today were also discussed, including housing, demographics, school district information, etc. Some of the other topics discussed included:

- Cultural diversity
- Place of birth trends
- Age by race/ethnicity
- Top languages spoken
- Summary of trends

8. UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS:

A. Liaison Discussion

Ms. Esparza explained that the BSB and Council liaisons would like to know what would be most helpful in their reports. Overall, the Board expressed interest in policies, particularly if they impact youth; how YL can specifically get involved; and provide any questions in advance to allow for productive input.

B. Proposed Program Changes

Ms. Esparza discussed some of the proposed program changes for the Youth Link Board, Youth Council, and Youth Link University. She noted that changes to the program would require changes to the bylaws. A draft of the proposed bylaws was distributed to Boardmembers.

Boardmembers requested that additional clarification be made to the “Selection” section of the bylaws as well as the number of meetings each month.

Motion by Boardmember Liu and second by Boardmember Amanda Li to approve the bylaws as presented with the clarification noted above. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

After a brief discussion, Boardmembers realized that approval of any changes to the bylaws requires a two-thirds majority. Due to a lack of two-thirds majority, a separate vote will be cast to approve the changes to the bylaws.

9. ACTION ITEMS:

A. One-page Update on YL Board Accomplishments

Postponed.

4. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Boardmember Liu and second by Boardmember Amanda Li to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 p.m. Motion carried unanimously (6-0).