

BELLEVUE NETWORK ON AGING
MINUTES

October 6, 2022, North Bellevue Community Center via Virtual – Zoom.

8:30am – 10:30am

MEMBERS PRESENT: Abigail Brown, Anne Rittenhouse, Beverly Heyden, Desiree Leigh, Diana Thompson, Gazel Tan, Hannah Kimball, Kira Hackett, Mary Fredeen, Paul Bradley, Phyllis Smilen.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Barbara Carey, Catherine Wong, Julie Hart

STAFF PRESENT: Dan Lassiter, Bellevue Parks & Community Services
Christy Stangland, Bellevue Parks & Community Services

GUESTS:

PRESENTER(S): Gwen Rousseau, City of Bellevue Community Development
Justin Panganiban, City of Bellevue Community Development
Paul Clark, Vice Chair, City of Bellevue Parks Board
Bianca Popescu, City of Bellevue Senior Transportation Planner

RECORDING SECRETARY: Betty Lee, Bellevue Parks & Community Services

WELCOME AND ROLL CALL: The meeting was called to order by Abigail Brown and the roll call taken.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: September minute approval postponed to the next meeting.

PRESENTATION: *Justin Panganiban, Gwen Rousseau, City of Bellevue Community Development.*

Wilburton Vision Implementation

In April of 2022, the Bellevue City Council directed staff to implement the vision for the west edge of the Wilburton neighborhood area. The vision was developed by a Citizen Advisory

Committee (CAC) in 2018. Council directed staff to update the vision to consider citywide growth targets, housing, sustainability, and multimodal transportation. This initiative will amend the city's policies and codes to facilitate changes that can help best achieve this vision. The city is proactively planning for growth and change over the next twenty years. The Wilburton study area will play an important role in supporting future housing, jobs, and amenities for Bellevue's diverse communities.

❖ Study Area

- Approximately 300 acres east of I-405
- Part of the Wilburton Neighborhood Area.
- Approximately 250 units of multifamily housing.
- Medical, office, big-box and local retail, auto dealerships.

❖ Objectives

- Adopt Comprehensive Plan Amendments (CPA) to support the vision for the Wilburton study area.
- Adopt Land Use Code Amendment (LUCA) to establish development standards and design guidelines to implement the vision, goals, and policies in the Wilburton CPA
- Adopt legislative rezone for parcels in the Wilburton study area.

❖ Importance of the Wilburton Effort

- Opportunity to be one of the most successful, transit oriented, livable, sustainable and equitable communities in the region.
- Incorporate the Wilburton Eastrail Framework Plan in both the CPA and LUCA.
- Rapid changes are occurring in the city, including unprecedented office growth.
- Wilburton is essential for expanded housing capacity and choice.
- Fully coordinated planning will ensure responsiveness to emerging needs.
- Aggressive schedule to complete CPA/LUCA for Wilburton.

❖ Developing the Vision

- 15-member Council-appointed Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) including members of: board and commissions, business associations, institutions, and Bellevue residents.
- Convened in 2017 and met for over 1 year.
- Examined the study area in depth and developed a preferred land use and transportation vision.
- Per Council direction the CAC vision will be used as the baseline for implementing the vision through the CPA and LUCA processes.

❖ Vision Statement

- The Wilburton study area is “Bellevue’s next urban mixed-use community that enhances livability, promotes healthy living, supports economic vitality, and serves the needs of a diverse and growing population.

- As Bellevue’s cultural and innovative hub, it serves as a regional and international destination that connects people and fosters community by leveraging its existing assets to define a distinctive sense of place and character.”
- Committee Letter to the Mayor

❖ Vision Elements

- Preferred Urban Design Framework
 - Highrise buildings near Downtown and along the Grand Connection.
 - Midrise buildings along the Eastrail Corridor
 - Low-rise buildings toward the east
- Design Principles
 - Transportation, streets, streetscapes
 - Parks, open space, and natural settings
 - Buildings
- Elements
 - Transportation
 - Public Realm
 - Sustainable Development Framework
 - Affordable Housing
 - Character and Development Standards
- Recommended Implementation Strategies

❖ Network of Activated Streets

- Smaller blocks and mid-block connections
- 116th Ave NE as a grand boulevard with sidewalks and bike lanes
- Pedestrian and cyclist connections
- Streets incorporating seating, plantings, lighting, and art
- Activated alleys as public spaces

❖ Publicly Accessible Parks, Plazas, and Open Spaces

- Recognize the Eastrail Corridor as a defining feature and activate with restaurants, shops, and services facing the trail.
- Promote a signature park or plaza around the Grand Connection.
- Incentivize small pocket parks and plazas throughout the area.
- Integrate art that focuses on history, diversity, and culture.

❖ Diverse and Affordable Housing

- Incentivize a wide range of affordable housing
- Incentivize multi-family for families to increase diversity of housing sizes and typologies
- Incentivize space for supportive services and neighborhood amenities serving diverse communities

- Build upon city assets and foster partnerships
 - ✓ Question – How much tree canopy will be removed with this development? Answer – Although it has areas with dense canopies of tree, a lot of it is already developed and has a lot of parking lots so hoping this plan actually increases in urban tree canopy as it redevelops. However, improving the natural function is the last piece of the vision that will be discussed.
- ❖ Economic and Cultural Vitality
- Encourage a diversity of small locally owned businesses and continue to serve regional retail.
 - Enhance multicultural amenities and services.
 - Promote activities throughout the day and evening.
 - Provide opportunities for creative arts and small-scale manufacturing, etc.
- ❖ Natural Environment and Sustainability
- Improve functions of natural systems.
 - Recognize Lake Bellevue, Sturtevant Creek, and wetland as public amenities.
 - Expand urban tree canopy.
 - Incorporate natural drainage into streetscapes development (bioswales, rain gardens, etc.)
- ❖ Scope and Timeline can be viewed online: [22-360 - B. Project Timeline – Wilburton CPA - LUCA \(legistar.com\)](https://legistar.com/View/00000000-0000-0000-0000-000000000000/22-360-B-Project-Timeline-Wilburton-CPA-LUCA)
- ❖ Community Engagement
- Engaging Bellevue
 - Questionnaire
 - Interactive map
 - Project documents
 - Project vision brochure
 - Other Activities
 - Walking tours and tabling events
 - Small business walks
 - Meeting with property owners
 - Meetings with other boards and commissions
- ❖ Next Steps
- Community Re-engagement
 - Project briefings with Commissions and Boards.
 - Update and expand stakeholder and interested party lists.
 - Outreach to interested parties on project launch.

- Identify equity outcomes to be considered in policy development.
- Affirm the Wilburton Vision and align with citywide goals and growth target.
- ❖ EIS Scoping
 - Comment on elements that might be affected by proposed growth alternatives.
 - Comments may lead to revisions to the growth alternatives & analysis.
- ❖ BNOA members discussed various concerns such as tree canopy, Wilburton perimeter, parking and mobility issues, accessibility, safety, traffic, housing, etc. Presenters strongly encouraged members to participate in submitting comments during the scoping period by going to:
 - Online portal: [ESA Comment Tracker \(esassoc.com\)](https://esassoc.com)
 - Mail to: City of Bellevue Development Services Dept. Attn: Reilly Pittman
450 110th Avenue NE Bellevue, WA 98004By
 - Email to: CompPlan2044EIS@bellevuewa.gov
 - In person by attending the meeting at 6:00 PM - October 18, 2022, Bellevue City Hall, 1E-126 Council Chambers / 1E-108
 - Virtual meeting on Oct 18th [registering here](#)
- ✓ Scoping will last from September 29 - October 31 and during that time members of the public are invited to submit comments. There will also be two public meetings where people can learn more about the land use alternatives and submit comments.

For more information; reports, project timeline and documents, please visit: [Wilburton Vision Implementation | City of Bellevue \(bellevuewa.gov\)](#) or email Wilburtonvisions@bellevuewa.gov

PRESENTATION #2 Bianca Popescu, City of Bellevue Senior Transportation Planner

Vision Zero and Road Safety Assessment

Bellevue's Vision Zero initiative aims to eliminate traffic deaths and serious-injury collisions on city streets by 2030. The Vision Zero Strategic Plan outlines how the city will achieve that goal. In 2020, the council approved the Vision Zero Strategic Plan and funding for Vision Zero and developed annual action plans with items to be conducted during the year to work towards making Bellevue streets safer.

- ❖ Action item: Road Safety Assessment
 - Road Safety Assessment (RSA) funded through a grant are identifying safety improvements for people walking and biking along the high injury network street specifically in close proximity to schools. [Road Safety Assessments near Schools | City of Bellevue \(bellevuewa.gov\)](#)
 - [High Injury Network Map.pdf \(bellevuewa.gov\)](#) 83% of all fatal and serious injury collisions in Bellevue occur on 8% of the City's total street network (as measured by length)
 - As part of the RSA process, community is invited to participate in "Walking Audits" and share experiences and concerns about walking and biking in that area. Walking

Audits will be on Sat. November 5th and November 19th 12:00PM-2:00PM. More information on the website: [Road Safety Assessments near Schools | City of Bellevue \(bellevuewa.gov\)](https://www.bellevuewa.gov/road-safety-assessments-near-schools)

- For those who can't attend, fill out the questionnaire on Engaging Bellevue: [Pedestrian Signals Questionnaire | Engaging Bellevue](https://www.bellevuewa.gov/pedestrian-signals-questionnaire)
- Contact the City of Bellevue Transportation Department 425-452-6800 | trreception@bellevuewa.gov

HUMAN SERVICES UPDATE: Christy Stangland, City of Bellevue Human Services Dept.

- ❖ RFP released for Housing Stability Funding for 1.6 million dollars. It covers both behavioral health and support services that is co-located with housing. Currently in the process of reviewing applications, going out to agencies, and asking for clarification and corrections in budgets. The Human Services Commission will be reviewing the applications and coming up with funding recommendations at the October 18th meeting.
- ❖ Will be going to council to present Human Services funding recommendations for general funds, as well as CDBG funding recommendations and the housing stability recommendations on Oct 24th.
- ❖ Still in process of hiring a new position that will cover the housing stability 1590 funding.
- ❖ Human Services will be receiving additional ARPA funding. First portion of funding will be focusing on rental assistance.
- ❖ 2 positions open on the Human Services commission, currently there is no voice of an older adult so please reach out to Christy if you or someone you know in the community would be interested in participating in the Commission. Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesday 6:00PM – 8:00PM.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: *Members were asked to read the following committee reports before the meeting for discussion:*

ADVOCACY COMMITTEE REPORTS: *Committee report.*

1. Diana asked Kathy re meeting with Cantwell, also talked about Patty Murray and meeting with. Should we try to meet or just send material? Try again after election?
2. Diana-keep social security solvent, many bills are in the House. However, not much interest in Senate.
3. Opposition to ([accountable care organization](https://www.acoreach.org/))ACO Reach had a full-page article in Seattle Times recently.
4. Diana researched Center for Medicare advocacy position on ACO reach. They are not taking a position.
5. Diana- ACO REACH is not on our federal agenda, except BNOA reach is supposed to inform persons about it. Articles on ACO Reach. recently sent to advocacy committee members. Biden supports ACO out-reach.

Privatization and abuse of federal dollars and rejection of claims, is feared by opponents of ACO REACH will they do what they claimed? An article in 2021 estimated as much as 40% could be

held back from Medicare beneficiaries and used by private entities. CMS supervises the program.

- ❖ WA State Senior Citizen's Lobby has the yearly conference on October 20th, \$30 to attend. Please attend even if you're not on or interested in being on the Advocacy Committee.
- ❖ Diana went to Renton open house and many social agencies were in attendance. There was a company called Enabled Dental which provides at-home dental services for unique populations in the comfort of the patient's home, senior home, assisted living facility, or community center.
- ❖ Had a great speaker from AARP in September, who spoke about older adult employment.
- ❖ Diana encouraging speakers for BNOA regarding legal services, aging disability services, and adult protective services. Dan noted for next year as speakers are currently filled through February 2023.
- ❖ Committee members are meeting with Senator Murray's office on Friday.
- ❖ Senior Day in Olympia coming up, encouraging everyone to join. Last day to register is October 12th, it will be held virtually.
- ❖ Outreach committee needs more definitive information regarding ([accountable care organization](#)) ACO REACH. All agree that more information is needed on ACO REACH, Goes in to effect on January of 2023. If your md has joined in a ACO REACH organization then you make the choice to stay with your doctor or not.

OUTREACH & EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORTS: *Committee Report.*

- Presentation of updated BNOA PowerPoint presentation at Parks Commission meeting was a HIT, as in "knocked out of the ballpark".
- Abigail and a small group of "reviewers" updated the presentation, she and Dan appeared and presented. The Commission was engaged, City Council liaison John Stokes was in attendance. Questions and solid interaction/interest occurred, the interest and enthusiasm give BNOA a platform for continued upward outreach.
- September 30 is the deadline for comments on the H&T "position paper" before getting BNOA approval on October 6 and then sending it up the Parks management chain for review, approval, and distribution.
- Volunteer schedule for the October 6th Bellevue Farmers Market was confirmed. Short discussion about BNOA banner (standing vs. on-table vs. hanging-at-back) usage. Dan will obtain schedule of future Parks events in hopes of expanding our outreach activities. Hannah contacted R. Liming, Marketing Manager of Crossroads Mall, and CFM focal, to find out about tabling opportunities at the markets. There's a volunteer table outside Crossroads Mini-City Hall, HK will inquire about availability.

HOUSING AND TRANSPORTATION REPORTS: *Committee Report.*

- Quick review of Dan/Abigail appearance at Parks Commission meeting, audience reaction and feedback indicated a "homerun"! Commission members "heard" our message,

councilmember John Stokes very engaged and interested, sounds like additional dialogue will be welcomed.

- June and Karen attended the Eastside Easy Rider Coalition (EERC) meeting and listened to the update on senior-focused Hyde Shuttle proposal. June also reviewed the Elder Alliance 2-day seminar contents. Phyllis discussed the Complete Streets project.
- The H&T "position paper" was reviewed -- Diana added comments along with a paragraph on livability. The latest iteration will be sent to the BNOA membership for final review, approval will be requested on October 6 BNOA meeting. Once approved, Dan will move it up the management chain for additional approvals.

NEW BUSINESS:

- ❖ Discuss/call for approval of BNOA older adult letter of support.
 - ✓ BNOA feels it is urgent that the City of Bellevue considers the needs of the Older Adult community and addresses the gap and needs of older adults in Bellevue. It is a great time to highlight this issue into the comprehensive planning process. The original objective was to address Housing and Transportation issues, but our ask of the City has become broader in scope, to include all services for older adults. Members discussed the revision, motion moved to approve the position letter with the revisions. Voted, and passed. Dan Lassiter will take the final position letter to Shelley Brittingham for review.
- ❖ BNOA historical member listing permission request.
 - ✓ IT department needs permission from every member to have their names on the City of Bellevue BNOA website published. Motion moved to allow all BNOA member names published on the BNOA website, voted, and passed.
- ❖ Recruitment status.
 - ✓ 4 people have applied, 5 positions are open. Members agree to extend the application closing date one month until October 28th. Please spread the word and pass out flyers.
- ❖ Staff Report
 - ✓ North Bellevue Community Center lecture series – Dan will send out program and event flyers funded by King County Veterans, Seniors, and Human Services Levy Grant. Goal is to get more people to come into the North Bellevue Community Center and other community centers as a hub and stay active.
 - ✓ Hyde Shuttle – contract has been signed by Sound Generations to allow up to 4 vehicles to be parked at the North Bellevue Community Center. Pilot program will begin in a week with 1 shuttle. Dan will send out the 6 months operations plan.
- ❖ Paul Clark, as a private citizen, encourages members to review a levy coming up on the November ballot that impacts tree canopies.

Meeting adjourned at 10:40am