

City of Bellevue

Bellevue Diversity Advisory Network

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 26, 2021	Virtual Meeting
6:00p.m.	Zoom

Membership:

Adnan Siddiqui	Chris Lovings	Lisa Weber	Phil Peterson
Alaric Bien	Diane Li	Margie Ye	Santiago Naranjo
Angela de la Hoz	Haruka Kojima	Marta Trilles	Seema Bahl
Anthony Austin	Jennifer Karls	Mohamed Bakr	Sterling Brown
Becca Cole	Karia Wong	Nahyeli Mendivil	Timea Soos

City Staff: Yuriana Garcia Tellez, Diversity Outreach and Engagement Administrator; Emily Chang, Diversity Outreach and Engagement Intern.

Special Guests: Carol Ross, Community Relations in the City of Bellevue

Recording secretary: Phil Peterson

I. Call to Order:

- A. Roll call of members: *Haruka called to order at 6:02p. Roll call was initiated at 6:05p.*
- B. Adoption of the Agenda: *Jennifer moved, Karia seconded, unanimously approved.*
- C. Adoption of the Minutes: *Anthony moved, Lisa seconded, unanimously approved.*

II. Public Comment: None.

III. Courageous Conversation Ice Breaker by Yuriana.

BDAN members shared how they are proud of their racial or ethnic identity and how their racial or ethnic identity impacts their life. The purpose of this activity was to build greater community as a network.

IV. Cultural Conversations by Carol Ross

Carol serves in the Neighborhood Outreach Team for the City of Bellevue. Their focus is on connecting the community together and with the resources of the city. She shared about the program, "Cultural Conversations," which is scheduled on February 16 for women in our community. The wider community conversation for both men and women is scheduled for the 24th of March. The focus of this program is to transform relationships and perspectives among women in our community through education and storytelling. BDAN members watched a video clip, and asked Carol questions. Carol is looking for a male storyteller for the March 24th event.

Search for "Cultural Conversations," on the City of Bellevue website at www.bellevuewa.gov and sign-up or email Carol at cross@bellevuewa.gov.

V. City Updates by Yuriana Garcia

Yuriana debriefed BDAN members on both the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Summit, as well as on the Martin Luther King Celebration. The DEI Summit on January 8 reported and discussed the progress made for diversity in the City of Bellevue. There were five breakout sessions, informational videos, and a progress update for the Diversity Advantage Initiative. The MLK Celebration on January 18 provided a meditation exercise and diverse presenters and performers.

The Bellevue Center's Community of Color Initiative was granted \$150,000 from the City of Bellevue. This initiative was based on some of the feedback from the Community Listening Sessions from OIR. The goal is to empower our community to achieve greater equity in the city in the next three years through racial conversations, training, and recommendations for City Council. The Coordinating Team is a 11-person paid City Manager appointed group. BDAN will be involved and updated through the duration of this initiative.

The February BDAN meeting will be a "meet and greet" time with the leadership team in the city.

VI. New Chair Nomination by Yuriana Garcia

Yuriana requested that BDAN members nominate someone from BDAN to run for this open position. Email Yuriana directly by January 30th, 2021. A motion was moved by Lisa to have the vote in the next meeting, Anthony seconded, and the BDAN members unanimously approved.

VII. Committee Breakout and Reports by Haruka Kojima

Jennifer and Chris reported that their committees will meet at their scheduled time and are moving forward. Phil reported that he will email the Emerging Needs Committee.

VIII. Announcements / Future Agendas by Haruka Kojima

No announcements.

IX. Closing of Session by Yuriana Garcia

- A. Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 23, 2021
- B. Motion to Adjourn