

**Bellevue Civic Association Fall Meeting**  
November 20, 2018 – Holton Elementary School

*The meeting began at approximately 6:30 pm.*

- I. President, Kim Bolton, called the meeting to order and informed the membership that the meeting would be streamlined to accommodate the school's request to vacate the building by 7:30 PM. Speakers would be limited to 5 minutes.
- II. The minutes of our September 18, 2018 meeting were approved. Approximately 35 people, including 28 members, were in attendance.
- III. Matt Howells, Treasurer, reported our banking account \$15,797.16. A financial overview of 2018 expenditures and 2019 expected expenditures will be included in the first newsletter of 2019.
- IV. New Business:
  - a. Voting on By-laws
    - i. Notice of Revision: A recommendation to revise the By-laws was discussed at the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> membership meetings of 2018. The revised By-laws were published in the Jul/Aug/Sep issue of the Bellevue Times which was distributed in early August and included a notice of the upcoming vote at the November 20th( 4th quarter) meeting. Additionally, the revised By-laws and current By-laws were published on the BCA website.
    - ii. Procedure: Members checked in with the Treasurer to confirm current member status and were given a ballot. The ballot called for a simple up or down vote: [Approval of the revised Bellevue Civic Association By-laws. Yes or No.](#)
    - iii. Motion to Delay Vote: Leah Blachman proposed that the vote be tabled until the next membership meeting because the board did not allowed time for a discussion of the revision during the meeting. The board felt that ample notification and publication of the revision had been given and wished to proceed as planned with the vote. Leah made a motion to table the vote until the February 2019 membership meeting. Kat Stoneman seconded the motion. A vote on the motion to delay the By-Laws vote was taken. Results were as follows: 11 members voted to delay the vote until February 2019 and 15 members voted to hold the vote as planned. 4 members abstained from voting on the motion. With a majority in favor of proceeding with the By-laws vote, the membership voted.
    - iv. Outcome: Ballots were counted by Bob Almond and Margaret Hutchison at the end of the meeting while members were present. Results were as follows: 25 Yes votes; 2 No votes; and 1 abstain. The revision to the By-laws was approved by the membership.
  - b. Nomination and vote for President and Vice President Board positions. Bob Almond, head of the Nominating Committee presented the slate of new officers.
    - i. David Lydiard, current Vice President, to serve as President in 2019.
    - ii. Zach Saul to serve as Vice President in 2019.
    - iii. Bob noted that Matt Howell, Treasurer, and Margaret Hutchison, Secretary, would continue on for another year in these positions.
    - iv. Bob called for nominations from the floor. No nominations were put forward by the members present.
    - v. Bob Almond called for election of the slate of officers by affirmation.

- vi. The membership approved David Lydiard as President and Zach Saul as Vice President for the one year terms, which will begin in January 2019. Matt Howells and Margaret Hutchison will serve their second one year terms in 2019.

V. Committee Updates

- a. Membership Update: Jo Murphy reported for Joyce Foster. Membership is currently at 250 members.
- b. Volunteers Needed: Kim Bolton thanked outgoing committee chairs for their service and urged members to consider filling these open positions:
  - Volunteer Coordinator – Open
  - Hospitality Coordinator – Kat Stoneman is stepping down at the end of 2018.
  - Beautify Bellevue – Jess Aber is stepping down at the end of 2018.
  - Newsletter Distribution Coordinator – Kim Bolton will continue in the roll of coordinator but needs volunteers to deliver the newsletter for two streets.

VI. Speakers:

- a. Lt. Robert Flemings, Richmond Police Department – Neighborhood Crime Report. Lt. Roberts reported on a B&E on Crestwood (stolen TV); three car break-ins (stolen laptop & charger); and two stolen cars (with keys inside) and a UPS package stolen from a porch. Members were urged to always lock cars and leave valuables out of sight. While schools are out for the holidays, curfew begins at 11PM for anyone under the age of 18. If you see kids out on the street past 11PM you should report it. Lt. Fleming also urged the membership to read his newsletter on NextDoor.
- b. Chris Hilbert, City Councilman – Mr. Hilbert reported City Council has requested details on the Navy Hill project being proposed to rebuild the Richmond Coliseum, add hotels, and create a special tax zone in portions of the downtown area. The Council will carefully review the proposal. Approval will require a Yes vote from seven members (a Super Majority). On a second topic, one member asked about the status of the Brook Road bike lanes. Mr. Hilbert reported that another study of traffic impacts has been requested which will include the 301 apartments currently under construction on Brook Road and an additional 224 units that will soon be built on Brook Road near the Post Office. A second member asked if construction on the bike lanes did not start in December, would we lose Federal Funding. Mr. Hilbert was not able to address this question.
- c. Max Hemp-Buchanan & Rodney Full, Richmond 300 Planning Commission – Mr. Full reported that the Richmond 300 Plan is a look at where planners and citizens envision the city to be in 2037 which is the 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of Richmond City. In June of 2020 the City Council will vote on a new Master Plan which is called the Richmond 300. Detail information on the Richmond 300 process and opportunities for the community to provide input can be found on this website: [Richmond300.com](http://Richmond300.com). The Insights Report, found under the Resource tab, provides an excellent good overview of the process. BCA member were urged to attend meetings and server as ambassadors.
- d. Theresa Johnson, Director of Northside YMCA – Reported that the YMCA facility will complete a \$5 Million construction renovation in mid-December. Programs have been expanded across all age groups. She encouraged the membership to drop in a see the enhancements to the facility. Bill Leipsis briefed the BCA on a new Active Adult program that

will begin in January. The program has a dual purpose. It aims to help seniors age strong and stay connected in the community.

- e. Bobby Vincent, Director of Public Works – Mr. Vincent acknowledged awareness that many homeowners are experiencing drainage issues in Bellevue. Members were asked to report any drainage issues (drainage backups and clogged drains) to directly to him at [Bobby.Vincent@richmondgov.com](mailto:Bobby.Vincent@richmondgov.com). Mr. Vincent will schedule a team to conduct a dye test to determine the source of the drainage problem which could be incorrectly connected sump pumps. Mr. Vincent also reported that paving of Bellevue streets will begin the week of November 26<sup>th</sup>. A method of melting the asphalt and then applying asphalt slurry over the roadway will be used for most streets.
- f. Bill Thomas – Introduced himself as the developer of the Old Bellevue Theatre that is located on MacArthur Avenue. Mark Wagoner for the Department of Historic Resources (DHR) provided handouts of tax credits that can be obtained when properties qualify for Virginia's Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit program. Due to time constraints of the meeting, Mr. Wagoner would like to address the BCA in more depth on this subject next year.

VII. Membership Drawing:

- a. We closed out the meeting with a random drawing of member names for a gift certificate to a Bellevue restaurant. Bill Thomas, one of our newest members won the drawing.

*The meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.*

*Our next meeting is scheduled for February 19th, 2019. Our meeting location is expected to change in 2019 to the Ginter Park Library. This has not been finalized, so look for notification in the next Bellevue Times issue, and on our website in January.*

*Respectfully submitted by,  
Margaret Hutchison, Secretary*