

**Bellevue Civic Association Fall Meeting**  
August 16, 2022 — Quarterly Meeting

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

- I. President Jerry DeVoss called the meeting to order. Approximately 56 people were in attendance.
- II. **Minutes** - The minutes of the February 2022 and May 2022 BCA meeting were approved.
- III. **Treasurer's Report** - Current balance of \$13,727 in checking, \$9,481 in the mural fund.
- IV. **Sheriff and Police Report** - Lt. Fleming reported that the top crime continues to be car break-ins, most often unlocked cars. Sheriff Irving shared that the City can assist with providing firearm owners with locks to increase gun safety and anyone interested can contact the Sheriff or ask Jerry DeVoss for contact information. The sheriff also share information about a project called Are You Okay that is available to provide extra attention to seniors who may need to be checked in on.
- V. **Ranked Choice Voting** - Tim Pfohl introduced the topic of ranked choice voting. Sven Philipsen, liaison to council member Katherine Jordan, detailed an ordinance Ms. Jordan is cosponsoring to introduce ranked choice voting in city council elections beginning in 2024. With ranked choice, voters rank candidates in order of preference. City Council can choose to authorize the ordinance and evaluate if it would continue.
- VI. **Halloween** - Leslie Sale will be leading the BCA's Annual Halloween Party for 2022.
- VII. **Bellevue Mural Project** - Elaine Summerfield announced that the wall selected for the mural on Brooke and Bellevue will be undergoing repairs within the next few weeks and the artist, Ed Trask, will begin painting the mural the first week of October. The project is still collecting funds to cover costs.
- VIII. **Board Election Updates** - Jo Murphy shared that the nominating committee has chosen their slate. They are proposing Tim Pfohl for President, Debbie Rowe for Vice President, and Mimi Cox for Secretary. Bob Almond nominated Paul Wilson for Treasurer to be added to the slate. Bob Almond and Margaret Hutchinson volunteered to audit the books in preparation for the incoming Board.
- IX. **Committee Updates**
  - A. Newsletter Delivery - Two volunteers are needed to deliver the newsletter 4 times per year. The average route is around 60 houses. Anyone interested can reach out to Barry Long or the volunteer bank coordinated by Joyce Foster.
  - B. Beautify Bellevue- David Lydiard provided updates on the Adopt-A-Tree initiative. At a future meeting, David will be proposing the membership vote on a budget towards purchasing more trees. The next Meet & Mulch event is tentatively scheduled for April 16. Volunteers should email David at [beautifybellevue@bellevueweb.org](mailto:beautifybellevue@bellevueweb.org).
  - C. Traffic Calming - Monticello and Laburnum will be getting a new pedestrian crossing with a hybrid beacon traffic light in early spring 2023. The project to widen Laburnum by 12 inches on each side will not begin for a few more years. The school zone around Holton will be extended to slow down traffic up to both MacArthur and Claremont. Any neighbors who have any concerns related to traffic in the neighborhood can contact the committee at [traffic@bellevueweb.org](mailto:traffic@bellevueweb.org). So far, about 20 residents have emailed suggestions regarding parking sign requests, stop sign requests, and to report frequent speeding.
  - D. Outreach and Engagement Committee - The committee is seeking to direct their efforts based on survey results from the 2021 BCA survey. Anyone with specific topic interests can reach out to Elaine or send membership comments to Joyce. Tim Pfohl suggested redistricting as a future topic.
  - E. Membership - Joyce Foster shared that there are currently 372 members. Anyone interested in learning about short-term volunteer opportunities can email Joyce to be added to the volunteer bank. The BCA will be partnering with the Bellevue Merchants Association to put on Christmas

on MacArthur and is seeking volunteers to help with the parade. The Welcome Wagon needs a new volunteer manager and anyone interested can email Joyce at [membership@bellevueweb.org](mailto:membership@bellevueweb.org).

- F. Security Patrol - Volunteers to walk or drive for the Security Patrol are always welcome. Reach out to Jerry if interested.
- X. **Other Business** - Tim Pfohl shared information about the Fall Line Trail, a walking and biking trail that will run from Ashland to Petersburg, running through Bryan Park and along Hermitage at parts. <https://www.falllinetrail.org>, a website run by Sports Backers, provides more information about the project. On Monday, September 19, a public meeting will be held from 6:30 to 8:00pm at Linwood Holton Elementary School.

### **Volunteers Needed**

BCA is always looking for volunteers. Specific volunteer opportunities mentioned during this meeting include:

- Porchella - flyer delivery, Host House packet assembly, road closure signature collections, etc.
- Halloween Party - planning, decorations, costume contest judging, serving beverages
- Newsletter delivery (2 people needed)
- Mulching
- Security Patrol
- Committee chair for Garden Walk

Please reach out to Jerry DeVoss, Joyce Foster, or committee chairs directly for more information!

*The meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.*