

Bellevue Civic Association Fall Meeting
December 3, 2019 – Holton Elementary Library

The meeting began at approximately 6:30 pm.

- I. President, David Lydiard, called the meeting to order. Approximately 44 people were in attendance.
- II. The minutes of our August 27, 2019 meeting were approved.
- III. Zak Saul reported our bank account balance on hand as \$18,810.09.
- IV. Crime Report Update – Lt. Fleming, RPD – Lt. Fleming thanked the neighborhood for good attendance at a recent precinct meeting. Crime statistics for the period of October 1 to November 1 are as follows: (1) assault shooting on Avondale; (1) Breaking & Entering at the Bellevue Cleaners; (4) cars stolen; and (9) incidents of theft from unlocked cars and (1) theft from a car with a window forced down. For the period from November 2 to December 3 there have been (0) assaults; (0) B&Es; (0) stolen cars; and (3) thefts from cars incidents. Lt. Fleming reported that an arrest has been made in the assault shooting and the assailant has been charged with attempted murder and committing a crime with a firearm. The assailant did not know the victim, the assault was random. Lt. Fleming reminded people that the holiday season is bringing a surge in porch package piracy and that we should mail packages to a neighbor if we can't be home on the day a package is due to deliver. The RPD has an officer assigned to visit pawn shops weekly to attempt to recover stolen merchandise.
- V. Committee Updates
 - a. **Membership & Drawing:** Joyce Foster reported that membership for 2019 totaled 295 and showed the newly printed brochure for Bellevue which is now available. Our brochure has been updated with new merchant information and adds the New Community School on the neighborhood map. Joyce encouraged members to come out to Christmas on MacArthur on December 14th. BCA membership will have a tent set up from 10 AM – 3 PM. Volunteers are needed to man the tent for one hour shifts. Interested volunteers should see Joyce at the end of the meeting. Joyce will start planning in January for a 2020 Welcome Wagon group that will monitor and welcome newcomers to Bellevue. An email will be sent next week with details on this group. Lastly, the membership drawing winner for a gift certificate is Lisa Bain. Congratulations Lisa!
 - b. **Garden Walk:** Jill Krohn, co-chair of the Garden Walk Committee, reported that the 2020 walk will be held on Sunday, April 26th. This year will focus on gardens south of Bellevue Avenue. The committee hopes to have all garden sign-ups finalized by mid-January. If you are interested in participating, please contact either Jill Krohn or Jo Murphy. The committee withdrew its request from the August meeting for additional party funds and would like to accept the amount offered by the board in July.
 - c. **Newsletter Editor:** Joe Sanderson / Justin Vaughn. No report.
 - d. **Sandwich Signs:** Paul Quel reported that he has two vacancies to fill.
 - e. **Security Patrol:** Jerry DeVoss requested more volunteers to assist with patrolling. Options are by car, bike, or walking. The commitment of time is 13 times per year or ~1 hour every 4 weeks. Please consider helping keep our community safe.
 - f. **Hospitality Volunteers:** The new hospitality volunteers will start rotations in February 2020. Please see David after the meeting. Joyce Foster will contact these volunteers to determine which quarterly meeting they want to cover.

- g. **Beautify Bellevue Volunteers:** David Lydiard will lead this committee in 2020. Mulch day is coming up in early spring so please consider volunteering and looks for details to be posted on Facebook.
- h. **Newsletter Distribution:** This committee still needs a leader. David Lydiard reported that 3 routes have not yet delivered due to illness and travel.
- i. **Real Estate Update:** David reported that 54 homes have sold in Bellevue YTD with an average selling price of \$385K. 3 homes are on the market now and 4 are pending sale finalization.

VI. New Business

- a. Election of new officers. Our 2020 slate of officers were presented and duly elected with unanimous support from the membership.
 - President - Robert (Bob) Almond
 - Vice President - Rock E. Pride
 - Treasurer - Zak Saul
 - Secretary – Angie Warner.
 - Note: The position of Secretary was not filled during the meeting. Post meeting, Angie Warner came forward and offered to fill the position. The Board accepted her offer and appointed her as Secretary.

VII. Unfinished Business

- a. Bylaw revision. The membership voted unanimously to approve the addition of language to our bylaws, Article VII Committees, to define time parameters for expenditure receipt submissions. 27 members voted by ballot which included the new language. During the discussion of the new paragraph to Article VII, a motion was made, seconded; and approved by the membership to change one word “deny” to “approve/deny”. The revised bylaws as approved by the membership on 12/3/2019 will be posted on our website.
- b. Bellevue & Fauquier Project. A second ballot vote was taken to consider funding the neighborhood patio project at the corner of Bellevue and Fauquier Avenues. 29 members cast ballots with 27 Yes votes and 2 No votes. The project was approved.

VIII. Community Announcements

- a. 15th Annual Christmas on MacArthur is Saturday, December 14th
- b. Light Up the “Hood” rules and categories are listed on our website and Facebook page. Entries must be in by December 16th.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Our next meeting is scheduled for February 18, 2020 at the Holton Elementary School library.

*Respectfully submitted by,
Margaret Hutchison, Secretary*