

**Bellevue Civic Association Fall Meeting**  
November 15, 2022 — Quarterly Meeting

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

- I. President Jerry DeVoss called the meeting to order. Approximately 42 people were in attendance onsite and 15 virtually via Zoom.
- II. **Minutes** - The minutes of the August 2022 BCA meeting were approved.
- III. **Treasurer's Report** - Current balance of \$10,020.36 in checking, \$8813 in the mural fund. Halloween party total expenditure was \$826 and the membership approved the additional expenditure over \$500. The membership approved \$350 for Light Up the Hood prizes.
- IV. **Traffic Report** - Winston Phillips spoke about plans to narrow the median on Laburnum Ave between Brook and Hermitage to provide an 8 ft parking lane and a 10 and 12 ft travel lane. The trees may be removed as the canopy extends beyond the median and the roots will be disturbed during digging. The project is still pending approval from City Council and advertisement for construction.
- V. **Board Election** - Jo Murphy presented the nominees for President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Tim Pfohl, Mimi Cox, and Paul Wilson were elected to the roles of President, Secretary, and Treasurer, respectively. Joyce Foster and Shari Perago were nominated for the role of Vice President and spoke to the membership before voting. Shari Perago was elected to the role of Vice President.
- VI. **Bellevue Merchant's Association's Christmas on MacArthur** - Joe Stankus, President of the Bellevue Merchant's Association, spoke to the BCA about Christmas on MacArthur, taking place from 10-4 on December 10. Toys 4 Tots will still be taking place. The Christmas on MacArthur parade will not take place in 2022 due to insurance costs and concerns about public safety. The event will be shifting to be more child-friendly with more hands-on activities and will therefore need more volunteers than past events. Anyone interested in volunteering can contact Joyce Foster, Membership Chair of the BCA, and she will put them in contact with the Merchant Association.
- VII. **Committee Updates**
  - A. Newsletter Distribution - Barry Long shared that all open regular routes have been filled with new volunteers. Barry thanked and recognized Della Anderson and Linda Decker for their longtime service in delivering newsletters for the neighborhood.
  - B. Sandwich Sign - Paul shared the sign kept on Fauquier and Crestwood is in need of a volunteer- any interested volunteer would be supplied the A-frame and letters.
  - C. Security Patrol - Jerry shared that the Security Patrol is always looking for volunteers to drive, walk, or bike the neighborhood.
  - D. Beautify Bellevue - David Lydiard will share with Urban Forestry that BCA members are interested in partnering with nearby neighborhoods that have fewer trees/a smaller canopy and are identified by the City as in need of reforestation to help advocate, plant, and care for trees.
  - E. Traffic Calming - David Lydiard shared that Laburnum is now an enhanced speed zone. Margaret Pfohl shared that a pedestrian hybrid beacon is scheduled to be installed on the intersection of Laburnum and Monticello. There is a delay on the crosswalks in the neighborhood requested by the committee on behalf of the BCA.
  - F. Outreach and Engagement Committee - The committee is looking for more volunteers to step up as Committee Chair(s). Ben Barbour and Elaine Summerfield can continue to provide support in the meantime.
  - G. Membership - Joyce Foster shared that the membership total for 2022 is 388 and members joining now count towards next year, with a total of 46 so far. Joyce is looking for volunteers interested in chairing two new committees: the Volunteer Bank and/or Welcome Wagon areas of the Membership Committee. New roles: Chair, Special Events, Membership Drive, Publicity, and Roster.
  - H. Garden Walk - Patty Fogg shared that the event will take place May 21, 2023 from 1-5pm. The committee is still recruiting folks who are interested in having their yards on display during next year's event. The committee is looking to engage more children during the event through activities such as rock painting. Anyone with ideas or interest can reach out to Patty at pfogg88459@gmail.com.

- I. Porchella - Bellevue residents are asked to fill out the Bellevue Porchella survey to provide their feedback on the event.

**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.*