

Bellevue Civic Association Winter Meeting
February 21, 2023 — Quarterly Meeting

The meeting began at approximately 6:30 pm.

- I. President Tim Pfohl called the meeting to order. Approximately 34 people were in attendance onsite. The routers were unavailable for use during the meeting so the Zoom option was unfortunately not available.
- II. **Minutes** - The minutes of the November 2022 BCA meeting were approved.
- III. **Honorable Jeff Bourne, Member, Va House of Delegates, 71st District** - The Hon. Jeff Bourne spoke to attendees; he spoke about the state budget, and shared most of the discussion, debate, and differences within versions of the budget this year revolve(d) around a \$900 Million budget surplus. The Hon. Jeff Bourne spoke of two of his policy bills which passed the house and are on the way to the Governor's desk - one bill allowing retired teachers to come back in to school systems to address the teacher shortage where previously was a required break - this was expanded to include admins, bus drivers, cafeteria workers, etc. The other bill was to extend the distance from a school where school zone speed limits can be enforced, with the crossing area extended from 600 to 750 feet.
- IV. **Lt. Robert Fleming** - Lt. Fleming spoke about crime in the 4th precinct, which is mainly the theft of catalytic converters, car break-ins, and some shoplifting at CVS. There have been 10 car break-ins in the last 2 months in Bellevue. Anyone with non-urgent issues to report can direct them to Tim Pfohl, BCA President, and he can compile to share with Lt. Fleming.
- V. **Battery Park Christian Church** - Bob Almond offered to provide tours of Battery Park Christian Church, where BCA meetings have been taking place, to anyone who is interested.
- VI. **Treasurer's Report and Budget Approval** - Paul Wilson shared that the checking account has \$8678.40, savings has \$8999.90, and PayPal has \$3019.40. The Mural Fund has \$9297.29, leaving a balance of \$11,400.41. Tim Pfohl presented the proposed BCA Budget for 2023 and requested adoption of the budget by the membership. The motion passed.
- VII. **Committee Updates**
 - A. Porchella - Brooke Ullman and Rob McAdams shared Porchella will begin only taking place once per year, in the Spring. The next event will be April 22. Fifty bands applied to play the next event and 35 have been accepted and will be organized into "clusters" for ease of migrating around the neighborhood to see music.
 - B. Garden Walk - Patti Fogg shared that the 33rd Annual Garden Walk will take place on May 21 with 17 yards and 10 neighborhood artists participating. This year's event will also have a rock decorating activity to engage neighborhood children, including hiding and finding rocks.
 - C. Traffic Committee - Margaret Pfohl shared that the Traffic Committee met with neighboring civic and residents associations to talk about the scheduled Laburnum project that would reduce the median and widen the parking area on Laburnum. Councilpersons Lambert and Jordan communicated that the plans be tabled. From a survey the committee conducted, most respondents (74%) wanted a directional light at the Laburnum and Hermitage intersection, 69% wanted a turning lane, 84% want high visibility crosswalks for pedestrian safety at that intersection. Next step are to finalize the summary report and share the results with other Civic Associations, with Councilmembers Jordan and Lambert, and with Lt. Fleming. David Lydiard shared that new crosswalks are going up on Bellevue and Fauquier, Newport and Bellevue, and Newport and Stanhope.
 - D. Security Patrol - Jerry DeVoss shared that the Security Patrol is always looking for volunteers to drive, walk, or bike the neighborhood.
 - E. Beautify Bellevue - David Lydiard provided an update on the removal of damaged trees by Urban Forestry. Some trees have been taken down earlier than the required 30 days after notice was posted - if anyone notices this activity, let David Lydiard know.

- F. Mural Update - Joyce Foster shared that fundraising is still ongoing. Donors of \$200 or more will be recognized in the legend on the website.

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

Please reach out to Tim Pfohl, Jami Bricker, Jodi Teitelman, or committee chairs directly for more information!

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.