

**BISCC Board Meeting Minutes**  
**October 13, 2021**  
**Next Board meeting November 10, 2021, BISCC**

Call to Order: President Bill Luria called the meeting to order at 9:03 am

Board Members Present: Colleen Keilbart, Bob Leik, Kimi Kinoshita, David Huether, Eleanor Weinel, Tom Kilbane, Sheila Curwen, Mickey Guthrie (Ex-officio)

Others Present: Reed Price, Mary Gibbs

Absent: Gerry Worley, Jamie Mittet, Ann Lovejoy

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

- **Motion:** Sheila moved to accept the September 2021 board meeting minutes as presented. Tom seconded, Eleanor offered a couple of “typo” corrections and it was unanimously approved with corrections.

The Suquamish Tribe Land Acknowledgement was read by Sheila.

**CITY MANAGER** – Blair King, recently hired Bainbridge Island City Manager, was introduced to the board and board members introduced themselves. Blair gave an overview of what was happening on the City Council. Key points:

- His employment started May 17, 2021 and he is still learning, daily.
- The city received 7 million plus of money from the Recovery Act from the Federal government, distributed by State of Washington. The council is required to commit to spending by 2024 and out of their hands by 2026. They approved 2 million for the Wyatt and Madison low-income housing with HRB; 1.75 million for affordable housing; 2 million for Sustainable Transportation; 1 million for beneficial use of waste water. The remaining for Human Services.
- 2022 is the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of a 2-year budget cycle. After a review of the first half they changed their tax base projection to be 2 million dollars more than originally projected.
- Blair likes the AARP method of evaluating community needs with regards to livability and would be willing to be a partner for senior needs.
- Affordable Housing is not only acquiring land and building new but can be acquiring existing housing to convert to affordable housing. He would like to see that avenue explored.
- The city has hired a water hydrologist to look at ground water management. Septic tanks create nitrates and once ground water is contaminated by nitrates it can't be undone.
- There are approximately 130 city employees.
- They are looking to hire a planned community developer to review the Winslow Master Plan.
- It is his priority that Customer Service at the Planning Department be improved.
- It is important for the council to make a decision soon on a new police/court facility. The current building is in very poor condition.

**BISCC STATUS REPORT – Reed**

September:

- 1,400 people checked in; 55 volunteers; 112 renewals for 2022; 1,588 members.
- 79 people tuned in to Something to Talk o date. last week, the largest number of attendees so far. It was presented with our partnership with the BI Historical Museum hosting Barbara Lawrence from the Suquamish tribe. The Barn will provide one interview a month for Something to Talk About.
- 500 people have watched the recording of City Council Forum.
- The most watched YouTube replay of Something to Talk about in September:
  1. Barbara Lawrence Honoring our ancestral neighbors – Land Acknowledgements
  2. Indipino Women – Honor Thy Mother (BI Historic Museum)
  3. Paul Merriman’s Investment Advice
  4. Afghan Refugee Project
- A couple of outside groups are being welcomed at BISC as a place to hold their meetings due to the equipment we now have to be able to be in person and zoom - IVC grief group and the Visually Impaired Group (VIP)
- BISCC will be featured in 98110 Newspaper at the end of month in conjunction with One Call For All.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:****FINANCE – David H.**

- Financials were sent to the BOD prior to the meeting. David stated we continue to be in good financial shape. No questions but if they should arise directors should reach out to David.
- Attachments [Sept 31 Balance Sheet](#) / [Sept 31 Profit & Loss](#) / [Sept 31 E-Trade](#)

**FUNDRAISING - Kimi**

“Back and Better” Fundraising Campaign begins November 15 and runs through December 31. A gathering at David and Bev Veteran’s home on November 15 will be held for major donors. If any board member knows of someone who might be interest in receiving the invitation please let Kimi or Reed know.

**EVENTS–**

The Halloween Party on October 31 has been adjusted due to Covid-19 concerns. Same date and time, 3:00-5:00. Member are invited to come to the Center in costume to “trick or Treat. We will have 7 doors, closed where attendees knock on the door and when answered have to do a “trick”. Typically sing a song, dance, read a poem, something short and sweet and they will receive a treat. Their picture will be taken in Huney Hall and then from Nov 1-5 they come to BISC and vote for best costume and most original mask. Two prizes will be announced in Reeds newsletter the following Monday (Nov 8).

**NOMINATING – Gerry via Bill**

The committee is in the process of getting new members for board. It has been tough.

**GOVERNANCE – No update.**

**MARKETING** – Ann via Colleen

- We did not participate in September Farmers' Markets because of the rising Covid-19 rate. Participation on October 30 will depend on the Covid-19 rate and availability of volunteers to staff the booth.
- Resource Fair not well attended; better marketing might help next time but Covid-19 numbers may have been a factor.
- Halloween party may be an outdoor or zoom costume parade or photo-op event instead of an indoor party, depending on Covid-19 rates.
- Committee members request more information about what Fall Fundraiser \$\$ will be used for to help in promoting the event. Committee members are eager to help!
- Long-time Cindy McGregor resigned due to other volunteer commitments but will continue to take photos of BISCC events and participate in other ways.
- Membership Report from Jennifer Merrill: BISCC Membership Numbers - 1559 members as of 9-21-21 compared to 1426 members at the end of 2020 (the first year-of-COVID-19) and 1580 members at the end of 2019. This includes 149 people who renewed or newly- joined between 7-1-21 and 9-21-21.
- The membership intake form was updated to include optional information on diversity/ethnicity.
- Queer Elders hosted a hybrid meeting on De-escalating Difficult Conversations with Donna Kramer, an experienced training of Non-Violent Communication and several members will facilitate both in-person and zoom forms of the international Death Cafe (a conversation cafe about thoughts and fears about death and dying).

**RESOURCES** - Sheila.

The Resource Fair had 20 presenters and 20 volunteers. Approximately 60-70 people visited. The committee intends to do another Fair in the spring. Kimi commented that the committee needs to put out a statement about the purpose of the Fair. They need to advertise who the presenters are and marketing needs to be improved.

**ADVOCACY** – No update**FACILITIES** – Eleanor

- Plans for the refresh were distributed to BOD. The city is the lead for submitting for permit.
- A new roof on the East wing has been added to the refresh plan.

**INCLUSION STUDY GROUP** – Ann

- The Inclusion Study Group offered an excellent program on Bystander Training (what to do if you see or hear a racist incident) with Chasity Malatesta, a very experienced presenter who engaged everyone fully.
- On October 25 our topic will be Holiday Awareness: Examining our assumptions about traditional US holidays and how they might be experienced by BIPOC (Black, Indigence and People of Color) and others who are not part of our dominant culture.


**EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS** – No updates

**BOARD NEW BUSINESS –**

Kimi- An article in the paper spoke to the vulnerability of a population on the on the Island that seems to be overlooked. 3.6% live in poverty. Half of those 65 and older. Reed will be meeting with Jim Hopper, Executive Director of the Bainbridge Foundation. They will be discussing livability on Bainbridge. A discussion was held about the mental health and depression of seniors and ideas emerged about how we can help. There will be more on this topic with the possibility of an outreach program that we could participate in. BISCC has recently helped IVC apply for a grant for PEARLS, an acronym for Program to Encourage Active, Rewarding Lives.

**ADJOURNMENT 10:25 a.m.**

Respectfully Submitted

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Colleen Keilbart", written in a cursive style. The signature is positioned above a horizontal line.

Colleen Keilbart, Secretary