

Bellevue Borough Committee Meeting Minutes

Committee: Public Safety

Date:	11-05-2025	Location: Borough Building
Chair:	Russel Ellis	Time: 7:43 p.m.
Note Taker:	James Kelly	
Members In Attendance:	Russel Ellis, Brenden Rogers, Dan McKelvey	
Members Absent:		
Others In Attendance:	Shawn Jacobs, BCO Bill Hartman Fire Chief Sgt Matt Lucas	Val Pennington, Mayor
Public Contributions on Agenda Items (5 minutes): - Cheryl Patalano 101 S Euclid President Northgate School Board President Asked for council to consider the street closure of S. Howard for student drop off and pick up. - Dawn Zacharias 79 N.Harrison Discussed the desire for Bellevue pride to again have an event as well as a parade in 2026. - Wendi Lee 127 S. Bryant asked council approve the 2026 Bellevue pride event and the street closure desired for the event and parade.		
Agenda Items – Reports:		
a.	Police Department Sgt Lucas explained the practice closure of S Howard and feels it was very positive. Mr. Ellis asked if a barricade would be purchased and if the school district would cover the costs.	
b.	Bellevue Fire Department - Report submitted - Volunteer fire department will be providing a quarterly report. Addition volunteer applications continue to be received.	
c.	Code Enforcement Department - Zoning will have a hearing for a Short Term Rental property on November 13 2025. 208 N Sprague will be removed from the demo list as the owner secure funding to pay back taxes and repair building to be listed for sale.	
d.	NorthWest Emergency Management Services No report	
Unfinished Business:		

a.	Short Term Rental Ordinance - Ms. Eskin was asked to inform the JPC that the Borough is interested in a cap of 25 short-term rental properties. - Committee would like to inquire about an Ordinance for Bellevue outside of the JPC.
b.	Civil Service Test results Sgt. Lucas advised 12 individuals who passed the written test 4 failed and 2 no shows.

New Business :	
a.	Northgate School District street closure request Sgt. Lucas discussed the experience he witnessed with the closure of N. Howard with and without police presents and feels it was a very favorable experience and believes the closure would benefit the school district and safety of the students.
b.	Bonafide Bellevue additional street closure request Mr. Kelly advised Bonafide Bellevue has asked to extend street closure for a larger and safer area for Light Up Bellevue event.
c.	Crosswalk striping Mr. Kelly advised he contacted the State to see if they will authorize the crosswalk on the State roadway.
d.	Placement of Mirrors on utility poles Sgt. Lucas advised resident that he should notify Rep Kincaid due to roadway being a State road.
e.	Speed Limit on Lincoln Ave Chief Sentner provided laws dictating speed limits on Borough roadways. Sgt Lucas advised a costly traffic study would be required to change the speed limit.
f.	Holiday Parking Mayor Pennington will give approval to suspend parking charges for the holiday shopping season.
g.	Stop Bar Line - Mr Ellis asked if we could paint Stop line bars at problem intersections. Discussion followed. DPW can look into painted lines in the spring. - Sgt. Lucas feels enforcement will assist in proper stopping at intersections and the PD will be looking to provide more enforcement once fully staffed
h.	Bonafide Bellevue Mr. Kelly advised Bonafide will be providing a monthly report for review and after review discussion items can be added as needed.
Public Contributions on Non-Agenda Items (2 minutes) : - Wendi Lee 127 S. Bryant Thank you for consideration of the S. Howard closure for student drop off and pick up. - Bri Erskin 75 S. Euclid will advise JPC of Bellevue's request. And would like to see the number be reduced even more than 25. - Dionisia Dingler 45 S. Bryant Confirmed she created the Short-Term Rental Ordinance and is available for discussion if needed. Ms. Dingler explained the 2% and how it would affect Bellevue directly. - Cheryl Patalano 101 S Euclid Would like to express her support of the Bellevue Pride event.	