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To: Parks & Community Services Board

From: Nancy Kartes, Bellevue Botanical Garden Manager
Parks & Community Services

Subject: Bellevue Botanical Garden Society Success
(Informational – no Board action requested)

At the Tuesday, February 9 Parks & Community Services Board meeting, Bellevue Botanical Garden Society (Society) Co-Presidents Cleo Raulerson and Heather Babiak-Kane will present information about the Society's resilience and innovations that led to successes despite the challenges resulting from the pandemic. The continued support and engagement of our Garden partners ensures that the Garden thrives as a treasured community resource.

Background

Bellevue Botanical Garden Society

The Society was founded in 1984 to support the City's efforts to create the Bellevue Botanical Garden. The 1,600-member Society is governed by a volunteer board of directors. Their mission is to perpetuate and further enhance the Garden as a learning resource in partnership with the City of Bellevue. The Bellevue Botanical Garden opened to the public in June, 1992. In 1993, the City entered into a formal agreement with the Society to clearly define roles and responsibilities and to perpetuate our partnership.

Bellevue Botanical Garden Governance

The Garden was created in partnership and has operated in the partnership model without interruption since its inception. All major operational and development decisions at the Garden are determined by the Coordinating Committee, with representation from City of Bellevue and the Society. The Garden Manager represents the Garden and is the liaison between the City, Society and other groups participating at the Garden. Decisions are guided by the Garden Master Plan, the Garden Management Plan, and other guiding documents.

Bellevue Botanical Garden Partners

Bellevue Utilities
East Lake Washington District of Garden Clubs
Eastside Fuchsia Society
Hardy Fern Foundation
Master Gardeners of King County
North American Rock Garden Society
Northwest Perennial Alliance
Puget Sound Dahlia Association
Washington Native Plant Society

We are looking forward to sharing the Society's successes with you and we appreciate your support of Bellevue Botanical Garden through your service on the Parks & Community Services Board.