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	<b>Early Entry Into Remote Meeting Available</b> <i>Online meeting will be open beginning at 6:00 p.m., with technical support available to assist as needed. Appointed MNAC representatives are especially encouraged to sign in/telephone in advance of meeting start time to troubleshoot any technology challenges.</i>	<b>6:00–6:30 p.m.</b>
<b>MEETING AGENDA</b>		
	<b>Welcome &amp; City Updates</b> <i>Mayor Seth Fleetwood</i>	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>
	<b>Family Definition: Accommodating Today's Families</b> <i>Rick Sepler and Lisa Pool, Planning and Community Development</i>	<b>6:40 p.m.</b>
	<b>Neighborhood Roundtable</b>	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>
	<b>Adjourn</b>	<b>8:30 p.m.</b>



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### **Officially Appointed MNAC Representatives and Appointed Alternates:**

- You will receive a personal invitation via email to participate as a panelist using Zoom.
- Follow the instructions included in your email invitation.

### **Neighborhood Presidents and Other Members of the Public:**

- Members of the public can join the meeting as an "attendee" by signing on at:

<https://www.cob.org/mnac>

### **Telephone Instructions**

- For anyone (appointed MNAC representatives and members of the public) who wish to participate by telephone, dial any of the numbers below to join the meeting:

(253) 215-8782

(346) 248-7799

(669) 900-6833

(301) 715-8592

(312) 626-6799

(929) 205-6099

When prompted using Meeting ID: 961-5064-4967 and Password: MNAC (6622)



## **City of Bellingham Mayor's Neighborhood Advisory Commission**

### **Purpose**

The Mayor's Neighborhood Advisory Commission (MNAC) is composed of one primary and one alternate representative of each of the neighborhoods of the city, typically recommended to the Mayor by the neighborhood association.

The primary purpose of the MNAC is for:

- (1) the Mayor to communicate with and listen to the representatives of neighborhood associations on topics that may be of interest to neighborhoods;
- (2) Representatives of neighborhood associations to communicate their interests and concerns to the City administration; and
- (3) Members to serve as a conduit for timely, accurate information about City programs and services through various actions including reporting and/or forwarding to their membership information provided by the City.

The MNAC may elect to review proposed changes to the City's comprehensive plan and neighborhood plans and provide comment on those proposed changes for the Mayor to consider. The Commission shall meet at least ten times per year and shall keep minutes of its meetings.

### **Time Requirements**

The MNAC meets monthly. Occasionally, when interested, members volunteer for subcommittee work. Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month, usually at 6:30 p.m. in the Library Lecture Room. Meetings last approximately two and 1/2 hours. Work outside meetings includes providing information to the neighborhood association and neighborhood residents regarding the work of MNAC; keeping abreast of neighborhood issues to bring to the attention of the City; forwarding information to the neighborhood association and residents when requested by the City; taking active part in the meetings of the Commission and follow up activities. This outside work varies, depending on the size and nature of the neighborhood but a good rule of thumb is approximately eight hours per month.

### **Membership**

Commission members are recommended by the neighborhood association for appointment by the Mayor. Names of residents to serve as alternates are also recommended by the Association. Terms of office for primary representatives are for two years. The Mayor has the authority to increase the membership of the Commission by recognizing additional neighborhoods. No compensation is paid to members of this Commission.

### **Contact Information**

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