

## Index Card Feedback November 20, 2019 MNAC Meeting

<b>KEEP</b>
<b>Keep:</b> Presentations from the location government entities to help inform us
<b>Keep:</b> Roundtable; presentations; Small & Simple Grants
<b>Keep:</b> The meeting format
<b>Keep:</b> Roundtable
<b>Keep:</b> The Neighborhood Roundtable
<b>Keep:</b> Efforts to utilize microphone for Roundtable Neighborhood Reports
<b>Keep:</b> Regularly meet with Mayor; presentations from City Staff; input from neighborhoods to Mayor and group.
<b>Keep:</b> MNAC.
<b>Keep:</b> Roundtable/updates with ability to bring things to the Mayor; City updates; holiday party; sitting in large square to see everyone.
<b>Keep:</b> Mayor should 100% come, it shows the Mayor cares and is super useful; roundtable; presentations about community development, etc.; balance between casual and procedure; Mayor listens and addresses neighborhood concerns, often seeking out info for them.
<b>Keep:</b> Voice for all neighborhoods; neighborhood grants.
<b>Keep:</b> MNAC has proven to be an amazing way for the Mayor to be accessible... I love it; Love the City updates; Love the social/party; Love the community feel.
<b>Keep:</b> MNAC, valuable communication device; dollars going to neighborhoods – grants; neighborhood police; respect neighborhood zoning.
<b>Keep:</b> Monthly meetings, time/pace good; guest speakers, love the City presentations.
<b>Keep:</b> Really think MNAC is great, very informative and shows this community is quite progressive and transparent; lots of good info shared as well as encouraging community activities.

<b>CHANGE</b>
<b>Change:</b> Change the time. Can we shorten or be sure that we're out/finished by 8:30p; make sure people stay under 3 minutes in roundtable.
<b>Change:</b> Get a big timer for roundtable.
<b>Change:</b> Coffee at meetings, donated; How can the Mayor encourage/support the group to be able to have their information learned back to the neighborhood.
<b>Change:</b> Promote neighborhood meetings on City website; more invites to special city events; shorter City presentations; increase diversity (2 reps per neighborhood); instead of being presented to, allow for MNAC members to weigh-in on decisions or brainstorming; no waste, no paper cups, real glasses; provide opportunities (break outs) for neighborhood reps to collaborate; help remove/break down neighborhood boundary barriers; allow for general community announcements.
<b>Change:</b> Serious consideration should be given to re-casting MNAC in the Bellingham planning and decision-making process.
<b>Change:</b> Primary and alternate reps can attend at the same meeting; list of volunteers and activities to volunteer for.
<b>Change:</b> Please add a 5-minute break so we can pee; would like more time planned for questions and discussions after presentations; would like more time to work on/discuss doing projects/joint ventures with other/all neighborhoods; would love to do a project together in all neighborhoods, maybe one iteration of the Small & Simple grant where we do similar public art.
<b>Change:</b> Roundtable, maybe 4-5 minutes instead of 3. It is a great chance to hear more about the other neighborhoods along with the Mayor and would be nice for members to not be rushed and others to ask questions.
<b>Change:</b> Give co-chairs 3 minutes each instead of total; questions for presentations seem to get chaotic easily; possible that shorter meetings twice a month or something would be better than one 2.5-hour meeting; presentations could be slightly shorter; consider which presentations are on the most important topics.
<b>Change:</b> MNAC input early on proposed projects, development proposals from City and/or developer.
<b>Change:</b> Meetings a little long, roundtable can be rambling; attendees could send in announcements, with all collected and distributed then added to the minutes; minutes could be distributed somewhat earlier.
<b>Change:</b> Provide clarity of response to concerns raised at the neighborhood level.
<b>Change:</b> Feedback to count, and/or follow-up the next month when the Mayor says they will follow up with a question.