



Mayor's Neighborhood Advisory Commission City of Bellingham

July 20, 2022

Remote Meeting [video timestamps noted in brackets]

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Seth Fleetwood

Attendance

Present: Louise Bjornson (Birchwood), Annie Sorich (Sunnyland), Tom Dohman (Samish), Colin Beazley (York Alternate), Kate McDonald (Cordata Alternative), Bobby Vollendorf (Happy Valley), Jake Charlton (Happy Valley Alternate), Kevin Jenkins (Puget), William Beer (Edgemoor Alternate), Sheryl Russell (City Center), Mary Lou White (Birchwood Alternate), Bill Liddicoet (Fairhaven), Christopher Grannis (South), Sachin Pai (Columbia), Jack Wellman (Sehome), Kathryn Rismondo (Lettered Streets), David Frankel (South Hill)

City Representatives: Mayor Seth Fleetwood; Janice Keller, Communications Director; Lt. Claudia Murphy, Police Department; Greg Hope, Fire Department/Office of Emergency Management Education & Outreach Coordinator

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Presentation on Emergency Preparedness in our Neighborhoods [00:01:00]

Greg Hope, Bellingham Fire Department/Office of Emergency Management Education & Outreach coordinator

- Greg explained the difference between an emergency and a disaster. He spoke about our local hazards including earthquakes, floods, severe winter storms, volcanoes, and heat waves. Greg offered to visit each neighborhood to do more of a deep dive on these topics. Other emergency preparedness topics included communication, reunification, impacts, supplies, and carrying on.
- MNAC members asked questions about the big 9.0 earthquake, tsunamis, resources for neighborhood drills, fire safety for our urban forests, and resource pamphlets

Neighborhood Round Table [00:39:30]

- **Birchwood**
Had a neighborhood meeting last week, there was a cleanup and it has gotten safer to walk around the neighborhood. The next international market is August 19th.
- **Happy Valley**
Zoom meetings have had good attendance. Have been trying to work with the Million Tree Project and WWU's groundskeepers to plant more trees on Bill McDonald and 32nd street. Noxious weeds at the elementary school need to be taken care of.
- **Samish**
Trying to have summer picnic at Lake Padden on Sunday August 21st. The Mill Avenue Overlay project is almost complete.
- **Puget**
Bellingham Bells are going after 1st place in their division. Next meeting is August 2nd via Zoom.
- **Edgemoor**

Awareness is increasing for the Protect Mud Bay Cliffs project.

Public Service Announcement [00:54:51]

Lt. Claudia Murphy, Bellingham Police Department

- National Night Out will be held on August 2nd. Claudia inquired about which neighborhoods will be having outdoor meetings that some of the BPD could attend.
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Neighborhood Round Table (Continued) [00:57:25]

- **Fairhaven**
Happy with the outcome at 808 Donovan. Encourages everyone to read the article about Post Point in Whatcom Watch. Hopes Post Point can be a future topic of discussion.
- **York**
Working with Parks and Public Works on removal of the entryway to Rockhill Park along Lakeway as well as the Lakeway/Ellis area. Dumpster Day on June 18th helped manage the garbage that is usually dumped on the sidewalk during graduation time. Picnic will be on September 11th.
- **City Center**
Downtown Sounds is currently running on Wednesdays. Opportunity Council has been making changes to the 22 North building, neighborhood is seeing improvement. The task force meeting recordings will be available shortly.
- **South**
100 Acre Wood Master Plan is currently being written. There has been some conflict between restoration and use, but mostly people are in agreement about what needs to be done.
- **Columbia**
Columbia neighborhood-wide garage sale will be held on August 6th. The Columbia Chalk Festival will be on July 31st. Excited to continue the conversation on increasing traffic safety in the neighborhood.
- **Cordata**
Working with the City to put artwork in the roundabout. Working with the Library about adding library services to North Bellingham. Meetings are currently on summer break, but they are conflicted on whether to hold future meetings in person or on zoom. Hosted a joint meeting with the King Mountain neighborhood and Chris Comeau on the pedestrian master plan. Would like to get a safe passage for pedestrians over Meridian. Event in September will be held on September 11th. Using See Click Fix for overgrown vegetation is effective, but would like to be able to call in graffiti in the same way.
 - Lt. Claudia Murphy joined to say that graffiti is a crime so it needs to be reported through Cop Logic instead of See Click Fix.
- **Sehome**
See Click Fix has been working for trash removal. There is now a Sehome neighbor working on the 22 North Task Force. Will be holding a neighborhood garage sale with a date TBD. Would like to use a QR code for this.
- **Sunnyland**
Sunnyland hosted a neighborhood-wide yard sale in June and it went really well and utilized a QR code map. The Sunnyland Stomp went well. Neighbors have been brainstorming logos and slogans. Neighborhood Picnic will be on August 2nd for National Night Out.
- **Lettered Streets**
Ice Cream Social will be on Tuesday, August 9th. Planning to do some scattered listening sessions in the neighborhood with board members. Talking about hosting candidate conversations.
- **South Hill**

Neighborhood emergency preparedness meetings are very helpful, South Hill has done them in the past. Working on a volunteer initiative to get rid of ivy and other invasive species. Kudos to the Million Trees Project

Future Topics Brainstorming Session [01:49:25]

- Parking, parking enforcement, lack of parking around buildings
 - Noxious weeds presentation
 - Presentation on Post Point
 - Refresher on student renters and the Campus Community Coalition
 - Janice Keller will follow up with Chris Roselli on this topic
 - Rental Registration program
 - COVID Safety
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Meeting adjourned by Mayor Seth Fleetwood at 8:45 p.m.

There will be no MNAC meeting in August. The next meeting will be September 21st, 2022