



## City of Bellingham MAYOR'S NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY COMMISSION

The Mayor's Neighborhood Advisory Commission meeting was called to order by Kathryn Hanowell, Neighborhood Services Coordinator, on **Wednesday, October 11, 2006**, at **6:30 p.m.**, in the Mayor's Board Room, Second Floor, City Hall.

### MINUTES

<b>1.</b>	<p><b>ATTENDANCE: Unless noted below, all were in attendance.</b>          Absent: Alabama Hill (Doug Bestle); Cornwall (Camille Hackler); Lettered Streets (Michael McAuley); Meridian (vacant); Mt. Baker (vacant); Whatcom Falls (Mark Springer); York (Tom Scott)</p> <p>Substitutions: Birchwood (Rebecca Schlotterback); Edgemoor (Pam Went); Puget (Anna Silverfish); Sehome (Charles Dyer); Silver Beach (Kate Grinde); WWU (Susan Adams)</p> <p><b>Minutes</b> Approved from September 13, 2006 meeting.</p>	
<b>2.</b>	<p><b>Items from the Neighborhoods</b></p> <p><b>Birchwood</b> – Neighborhood Association going through reorganization process</p> <p><b>CBD</b> – none</p> <p><b>Columbia</b> – concerns about flight patterns, increased air traffic questions w/ new larger planes in/ out of airport</p> <p><b>Edgemoor</b> – “Visions of Edgemoor” led by Brad Rose – helpful in updating neighborhood plan</p> <p><b>Fairhaven</b> – Padden Creek lagoon – informing people of importance of lagoon</p> <p><b>Guide Meridian/ Cordata</b> –parks acquisition still being negotiated; state of retention ponds in neighborhood: Bill Reilly of Public Works toured retention ponds with Julie Guy, noted those out of compliance, others needing time for vegetation to grow.</p> <p><b>Happy Valley</b> – Completing Safe Route to School project for Larrabee Elementary; project on new garden area almost complete at Larrabee School, lots of improvements made to school over years</p> <p><b>Puget</b> – Street Improvements along Fraser St; trail improvements on Whatcom Creek; looking into traffic calming on Nevada St</p> <p><b>Roosevelt</b> – Opening community center soon to provide information, different agencies for people to access services, funded through private donors &amp; Whatcom Dreams, HUD</p> <p><b>Samish</b> – Neighbors would like City to establish Landlord Accountability ordinance, nuisance codes – traffic, trash, noise; land use code updates coming that will affect all neighborhoods; urge</p>	



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	<p>WWU to do off-campus conduct code for students</p> <p><b>Sehome</b> – With Campus Coalition; delivered flyer about getting to know neighbors, also included w/ newsletter to announce next meeting; hoping to get more people at neighborhood meeting; submitted 2 small and simple grants: Samish Way Urban Village, &amp; markers for curved sidewalk on west side of Sehome Hill</p> <p><b>Silver Beach</b> – Working on neighborhood plan, interested in street calming on Barkley Boulevard/ truck traffic on Britton Rd.</p> <p><b>South</b> – Networking w/ other Southside neighborhoods – met w/ Jim Darling, other Port staff, Port Commissioner Scott Walker to get update on planning for Fairhaven harbor improvements, neighborhoods are participating in plan. Noted it was a very productive meeting.</p> <p><b>South Hill</b> – Reminded group of City work on development codes &amp; zoning issues –MNAC authorized a subcommittee to track this work, will meet with Marilyn Vogel, project lead, later in the month, Concerns about infill requirements South Hill has become concerned over storm drain run-off down Harris Street into Padden Lagoon [KH noted that Bill Reilly, of Public Works, is the Storm Water point person for the City]; Association has formed street traffic committee.</p> <p><b>Sunnyland</b> – 1<sup>st</sup> general neighborhood association meeting — discussed variety of issues: traffic, land use, etc. Noted Illinois St short plat application issue – proposal is to allow 4 lots on space for 3, all lots on Illinois are same dimensions, proposal could allow additional units along Illinois.</p> <p><b>WWU/ Campus Community Coalition</b> – Susan Adams- talked about loud parties, noise disturbances; putting on “Let’s Talk” Forum – next Wednesday, to talk about enforcement, neighborly relations, parties, etc. University Police, Bellingham Police and City Attorneys will be in attendance.</p> <p>Neighborhoods representatives and residents are encouraged to attend: Wed. Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. at the American Museum of Radio and Electricity (1312 Bay St.)</p>	
<p><b>3.</b></p>	<p><b>Information from the City</b></p> <p><b>A. Neighborhood Services Coordinator Report</b></p> <p><b>Guidelines for City Support for Neighborhood Associations:</b> Kathryn outlined draft policy for neighborhoods to obtain financial resources from City. Requires neighborhood associations to go through certain steps, associations must be in compliance (registered</p>	



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	<p>non-profit, tax ID #, copies of bylaws); funding available on reimbursable basis.</p> <p>Rules on Planning Academy money discussed; Kathryn handed out policy paperwork – can use to support work in updating plans. If money is not used in this way, it can be used as a small and simple grant – association still has to notify City of this.</p> <p><b>B. Reports from the Mayor’s Office, Malcolm Fleming, Chief Administrative Officer—Waterfront Planning, Public Involvement Survey, etc.</b></p> <p><b>Waterfront Planning</b> – City &amp; Port did Waterfront Framework Presentation on Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> – people can view on BTV10 or on the project website (<a href="http://www.newwhatcom.org">www.newwhatcom.org</a>); unveiled draft framework plan that will be used as basis for EIS plan; working toward development agreement between Port &amp; City. [DVDs of the presentation are also available in the Mayor’s Office.]</p> <p>Malcolm spoke to perception that Port is going to profit hugely on project, taking advantage of the City. Said funding sources are still being worked out – funding will be worked out in development agreement. He said he won’t bring something to council that he doesn’t think is a fair agreement.</p> <p><b>Public Involvement</b> – Malcolm thanked group members who participated in public involvement surveys, good turnout; report should be available next month.</p> <p><b>Preliminary Budget</b> – presented by Mayor Mark at Council meeting on Monday, Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>. Available on website; Emphasis on public safety, Information Technology, and Parks and Rec.</p> <p><b>B. Emergency Planning: Chief Bill Boyd, Fire Department</b> Fire Chief Bill Boyd spoke to group about what the City is currently doing in terms of emergency management, the relationship with the County, and how neighborhoods will need to be relied upon in the event of an emergency. He explained City Budget proposal for an Emergency Planning initiative to provide staff to work on City major emergency preparedness, including work at the neighborhood level. Fire Dept officials will be working with neighborhood groups to ensure neighborhood preparedness.</p>	
4.	<b>MNAC Organization—Officers – <i>Issue moved to next meeting’s agenda</i></b>	
5.	<b>MNAC – Comp Plan/Neighborhood Plans</b>	



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	<p><b>A. Neighborhood Park, Open Space and Greenway Meetings: Tim Wahl, Parks and Recreation Department, Eric Hirst, Greenway Advisory Committee</b></p> <p>Tim and Eric spoke to group on Greenways III levy and process that the City will soon be taking to begin land acquisition. MNAC members were asked for advice on how best to get meaningful public input and involvement in process. Tim discussed history of previous Greenway levies. \$20.1 mill targeted for general land acquisition in levy. Asked group for good mechanisms to get input from the public.</p> <p>Question was asked regarding Greenways Legacy group members not being represented on Greenways Committee. Eric explained the process for member selection and that the Greenway Advisory Committee follows the standard procedure that most City-run boards and commissions follow. Also explained the funding allocation decisions of Council and the need for parks and greenways on the north side (Guide Meridian/Cordata, Meridian, Mt. Baker).</p> <p>Staff is planning on well-advertised public meetings held across the community, w/ emphasis on selected regions to discuss land acquisition. Asked group on venues for such meetings. Explained that the emphasis will be on the area in which the meetings are held but that all citizens may attend. These meetings are likely to be held later in the year or early next year after maps can be prepared.</p> <p>Tim explained that Greenway funds are used for acquisitions that provide corridors and linkages- staff won't look at property that can't be connected or provide connector "green way". He emphasized that discretion must be exercised when trying to acquire property; unwise to talk in public about specific proposed sites.</p> <p>Since 1990 – Obtained 511 acres of land, not included reserves required by Planning Dept. Improved or added 10.5 miles of trail Send suggestions, especially in regard to public input, to <a href="mailto:greenway@cob.org">greenway@cob.org</a></p> <p>Also suggested to have Tim Wahl come to neighborhood meetings to discuss issue.</p>	
<b>6.</b>	<b>Adjourn</b>	<b>9 PM</b>

**NEXT MNAC MEETING is Wednesday, November 8, 2006 at 6:30 p.m.  
\*\*SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING – WORK SESSION -- ON NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC CALMING—October 25, 2006, 6:30 p.m. Council Chambers\*\***