

Community



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The City of Bellingham's Community Development Advisory Board consists of (up to) fifteen (15) members appointed by the Mayor.

Membership / Attendance

- Ann Beck (Chair) attended 8/10 meetings
 - Elaine Woods attended 5/10 meetings
 - Joe Timmons attended 7/10 meetings
 - Liz Jennings (Vice-Chair) attended 6/10 meetings
 - Michael Watson attended 7/10 meetings
 - Riannon Bardsley attended 5/10 meetings
 - Teri Bryant attended 10/10 meetings
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- Kathleen Roy (joined in June) attended 4/5 meetings
 - Brien Thayne (joined in September) attended 4/4 meetings
 - Greg Arnold (joined in September) attended 4/4 meetings
 - Leah Wainman (joined in September) attended 3/4 meetings
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- Members that left the Board in 2018 include: Ben Millar, John Harmon, John Marshall, Kathleen Morton, Mary Carlson, Stephen Dillon and Virginia McCorkle. Thank you all for your service!

Meetings held in 2018

January 11	February 8	March 8
April 19	May 10	June 14
July – No Meeting	August – No Meeting	September 13
October 11	November 8	December 13

Meeting Materials including minutes, staff reports and the audio-recordings can be found at

<https://www.cob.org/gov/public/bc/cda-board/Pages/meeting-materials.aspx>

Purpose of the Advisory Board



BMC 2.46.010.

The Board shall advise the Mayor and City Council, as well as City departments, as set forth in BMC 20.46.010 on matters related to the programs and projects that utilize the Community Development Block Grant Program, the HOME Investment Partnerships Program, other federal funding, and state and local funding.

Meetings:

The Board meets on the second Thursday of most months at 6:00 p.m. in the Mayor's Board Room (or off-site when appropriate).

These meetings are open to the public.



2018 Accomplishments / Highlights

During the first half of the year, the Board got to enjoy a variety of presentations from a number of agencies that offer programs within the Bellingham city limits and receive City funding through the grant process.

- Brigid Collins – Targeted Intensive Case Management
- Northwest Youth Services – Teen Court
- Northwest Youth Services – Vocational Readiness Program
- Opportunity Council – Maple Alley Inn Tour
- Catholic Community Services – Francis Place Tour
- Opportunity Council / Northwest Youth Services – 22 North Tour
- Northwest Youth Services – Positive Adolescent Development
- Northwest Youth Services – Transitional Housing
- Mercy Housing – Eleanor Apartments Tour

2018-2023 Consolidated Plan

Several months were devoted to discussions on the 2018-2023 Consolidated Plan update. Throughout this process the Board:

- provided guidance on the Housing Development Guideline and Procedure Handbook;
- heard from the community via the Consolidated Plan Survey results;
- held discussions on the priorities that should be included in the plan;
- provided guidance on how the section related to partnerships should be executed;
- suggested that additional details be added to the housing cost burden sections, especially related to the student population; and
- advocated for the Bellingham Senior Center to be included in the Public Facility Needs section.

March 8: *Public Hearing* on the Consolidated Plan was held, and the 30-day public comment period was opened. There were two citizens that addressed the members and one written comment was received.

April 19: The Board recommended approval of the plan, which included the 2018 Action Plan.

Housing Levy and Financial Plan

The Board also devoted a couple months to the Housing Levy and Financial Plan in anticipation of the issue being placed on the November 2018 ballot. They encouraged staff to consider:

- Using ½ mile rather than ¼ mile with regard to distance from transportation options;



- Allowing the Director to authorize more flexible leveraging with regard to Production and Preservation;
- Including language that would indicate what the leverage “cap” would be – still allowing for exceptions; and
- Allowing a Memorandum of Understanding or other flexible methods as acceptable ways of proving site control.

November 8: The Board recommended that the Administrative and Financial Plan be moved forward to City Council for approval.

CAPER (Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report)

September 13: *Public Hearing* on the CAPER was held, at the conclusion of a 30-day public comment period. There was no public comment received at the meeting. The Board recommended approval of the report.

Other Opportunities

The members were invited to participate in other opportunities throughout the year, outside of the regularly scheduled monthly meeting:

- March 26 – Open House for 2018-2023 Consolidated Plan update
- June 13 – Tour of Maple Alley Inn garden & lunch
- September 24 – Speaker on Adult Family Homes
- October 22-26 – Housing Week events