



## Mayor's Neighborhood Advisory Commission City of Bellingham

June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Remote Meeting [video timestamps noted in brackets]

### Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m. by Mayor Seth Fleetwood

### Attendance

Present: Bobbi Vollendorff (Happy Valley), Gordon Durham (Cornwall), Brooks Anderson (Fairhaven), Michael Chrzastowski (South Hill), Dima Hart (King Mountain), Jake Charlton (Happy Valley Alternate), John LaSpina (Cordata), Alexarc Mastema (Sunnyland), Chris Roselli (WWU), Molly Foote (Samish), Tom Dohman (Samish), Jennifer Moon (Columbia), Sheryl Russell (City Center), Nick Kelley (Cornwall), Irena Lambrou (South), Sarah Birch (Lettered Streets), Tom Scott (York)

City Representatives: Mayor Seth Fleetwood; Janice Keller, Communications Director

## MINUTES

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### Welcome and Updates [00:03:00]

*Mayor Seth Fleetwood*

- The police chief search has resulted in no selection. Flo Simon has agreed to stay on the rest of the year. A new search will begin in the fall.
- All 13 Small and Simple Grants applications were approved.
- Fireworks education and outreach has been going well – signs will be available to pick up at Fire Station 1 starting on Monday.

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### Neighborhood Round Table [00:08:28]

- **South Hill**  
Neighborhood board has approved giving a donation to the 11 homeless students that attend Lowell Elementary. Next neighborhood meeting is in one week at the Cruise Terminal with the Port of Bellingham director.
- **King Mountain**  
Nothing to report – a thank you to Janice and Mayor Fleetwood for attending a trail walk with the neighborhood.
- **Happy Valley**  
Busy with the Larrabee 21<sup>st</sup> street right-of-way. Pollinator garden has gone in, the small and simple grant will add a couple of benches to this. Property across from Joe's Gardens has gone up for sale, and they're hoping the City will purchase it for Greenways.

- Mayor Fleetwood commented to say that the city is looking into this and that he will keep everyone updated.
- **Fairhaven**  
Lots of concern about a new development at 915 and 917 8<sup>th</sup> street because it is next to Padden Creek. Another development at 801 Donovan has caused a lot of concern as well.
- **Cordata**  
Kathy Bell from Planning visited at the last neighborhood meeting to talk about a new development in the neighborhood. The neighborhood hopes to get restaurants or coffee shops built. Funding for the amphitheater in Cordata Park was not met, so they are looking into doing a pavilion instead.
- **Cornwall**  
Neighbors are excited about the small and simple grant. Had a meeting with the planning department to learn more about how development in the neighborhood works.
- **Sunnyland**  
Picnic will be held in August, elections in November.
- **WWU**  
Will be returning 2/3 in person in the Fall. Hope to be completely back in person in Winter. Successful move-out weekend last weekend. New residence hall will be open in the Fall.
- **Samish**  
There will be a meeting about the Mill Avenue overlay project. First picnic in 2 years will be held at Lake Padden. Lots of discussion about the City View project.
- **Columbia**  
Chalk festival scheduled for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Elizabeth Park Concert Series is planned for this summer again.
- **City Center**  
Starting to get a little bit back to normal downtown. New market on Wednesday down at Waypoint Park. Saturday Farmer's Market has been growing. First Friday art walk has buskers now. Lots of crime persists in the north side of downtown. Concern about a possible new tiny home development on Cornwall. Concerns about what the police can actually do about crime downtown.
- **South**  
Next meeting is at the end of July.
- **Lettered Streets**  
Concerns regarding a remodel of the Haggen on Meridian and the possibility of adding housing.
- **York**  
Issues with downed lines. Last weekend there was a successful park work party. Successful Dumpster Day during the WWU move-out. Meeting next Wednesday. Scheduled for caroling wagon rides in December.

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## Brainstorming for Future Topics [01:06:00]

The following topics were brought up to be heard at future MNAC meetings:

- Facts about what the police can do about crime downtown
  - Post Point Presentation about biosolids
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Meeting adjourned by Mayor Seth Fleetwood at 8:00 p.m.