Tuesday, May 17th, Fairhaven Middle School
Natural Environment, Parks and Recreation

# Fairhaven Neighborhood and Urban Village Plan – Meeting #2

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# Introductions – Recap of Meeting #1

- SWOT Analysis
- Planning Area Boundaries

*Input gathered from meetings will be used to create:*

- Neighborhood and Urban Village Master Plan =
- "The Vision"
- Development Regulations = "The Rules"

# SWOT – Top Responses

- **Strengths**
  - Good variety and mix of uses
  - Different transportation modes/corridors
  - 100+ years of urban use/vibrant business core
  - Historic character/buildings
  - Waterfront

- **Weaknesses**
  - Parking limitations
  - Bisected by arterials
  - Underutilized waterfront
  - BNSF tracks/limited Bay access

# SWOT – Top Responses

- **Opportunities**
  - Improved/direct waterfront access
  - Padden Creek & Estuary restoration
  - Vacant lots
  - Short-term moorage
  - Tourism
- **Threats**
  - Lack of height limits/view blockage
  - Coal trains
  - No long-term parking
  - Traffic
  - "Disneyfication"
  - NIMBYism
  - Urban Village sprawl

# Boundary Exercise

- 38 Responses Submitted
  - 22: Existing boundary for planning area or greater
  - 26: Extend northwards to include all or some of Port property – create transition/approach zone
  - 15: specifically extended core down Harris
  - Some concern noted for residential – what would it mean?

# Public Meeting Series

1. DONE – Project framework, boundaries
2. TODAY–Natural Environment, Parks and Recreation
3. May 25th – Fairhaven Design Review District and historic resources. (also May 24th with HPC)
4. June 8th – Village Core
5. June 22 – Village Core

# Meeting #2: Overview

- Part 1: Presentations – 1 hour
  - Shoreline history and regulations
  - Port of Bellingham property
  - Critical areas – Padden Creek, Padden Estuary & Post Point
  - Parks and Trails – History and future

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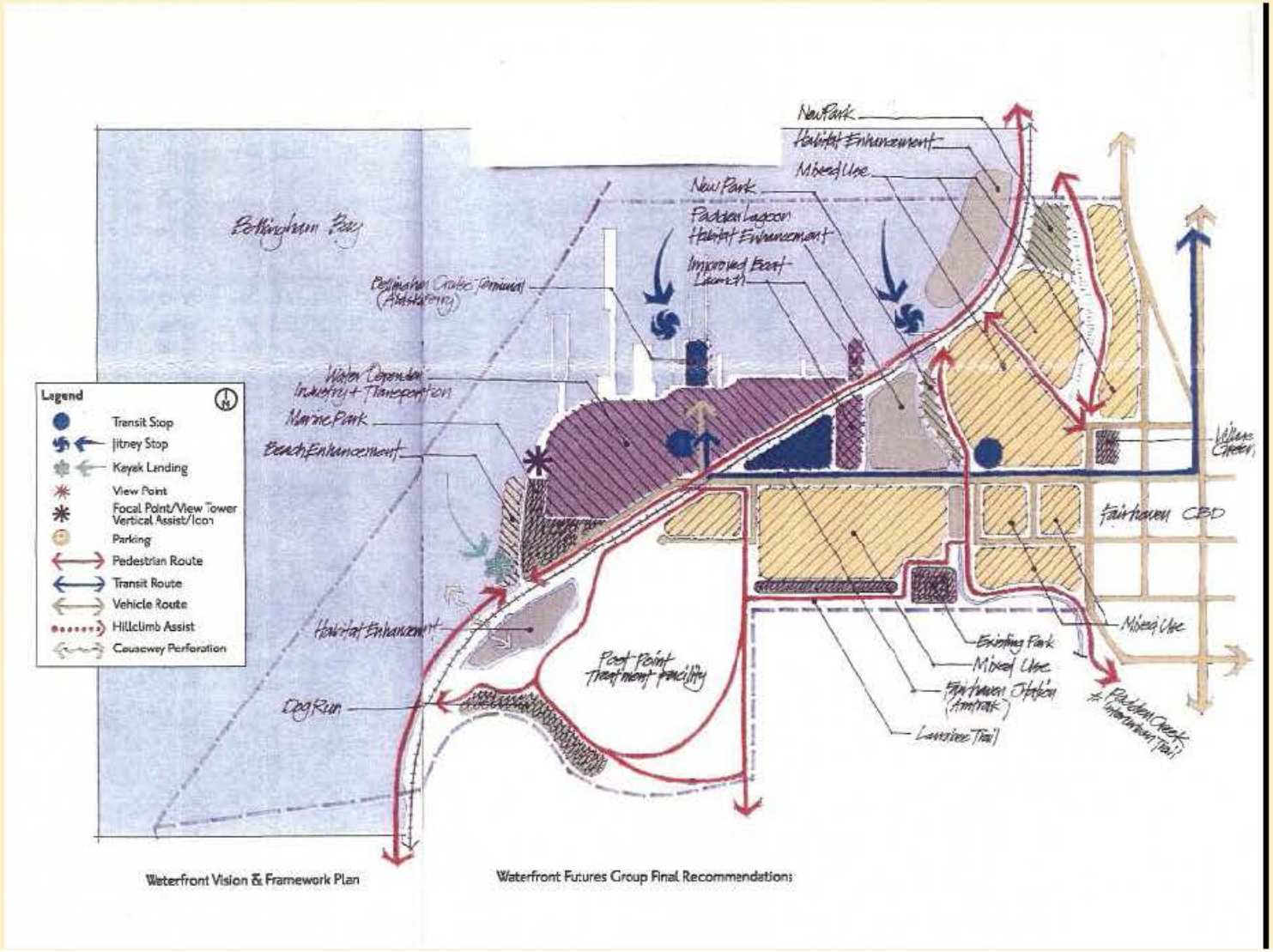
- Part 2: Exercise – 30 min.
  - Review maps, ask questions, review document – what is missing?
- Part 3: Re-group and share findings – 30 min.

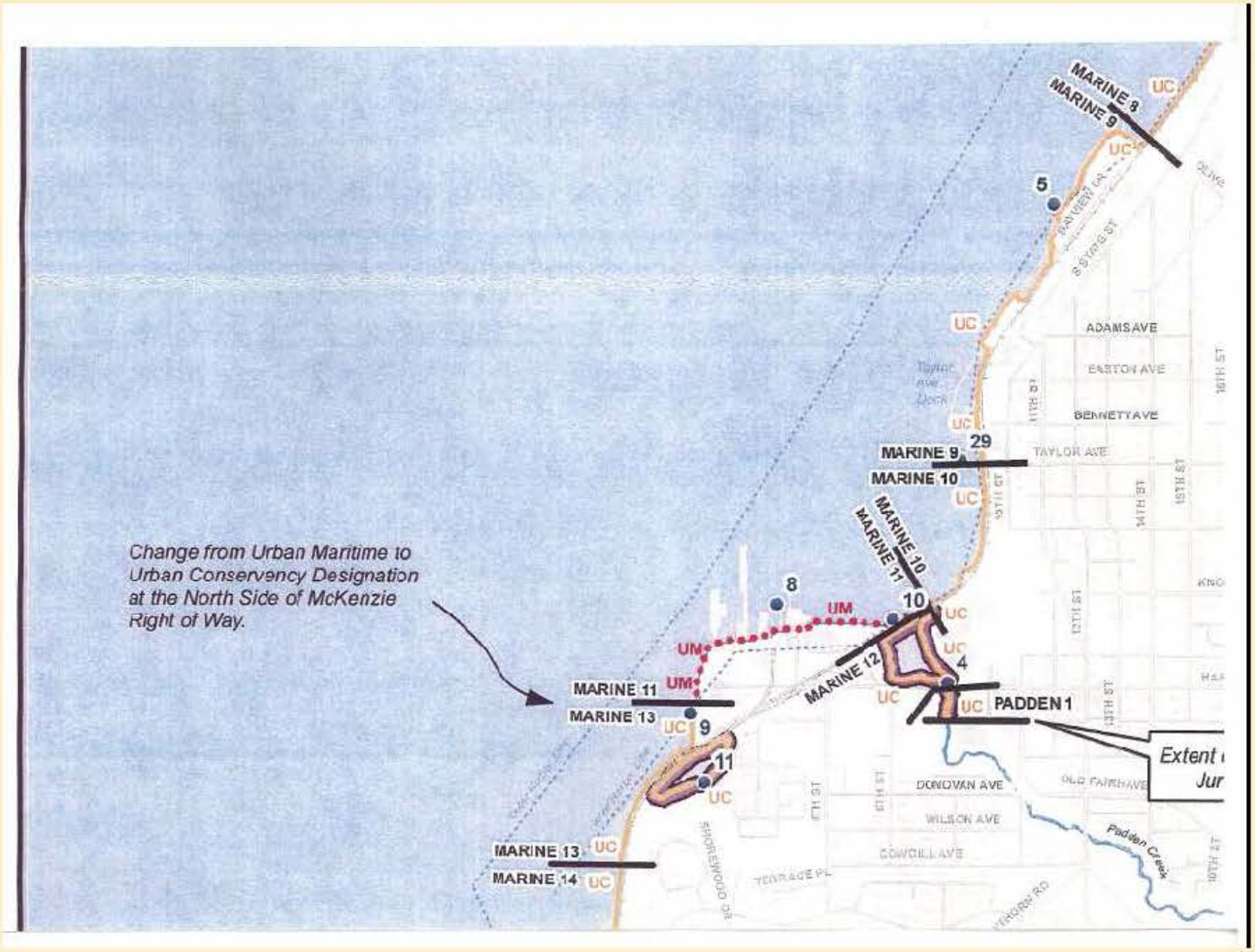
# Marine shoreline

- Shoreline Master Program
- Waterfront Futures Group
- SMP – Buffers vs. Jurisdiction

# Waterfront Futures Group



# Shoreline Master Program



# Port of Bellingham

# Critical Areas

- Wildlife habitat
  - Post Point Great Blue Heron colony
  - Bald eagle
  - Lagoon
- Wetlands

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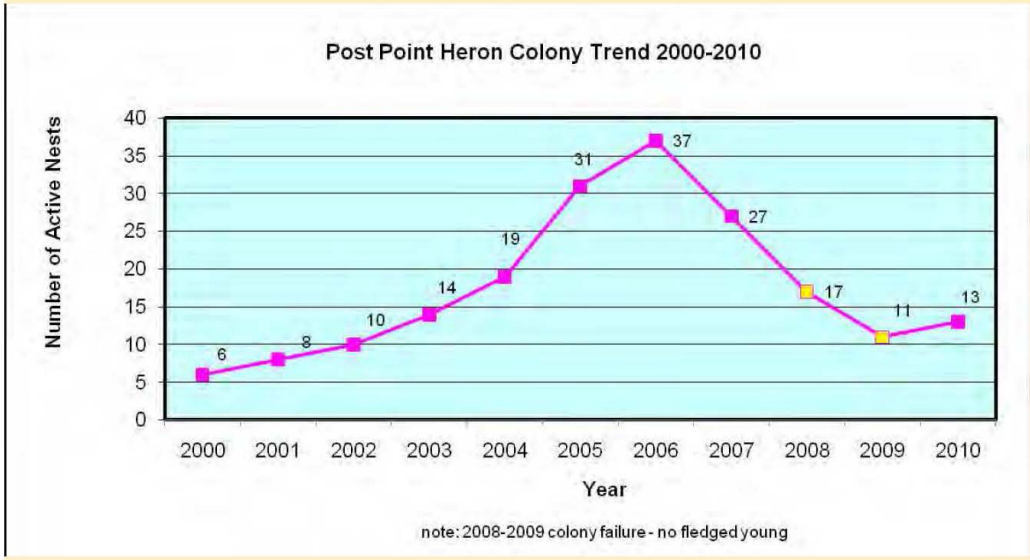
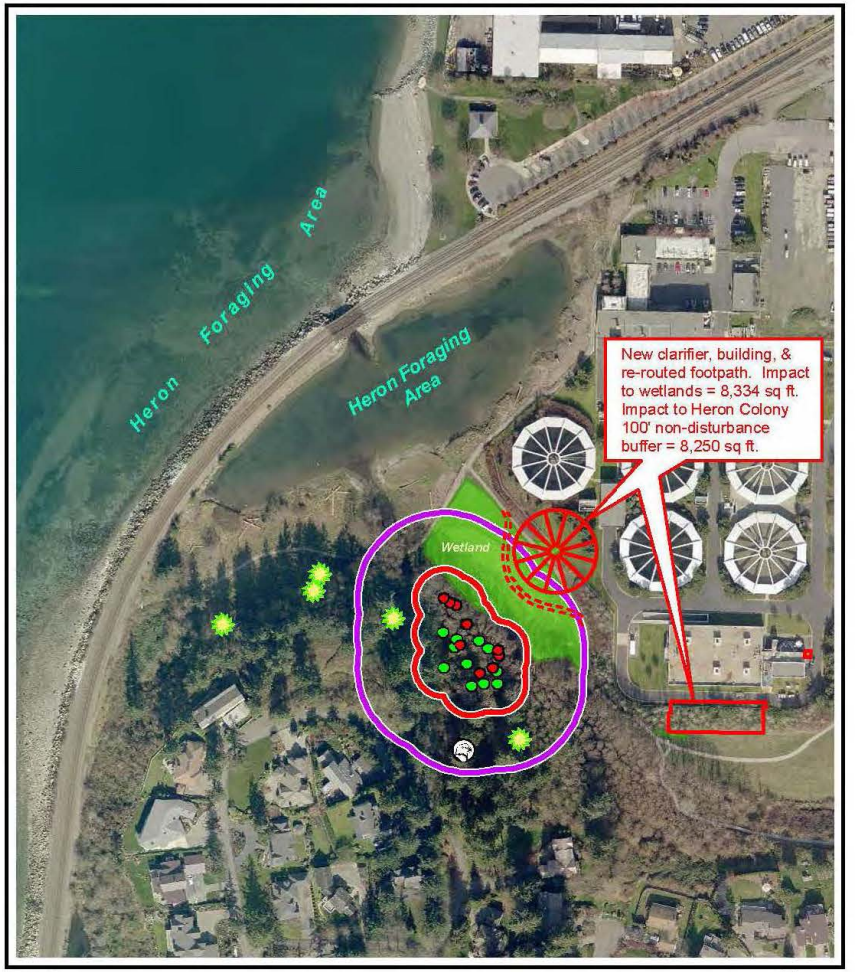
# Post Point Herons



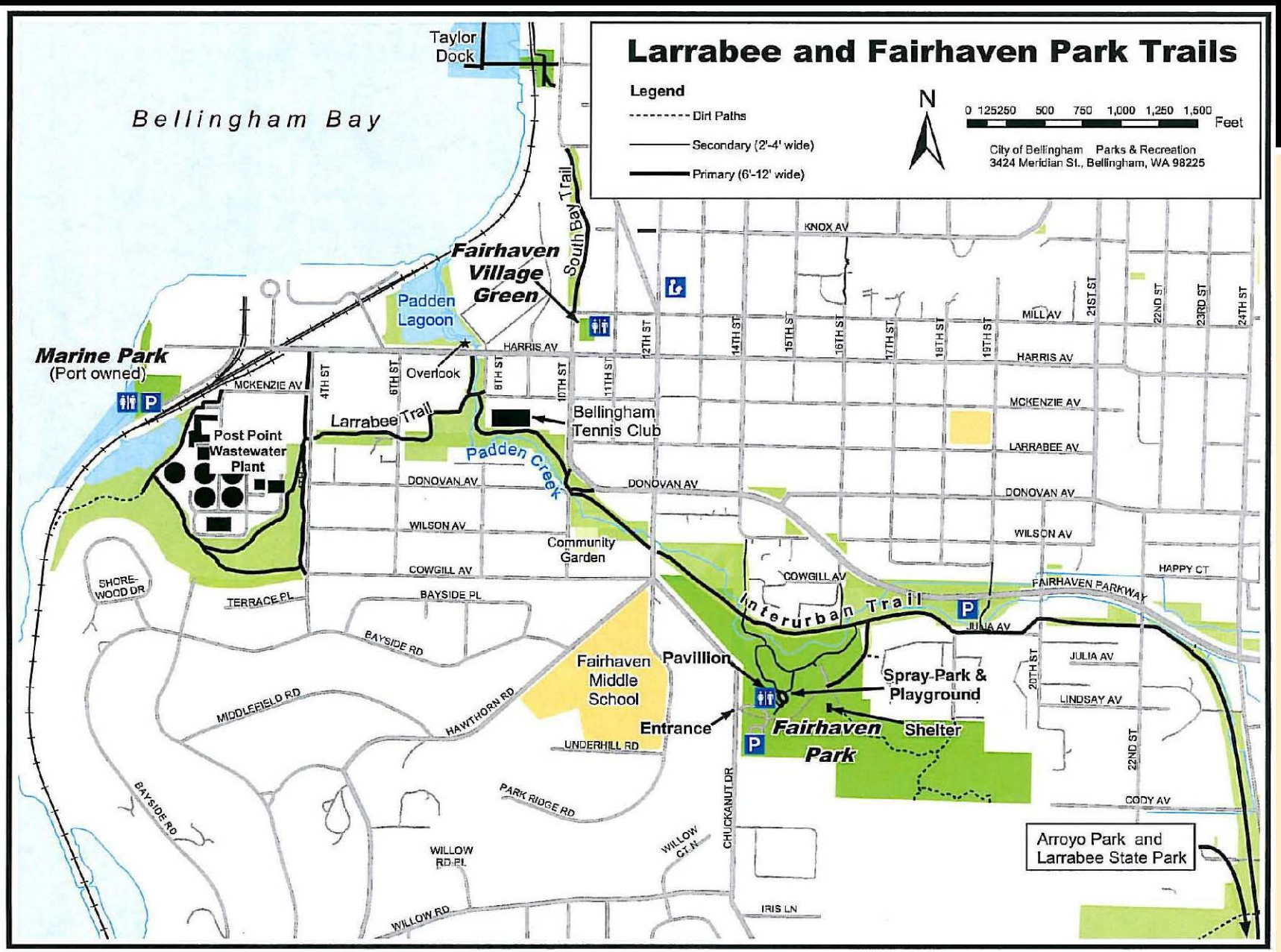



# Padden Creek

- Salmon
- Water quality
- Day Lighting

# Parks and Trails – History and Future

- 3-way hub – history of trail planning
- Vision for South Bay Trail
- Future capital investments
- Padden Creek Estuary – city reclamation project
- Future – improving connections to the waterfront


Larrabee and Fairhaven Park Trails
Legend
Dirt Paths
Secondary (2'-4' wide)
Primary (6'-12' wide)
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City of Bellingham Parks & Recreation
3424 Meridian St., Bellingham, WA 98225
Bellingham Bay
Taylor Dock
South Bay Trail
Fairhaven Village Green
Padden Lagoon
Marine Park
(Port owned)
Overlook
Larrabee Trail
Bellingham Tennis Club
Post Point Wastewater Plant
Padden Creek
Community Garden
Interurban Trail
Fairhaven Middle School
Pavillion
Spray-Park & Playground
Entrance
Fairhaven Park
Shelter
Arroyo Park and Larrabee State Park
KNOX AV
HARRIS AV
MILL AV
MCKENZIE AV
LARRABEE AV
DONOVAN AV
WILSON AV
COWGILL AV
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WILLOW RD PL
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# Re-group and share findings

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# Next Meetings

- May 25 — Historic Resources and Fairhaven Design Review District
- June 8 and 22 — Village Core Regulations

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