



Mayor's Neighborhood Advisory Commission

City of Bellingham

November 20, 2024
Hybrid Meeting

Call to Order

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

Attendance

Representatives for Neighborhoods: Louise Bjornson (Birchwood), Lindsey Payne Johnstone (City Center), Deb Valentine (Columbia), Jasmine Fast (Cordata), Nick Kelly (Cornwall), Barbara Zielstra (Edgemoor), William Beer (Edgemoor), Jan Dietzgen (Fairhaven), Jake Charlton (Happy Valley), Jane Campbell (King Mountain), Bri O'Hare (Lettered Streets), Lauren Bunke (Roosevelt), April Markiewicz (Samish), Barbara June (Samish), Robin Thomas (Sehome), Kerri Burnside (Silver Beach), Jessica Orr (South), Steve Wilson (South), Michael Chrzastowski (South Hill), Annie Sorich (Sunnyland), Chris Roselli (WWU), and Colin Beazley (York).

City Representatives: Mayor Kim Lund, Janice Keller, Deputy Administrator, Joel Pfundt, Interim Public Works Co-Director, and Riley Grant, Communications and Outreach Manager, Public Works Department

MINUTES

Opening Comments

- Welcome and explanation of the actions on unauthorized encampments. Further explanation of cleaning/fencing of the Stuart Road around the Tullwood Apartments. There is an estimate of 20,000-30,000 tons of waste on the 20-acre parcel and it will be a multi-phase process. The encampment on Bakerview is very visible and the City has had three meetings with the 5 owners of the 6 parcels and working on a coordinated action plan for success.
- The Way Station is now open offering respite, hygiene with case management including medical services for the unhoused community.
- Introduction of the Mayor's Executive Order on Housing

Approval of October 2024 Meeting Minutes

- A few typos were noted. Motion made and seconded based on amendments made. Motion approved.

Joel Pfundt and Riley Grant, Public Works Department – Transportation Update

- Presentation on Transportation (slides attached)

Discussion – Increasing Neighborhood Participation, Engagement and Information Sharing

- Ideas shared to increase participation:
 - o Include food in your meeting gatherings
 - o Combine meetings with neighboring neighborhoods
 - o Inviting legislative representatives, Mayor, City Council Members, etc.
 - o Have relevant topics that help the community
 - o York hand delivers the newsletter and has kiosks
 - o Hybrid meetings keep more people involved
 - o Sandwich boards and emails for noticing the meetings work well
 - o Focus on community engagement and what positive things are going on

- MNAC Roster has everyone's contact information and members should feel free to reach out to one another for more information on what is working in specific neighborhoods

Closing Comments:

Happy Holidays!

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

The next meeting is January 15, 2025