

AGENDA

Mount Baker Neighborhood Association

**April 25, 2007, 7:00 – 8:30 PM
Dorothy Haggen Building**

Introductions

Approval of Meeting Minutes from the January, 2007 meeting

General discussion: Comments or questions

Neighborhood Plan update? We have the opportunity to make proposed updates to our neighborhood plan. The City accepts proposals once per year in December. However, it's a lot of work! Currently, the MBNA board is thinking that unless we receive a lot of interest from neighbors, we should postpone the "neighborhood plan update" until next year. Instead, we would continue to focus on organizing and outreach. Please let us know your thoughts! Our current neighborhood plan is 41 pages and can be found at: http://www.cob.org/documents/planning/mt_baker.pdf

Report on ABN¹ and MNAC²

Report on traffic issues (see attached) / concurrency / WTA bus service

Park and trails issues

Outreach effort

- a) Creation of an informational flier?
- b) Creation of a survey?
- c) Purchase of sandwich boards?
- d) See the MBNA Website www.mtbakerna.org.

Barkley Village construction update

Next meeting: Wednesday, July 26, 7pm, Dorothy Haggen Building

Adjourn

¹ Association of Bellingham Neighborhoods (ABN) is a group design to bring together members of the community; each neighborhood area having a voice.

² The Mayor's Neighborhood Advisory Commission (MNAC) is composed of one member of each of the neighborhood committees of the city. The primary purpose of the MNAC meetings is to provide a regular forum for neighborhood associations to communicate their interests and concerns to the city administration.

Neighborhood Traffic Safety Program (NTSP)
Identifying three residential streets in need of traffic calming

Traffic conditions on residential streets can greatly affect neighborhood livability. When streets are safe and pleasant, quality of life is enhanced. When traffic problems become a daily occurrence, sense of community and personal well-being may become threatened.

The City of Bellingham has developed a Neighborhood Traffic Safety Program (NTSP) to enhance the safety and livability of residential streets in neighborhoods. Under this program, the City's NTSP Team works with residents to help identify neighborhood traffic problems and implement solutions that are both acceptable and appropriate for the residential streets in their neighborhoods.

The City would like our neighborhood association to identify three residential streets which might be candidates for "traffic calming measures". These would apply *only to residential streets, not arterials*. Once we have identified the priority streets, Public Works Department will study the traffic issues at these locations. Staff will work with the neighbors to either solve the problem through education and enforcement or, if a street qualifies, to design an appropriate traffic calming improvement. You can look at the City's website for information about the program: <http://www.cob.org/pw/NTSP.htm> .

From discussion with our members and neighbors, we have a few candidates:

- 1) Woodside Way – traffic to and from Northridge Park often involves speeding;
- 2) Magrath – traffic to and from Northern Heights School often imperils children walking to school ;
- 3) Connecting Sylvan and/or Crestline into Barkley – would provide more dispersed, logical traffic circulation;
- 4) Woodstock.

We would like to solicit more ideas from you, and determine our "priority streets" at the meeting on April 25. Then we will submit the list to the City before the deadline on 4/30/07.