

ORDINANCE NO. 2013-01-004

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BELLINGHAM AMENDING BELLINGHAM MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 2.33.040 REGARDING FUNCTIONS OF THE MAYOR'S NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY COMMISSION

WHEREAS, the Mayor's Neighborhood Advisory Commission (MNAC) operates as a key communication tool between the Mayor, the City and its recognized neighborhoods;

WHEREAS, this code change removes the mandate that the MNAC review proposed changes to the City's comprehensive plan and neighborhood plans, and make recommendations on those plans;

WHEREAS, this code change makes the MNAC's review of proposed changes to the City's comprehensive plan and neighborhood plans optional;

WHEREAS, the City commits to keep MNAC members informed of proposed changes to the City's comprehensive plan and neighborhood plans;

WHEREAS, this change streamlines the work of the MNAC, and reduces duplicative work already undertaken by the City's Planning and Development Commission;

WHEREAS, the Mayor desires for the MNAC to have an opportunity to focus on broader city-wide issues; and

WHEREAS, a majority of MNAC members voted in favor of this code change at their November 14, 2012 meeting.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF BELLINGHAM DOES ORDAIN:

Section 1. BMC Section 2.33.040 is revised as follows:

2.33.040 - FUNCTIONS - MEETINGS AND MINUTES

The primary purpose of the MNAC is for (1) the Mayor to communicate with and listen to the representatives of neighborhood associations on topics that may be of interest to neighborhoods; (2) representatives of neighborhood associations to communicate their interests and concerns to the City administration; and (3) members to serve as a conduit for timely, accurate information about City programs and services through various actions including reporting and/or forwarding to their membership information provided by the City. The MNAC may elect to review proposed changes to the City's comprehensive plan and neighborhood plans and provide comment on those proposed changes for the Mayor to


consider. The Commission shall meet at least ten times per year and shall keep minutes of its meetings.

PASSED by Council this 28th day of January, ²⁰¹³~~2012~~.



Council President

APPROVED by me this 6th day of February, ²⁰¹³~~2012~~.



Mayor

Attest:



Finance Director

Approved as to Form:



Office of the City Attorney

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