



Edgemoor Neighborhood Association 2007 NEIGHBORHOOD SURVEY

Bellingham is divided into 23 neighborhoods each of which has its individual characteristics and needs for planning purposes. As part of the update of the City's comprehensive plan, the City has asked each of its neighborhoods to assist in the process by updating their neighborhood plan. For a part of that process, we are gathering information on Edgemoor Neighborhood residents' ideas regarding some of the planning concerns which we have identified. As you may know, the Edgemoor Neighborhood Plan, last revised in 1980, is a planning document used by the City. It is the legal guideline used in making decisions that affect zoning in all its facets including housing density, size of dwellings, land use, schools, traffic, parking safety and so forth.

This questionnaire is a step in the public comment part of the update process required by the State planning law and the Growth Management Act. Updating the plan gives us, the residents of the Edgemoor Neighborhood, an opportunity to help shape our community, an opportunity which we have not had for 27 years.

Please note that we would like to have some perspective on the possible concerns from residents in different areas of Edgemoor. For that reason, we have included a set of questions and a map showing subunits of the neighborhood. It will be sent only to residents and owners of property in the Edgemoor Neighborhood. In no cases have we asked for names and addresses. The information you provide will be held in the strictest confidence.

The neighborhood boundary is identified on the map which follows. Please examine the map to identify your subarea on the map (1 to 6). The City has designated other subareas to identify special planning requirements such as protection for the heron rookery on the north end of Shorewood. The subareas on the enclosed map are for purposes of this questionnaire only. City plan subareas are available from the City Planning Department. We have also shown location for possible sidewalk improvements on the map (A to H, see Question 18).

The result of changes to the Neighborhood Plan will include suggestions for improvements and changes as well as statements of priorities. There is no guarantee that they will be enacted, but if improvements are made our priorities will be addressed.

For maximum impact, it is desirable that the issues be presented to the City by all the residents of the neighborhood, not just by the members of the Edgemoor Neighborhood Association who have undertaken to assist in this task. It is important that we hear from you. The Edgemoor Neighborhood Association meets on the first Thursday of every month at the Fairhaven Park Pavilion- 7:00 PM. Information about the ENA and the Neighborhood Plan Update Committee are available at www.edgemoorneighborhood.com.

Please complete this survey and return it in the enclosed envelope before July 6, 2007. One survey has been provided per household. If more than one person in your household would like to fill out a survey, please go to www.EdgemoorNeighborhood.com to print additional copies or you may also photocopy the original survey. Please send each additional survey in a separate envelope. Survey results will be posted on the Edgemoor Neighborhood website when results have been tabulated. Your input will help validate the survey and improve the Edgemoor Neighborhood Plan.

QUESTIONNAIRE

1. In which of the districts do you live (see attached map pg. 2)? (1-6) _____
2. Do you own or rent ?
3. How long have you lived in Edgemoor? ____ (yrs) ____ (mos)
4. How often do you run, walk, or bicycle in or through the Edgemoor neighborhood?
_____ (times/wk.) _____ (times /yr.) _____ (rarely or never)
5. Do you have children who walk to or from school? Yes No

For the next 2 questions please enter your preference in ascending order with one being the highest priority (please choose at least 4)

6. What features of the Edgemoor neighborhood do you think are the most important to preserve?

- _____ Quiet Residential Character
- _____ Single Family Zoning
- _____ Waterfront Access
- _____ Affordable Housing
- _____ Public Safety
- _____ Public Transportation
- _____ Natural Features
- _____ Views

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8. Do you agree or disagree that the Edgemoor Neighborhood zoning should remain single family residential?

- strongly agree* *somewhat agree* *neutral* *somewhat disagree* *strongly disagree*

9. Do you agree or disagree that the current City practices, policies and municipal codes adequately protect views in Edgemoor?

- strongly agree* *somewhat agree* *neutral* *somewhat disagree* *strongly disagree*

10. Is the 35.0 foot citywide height limit for single family residential houses adequate to protect views in Edgemoor?

yes

usually

sometimes

occasionally

never

10A. If you disagreed with the above, what height limitation other than the current city wide height limit should be applied to protect views? _____ feet

11. Should new construction in the Edgemoor Neighborhood be "in harmony of scale" with existing homes in its vicinity?

yes

no

no opinion

12. Do you feel that the City should strictly adhere to the 5500 square foot size limit for a single family house?

yes

no

no opinion

12A. If you answered no to question 11, what maximum standard should the city adhere to in square feet? (Check the circle above your choice)

4000

6000

7500

10,000

no limit

other_____

13. Do you agree or disagree that the plan for the Edgemoor Neighborhood should accommodate more residential infill to meet City growth projections?

strongly agree

somewhat agree

neutral

somewhat disagree

strongly disagree

13A. If you answered that you "strongly agree" or "somewhat agree" to question 12 above, do you think that Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs/ mother-in-law apartments) should be allowed as a means of increasing density?

yes

no

no opinion

14. Which is more important to you, preservation of views or preservation of trees?

views only

mostly views

balance between trees and views

mostly trees

trees only

15. Do you agree or disagree that removal of trees for new construction or remodeling should be kept to a minimum to achieve optimum placement of a dwelling?

strongly agree
 somewhat agree
 neutral
 somewhat disagree
 strongly disagree

16. Do you agree or disagree that there are adequate recreational opportunities available to the residents of the Edgemoor Neighborhood?

strongly agree
 somewhat agree
 neutral
 somewhat disagree
 strongly disagree

17. How adequate or inadequate for the Edgemoor Neighborhood area is the current provision for access to the waterfront and Bellingham Bay?

good
 adequate
 poor

18. In general, how do you rate the current conditions of the following items in the Edgemoor Neighborhood?

	GOOD	ADEQUATE	POOR
Sidewalks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Streets	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lighting	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Intersections	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pedestrian Safety	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

19. Please rank from 1 to 8 these possible sidewalk additions to the Neighborhood in ascending order with one being the highest priority (see the map for locations).

- ___ (A) Chuckanut, Willow to Sea Pines
- ___ (B) Bayside Road, Hawthorn to Acadia
- ___ (C) Fieldston, Hawthorn to Willow
- ___ (D) Fieldston, Willow to Viewcrest
- ___ (E) Clark, Linden to Willow
- ___ (F) Bayside, Briar to Fieldston
- ___ (G) Viewcrest, Fieldstone to Chuckanut
- ___ (H) Parkridge, School to Underhill

20. How adequate or inadequate is the intersection of Hawthorn, Parkridge, Chuckanut, and 12th Streets (and Cowgill) on the Edgemoor side of the 12th Street bridge?

good
 adequate
 poor

20A. If you are concerned about the characteristics of the 12th (et al) intersection noted above, please identify which of the following are of concern to you with a check mark.

- Geometry (Alignment of the roadways)
 - Sight distance (View of the oncoming cars)
 - Traffic Signal Timing
 - Pedestrian Crossings
 - Lighting
 - Capacity
 - Other *(write in the features not mentioned above which concern you)*
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21. How adequate or inadequate is the 12th Street bridge over Padden Creek, adjacent to the intersection noted in Question 19? Please check the appropriate indicator for each of the items in the matrix below.

	GOOD	ADEQUATE	POOR
Sidewalks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pavement	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lane Width	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Number of Lanes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lighting	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Capacity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

22. Do you approve or disapprove of the residential development of the Fairhaven Highlands/ 100 Acre Wood/ Chuckanut Ridge?

- approve* *neutral* *disapprove*

23. Do you approve or disapprove of the acquisition of the Fairhaven Highlands/ 100 Acre Wood/ Chuckanut Ridge by the City for use as a park/open space?

- approve* *neutral* *disapprove*

24. Do you have additional comments to assist in the process of updating the neighborhood plan? If so, please enter them below.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION. Your response will be carefully evaluated and considered in drafting the new plan for Edgemoor Neighborhood.