

February 19, 2026 - Columbia Neighborhood Association General Meeting

7:00pm - **Dez** - meeting called to order

quick introductions around the room

Dez - Treasurer Report ~ \$1200 in WECU account (estimated based on last statement)

Renee - President's Report - no major updates. Primarily focused on switching to new board. Will vote tonight then update documents and accounts accordingly

Deb - MNAC Update

Discussed how MNAC is evolving, Homeshare program, Whatcom County Jail & Behavioral programs, Mayor's update on what city is doing for citizens and how dealing with budget shortfall

Question - What is Bellingham doing about World Cup?:

- City has a lists of companies participating in fan zone activities
- Inside Bellingham Newsletter: <https://cob.org/news/2026/bellingham-fan-zone-plans-take-shape>
- <https://www.bellingham.org/fan-zone-events>

7:15pm **Connor Harron**, City of Bellingham - presentation on Community Streets Program

- <https://cob.org/services/community-streets>
- <https://cob.org/services/community-streets/about-community-streets>
- **Meridian/Birchwood/Squalicum Roundabout** - Meeting March 4 - Parkview Elementary 6:00-7:30pm

7:42 - **Renee & Dez** - Voting for Board

New Candidates:

- Desiree (Dez) Kane - President
- Gabe Murphy - Treasurer

Continuing Candidates:

- Deb - MNAC Representative
- Greg - MNAC Alternate

Quick discussion on Roles, Responsibilities, Activites & Events for board members

Possible schedule for 2026 may be just four board meetings, before the four general meetings (3 left for 2026)

Vote taken 7:50pm - unanimous - passed as proposed (10 members present)

7:52pm Open floor:

Block Captains - discussion around Resiliency in Community

- Consider quadrants or small groups of blocks to manage size.
- Block parties, Alley Rallies, Yard Parties
- Idea is to get smaller neighbor groups to get to know each other, primarilty in case of local emergency
- Greg shared other Neighborhood methods of connecting people

8:02 Meeting adjourned