

Meeting Minutes
New Tacoma Neighborhood Council
Retreat
Saturday, January 23, 2016
9:00 AM-12:00 PM
Safe Streets Conference Room, 622 Tacoma Ave. South

The meeting was called to order by Chair Elizabeth Burris at 9:00 am.

Board Members Attending: Elizabeth Burris, Rick Jones, Tom Ebenhoh, Dalton Gittens, Mae Harris, Bill Garl, Jori Adkins, Philip Bradford, Valerie Floyd, Denny Faker, Dalton Gittens, Jo Davies, Emily Roeben

Board Members Excused: Scott Rich, Hally Bea

Guests: Corey Mosesly (Facilitator)

Welcome

- Introductions were made and Corey provided an overview of the Agenda

Year in Review, Annual Report, Budget for 2016

- **2016 Action Plan:** There was considerable discussion about the 2015 Action Plan. Most, but not all action items were accomplished in 2015 which will be identified in the Annual Report. Recruitment of Board members and audience were identified as challenges for 2015 along with the expansion of the NTNC section in the City web site, and having a meeting in a different location. The Homeless Encampment Forum follow up will be an open item for continuing attention in 2016. Again, having the regular meeting at a different location for 2015 was a challenge in that attendees may not have attended due to the change and could have planned their schedule for the same location throughout the year. This will not be included in the 2016 Action Plan. A draft 2016 Action Plan was completed which will be included in the Annual Report. Action items were similar for 2015 with expansion of marketing, recruitment, partnership efforts, reaching out to the community, advocacy, and being a resource for the NTNC footprint. There was discussion on recruitment of youth involvement such as UWT students. A new committee was also formed (Philip, Tom, Jo, Emily, Bill, Liz) to review the By-Laws and Corporate Tax Law recommendations. Part of this review of By Laws will include addressing the language on the policy for funding requests which was included in the retreat Agenda.
- **2015 Year in Review and Annual Report:** Liz provided the template for the 2015 Annual Report. There was discussion and coverage on all of the report elements. Traci and Corey assisted with compiling notes/budget items and will send to Tom for inclusion in writing the Annual Report. Annual Report and Budget will be sent to Board members for review/approval prior to submitting to the City (Carol).
- Year in review was very positive. There was considerable discussion on what was, and what was not accomplished in 2015 with looking forward to 2016.
- **2016 Neighborhood Cleanup:** Board discussed and all agreed to partner with the Eastside Neighborhood Council for a 2016 Neighborhood Cleanup.
- **2015 Budget Review and 2016 Budget Planning:**

- The 2015 budget was reviewed and reconciled estimated / actual costs. A draft of the 2016 budget was completed with some budgeted revisions and additions. The proposed 2016 Budget was approved by all Board members for final review/approval before ratification and submission to the City (Carol).
- **Goal Setting and Priorities for 2016:** There was considerable discussion about the way-forward and goal setting and identifying NTNC priorities for 2016. The 2016 NTNC Action Plan was drafted and will be submitted in the Annual Report. Corey will work with Tom in expanding organizational e-mail list with service such as mailchimp. Philip volunteered to take the administration for Facebook postings, updates, etc. Board also discussed the possibility of seeking another location for regular meetings with more to follow at upcoming regular meeting.

Adjournment: The retreat adjourned at approximately 1145.