



NENC Public Meeting Minutes

June 6, 2016, 6pm

Trimble Forum - UPS Campus

1. Call to order, adoption of agenda—Called to order at 6:00—Agenda adopted.
2. Introductions and welcome—Board members: Jim M, Susan, Kyle, Jim L, Brian, Morf, Anna, Bea, and Jim B and Erica came late and about a 12-15 attendees on a beautiful evening
3. Approval of Minutes – approved
4. Treasurer's Report – Anna created a half-year summary. We have a little over \$18,000 in the bank. We have currently spent a little over half of our yearly \$4,000 we get from the city. But we have payments expected at over \$3,200 and requests coming from a few groups. Report approved.
5. Liaison Reports
 - a. Marie Verhaar from TPS—More than 6,500 water fixture tests. Replaced over 300. 11 schools are totally clear. Washington, Geiger and Sherman are on the list of cleared! Last day of school is June 17. New health rules for chickenpox. Two doses now required. There's a new program for suspended students to enable them to continue academically when they are not in school. Another award for the schools—Santorno received an honorary doctorate from UPS. Grad rates under her are up from 55% to 85%. Plans for Hoyt are coalescing.
 - b. David Nash-Mendez from the City Manager's—He's our new liaison. He's back from the Peace Corps in Macedonia and now with us. He was also with Seattle's office of immigrant and refugee affairs. Community job session on June 29. Community clean-ups for 2017 are already getting started--591-5026.

6. Presentation – Rep. Laurie Jinkins – Session update: She's on Judiciary, Health Care, Appropriations, and on a bunch of ad hoc committees, like the oversight committee for Western State Hospital. We adopt the biennial budget in odd years, so this year was more about tinkering, like with education and mental health. Tax breaks to large, multinational corporations were removed. It's hard to think about what they do locally, but they fund places like UWT and Bates. And there's infrastructure. Improvements are coming to the road to the ferry (Pearl) since it's a state highway, technically. 167 is getting done, thanks to Jake Fey. It was an easy sell to shippers from places like Yakima. There was a question about dogs in cars, and those actually do go to the Judiciary committee. Nothing new this year. There was a question about oil trains. Laurie says we're looking at safety standards for those. There was a question about water use and how much we use in WA and how much it costs per capita. Contact her at 253-566-5610. Laurie.jinkins@leg.wa.gov.

7. Old Business –

- a. Funding (pending requests from the Destiny City Film Fest and Art on the Ave) We voted 5-4 to give Destiny City Film Fest \$150.
- b. Art on the Ave requested \$500. We can donate our vendor space on July 10 to another organization. We voted unanimously to give them \$500. Hilltop Glass Artists booth? We might staff the booth...
- c. Jim M spoke about design review. He recapped our process so far. He showed a matrix of 11 municipalities and what they do based on different criteria. He presented a draft letter to encourage design review processes in Tacoma. He asked that we vote to send it. We voted to send it, 10-1. There was a request from the floor to make the letter more well-known in the community, as well as the response(s) we receive. Jim said he'll send it to a wider audience. He said he'll also attach the design review matrix.

8. New Business –

- a. Lowell – Jenny Jacobs came to ask for money for a back-to-school BBQ. She's hoping we can supplement the event. She asked for \$1,000 and said she would post about us on Facebook and put up signs at the event. The event costs about \$2,000-\$2,200. Over 50% of Lowell is free and reduced lunch. They put out a donation container at the event. Jim Bush was concerned about getting into the business of funding school events. Jenny says the Lowell PTA does struggle for funding because Lowell is a choice school rather than just a neighborhood school. But they maybe don't often get attention because they are in a "wealthy" area. We voted to give them \$250 for the back-to-school picnic, and they'll advertise our efforts.
- b. There was a question about drinking fountains. Can we have those in the North End? Sounds like a great idea for an Innovative Grant.
- c. Another subcommittee? Susan proposed one to reach out to the Proctor developers to see if we can make some connections early on. There was some discussion about whether or not we need a committee. There was a motion to form a subcommittee and Susan will put together a proposal of the function of the committee. Motion amended to simply create a

- design subcommittee. Passed, with only a couple abstentions and no votes against.
- d. There might be a legal fight on water use.
9. Citizen's opportunity to comment (no more than 3 minutes, please).
 10. Community Council Report—no meeting in May
 11. Adjournment at 7:45

Coming Attractions in July:

Our July meeting will be July 11.

TPU will help us firm up a neighborhood friendly strategy for the creative re-use for the Cushman substation and surrounding property. If you have questions or concerns, please send them to us so we can forward them to TPU.