



NENC Public Meeting Minutes
August 1, 2016, 6pm
Trimble Forum - UPS Campus

1. Call to order, adoption of agenda—adopted at 6:04
2. Introductions and welcome—Erica, Jodi, Susan, Kyle, Jim M, Morf, Jim L, Rachel and Bea are the board members present along with about 20 people in the audience
3. Approval of Minutes -- approved
4. Treasurer's Report --deferred
5. Liaison Reports
 - a. Doug Kimball from Fire--National Night Out is tomorrow. Be careful with fires, especially this time of year with the dry grass. Keep flammable stuff away from your house. Only call 911 when it's an emergency. You can call 911 if there is persistent firework trouble.
 - b. Lt. Dan Still from Police—vehicle prowls and burglaries are down. Keep being aware of making cars empty and windows inaccessible. Tuesdays and Thursdays 2am, 7am, 10am are the big hit times. The gas station at Alder and 26th was recently hit. Classes at the station about TPD if you want to see how our police department works. They are Wednesday nights, three-hour sessions. TPD would like to have more people come to the citizen academy so there are more links between police and citizens. Check out how to sign up for the Citizens' Academy on the city website.
 - c. Dan Voelpel from TPS—Kids in K, 6 or 9 can participate in a Jump Start program. It's a way to get kids who are new to a school to get used to the new school. SAMI construction kick-off is the 21st of September. A local company won the contract for Grant's reconstruction. It'll be a year-and-a-half process. Last push for 2016 graduation is happening. For stats, schools have until the end of August. Last year was over 82%. IDEA opens in September with a freshman class. The school will be partnering with local businesses who can do private work in the IDEA spaces as long as they connect with kids. IDEA is a finalist for a \$10 million grant. That'd be nice money. The public process for input for Grant will probably start in the fall.

- d. David Nash-Menendez from the City—The community clean-up in the North End will be in the North Slope on Saturday, August 13 at Jason Lee from 10-2. There are free CPR classes being offered by TFD. City Council meetings will be held at TPU's building because of renovations at city hall until the end of September. That's at 3628 South 35th. At the next meeting there's an ask for tax abatement for Proctor Station 2.
- e. Karen Bowes from Proctor Market—high season! This Saturday is Proctor Arts Fest, so the market is open 9-4. With no food trucks this year at the Fest, there will be busy vendors at the market. The next week is also a festive date. Come on out!

6. Presentations:

Sara Best, Management Analyst, City of Tacoma, Environmental Services, Office of Environmental Policy and Sustainability.

Michael Carey // Urban Forest Program Manager. He's the arborist. (And was the speaker.)

They are here to talk about a planting opportunity for street trees. In the old program, about 48% of the trees died. Then they moved to the coupon program, which allowed planting beyond the right-of-way. Now they are willing to help with programs. The minimum for an area is 10 trees and 3 neighbors on a block. A part of the program now is follow-up to improve on the 48%. Some is training, some reminders, some tools (like watering bags and stakes). They are also trying to be more aware of which tree they plant. Their preference is larger trees when they can because of surface water and shade benefit and using ornamental, smaller trees when there are power lines. The city requires you to plant, but they are providing a lot of support. They are looking to plant in October and November. 20 to 30 feet spacing between trees. They have a nursery with some tree variety. One requirement is home owners call for utility marking before planting. One of the goals is to increase tree diversity, even if that disrupts street visual rhythm. Will Public Works follow their building guidelines, even if that means hurting street trees? Nope. Trees take precedence. The trees for this program start at around 5-8'. The nursery trees are well-adapted to the region, but there are some places where the trees will do better than others. The coupon program was a way to try to keep trees alive. There's a form on the city's website, \$15 off per tree up to five trees. Coupons start on October 1. If you pick "right tree, right place", then there won't be an issue with infrastructure. We currently have a list of about 15 neighbors. The city mostly just needs a hub site to drop dirt and trees.

7. Old Business - Committee Reports – Outreach, Communications, Beautification/Improvements

--The art project idea is moving along. It'll be a project at Proctor Garden.

--Susan reported on development projects in our area. We're looking to have some show and tell, but we might combine with New Tacoma.

--Jim M talked about our Design Review effort. Jim proposed having a small group go talk to the city manager to discuss intent. He will try to set something up. David N-M will help him to arrange it.

--Jim M talked about the Cushman Substation. What's the vision for 21st? Will it be a four-lane street? He wants more discussion about both the station and the street. There's an open house on September 14 at UPS at 6:00 in the Rotunda to talk about the 21st Street construction. Do

they already have a plan on their website? And the building itself. It's historic. And it's maybe not being kept in the best repair. Let's have more discussion.

8. New Business – Candidates' Forum? – Kyle will send an email about the Forum possibilities, and then we'll pick races from there.

9. Citizen's opportunity to comment (no more than 3 minutes, please). – nothing tonight

10. Community Council Report – no meeting this month

11. Adjournment 7:30ish—at 7:31. Amazingly.

Next NENC meeting will be September 12. We will hear from the city manager about the preliminary budget issues. We are expecting a 6-7 million shortfall.