



NENC Public Meeting Agenda and Minutes
November 7, 2016, 6pm
Trimble Forum - UPS Campus

1. Call to order, adoption of agenda—called to order at 6:01, agenda adopted
2. Introductions and welcome—board members present: Rachel, Jim M, Jodi, Anna, Morf, Kyle, Susan, Jim L, Jim B, Erica, Jill. Along with about 20 people in the audience. Slim crowd on a Seahawk football night.
3. Approval of Minutes—minutes approved
4. Treasurer's Report—no funds have changed hands in the last couple months. There's still a check out for Proctor Farmers' Market. Report accepted.
5. Liaison Reports
 - a. Lincoln Correa from TFD—budget—if the proposal holds, the department will get 8 more people. There will likely be a fire cadet program. The risk of kitchen fires increases during the holidays. Slight uptick of calls during October.
 - b. Marie Verhaar from TPS—planning is happening to modernize schools. Check the website for a link if you'd like to comment. They are currently fielding initial design ideas for Grant Elementary. Graduation rates are up to 85%. In 2010 the rate was 55%. School board received a Board of Distinction Award from the state.
 - c. Anders Ibsen from the city council—17 police positions proposed for restoration in the budget. That's still down from before the recession, but better. North 21st is on the docket (only the area where there are towers so that it's in line with other work). The road project is longer term, and the biggest recommendation was for narrowing 21st to make it safer for pedestrians. No formal decision yet. There's a study session on the 6th. There's going to be an independent audit of Click! to help get a view of things.

- d. Dan Still from TPD--7-11 at 6th and Alder has seen two armed robberies. Car prowling activity is up. Older Hondas are hit a lot. Be mindful of warming up your car without a driver inside...
- e. Rebecca (subbing for David) from the city manager's office—the citizen forum is the 15th rather than the 8th because of the election. There's a community meeting for the youth/young adult drop-in center on November 17 from 6-8. There's also a Puyallup corridor meeting. November 16 is a safe routes to school meeting.
- f. Dan Pike from Pierce Transit—there's an expansion coming. Service hours are going up, but part of that is trimming routes, but then the remaining routes are every half hour until 10pm every night. Monday the 14th is a decision night. Route 13 is on the chopping block. They are looking at ways to shift service slightly to help cover Old Town. There's a pilot route next year through Old Town and along Schuster/Ruston from downtown. It'll be like the Gig Harbor Trolley. They are increasing the funding of summer passes for youth.

6. Presentation: Environmental Services Presentation on services & rates.

(Environmental Services Director: Michael P. Slevin III, P.E.)

The department feels responsible for maintaining the clean-up efforts made after the many years of pollution in Tacoma. They've won a bunch of awards for storm water and waste collection. They cut their power usage in the last couple years by 14%. The floodwall at the central treatment plant won a national public works award. They are working to divert waste from landfills. They've been assessing their pipes with cameras instead of just relying on expected life spans. Different life spans have led to some unexpected pipe replacements. With waste diversion, the food waste program is working. Recycling is also up. They are looking at full life-cycle costing of the pipes. They are trying to replace as they go, rather than having a backlog for pipes like the city has with roads. For instance, there's a big treatment plant upgrade needed in the 2050's. They are planning ahead. And they work with Public Works as much as possible to leverage the infrastructure dollars. They've eliminated 17.5 positions, which was planned, mostly because of efficiencies/automation coming online. They are looking at commingled glass recycling, which is a wash financially but is beneficial for customers. Watch for it in 2017-18. They try to door knock on an area each year to help residents take advantage of healthy options. They also manage gulch areas and try to vegetate to keep slides from happening. The rate increases for 2017 are 4% for solid waste, 5.5% for wastewater, 5.5% for surface water. Rates are still much

lower than Seattle and about the same as Bellevue and Olympia, but it's hard to compare apples to apples. Several other cities don't have the same legislated standards that are required in Tacoma. We're actually in pretty good shape with environmental services (surface water, waste water, solid waste). The cost ends up being about 2.4% of median income in 2017. The goal is to be lower than 4%. And they even have payment assistance programs. We're on track to be an "inflation only" utility, which is good value. Their rate models are organized to try to make all developments pay their fair share. If you reduce your run-off, you can ask to reduce your fee. Their trucks are checked for weight to make sure the streets can handle the loads. They are raising money for their open space program. For more info on all of this and more, you can always call Mike at 253-591-5525. Maybe you can suggest that they produce an Environmental Services calendar...

7. Election of new NENC board members—Those willing to be considered for a position are as follows:

Michael LaFreniere

David Prather

Susan Ryan

Jill Jensen

Jim Merritt

Kyle Price

There is one vacant seat in this cycle. (And there's one in the other cycle as well.) These six members are approved.

8. Old Business - Committee Reports –

Communications—we're looking at how we can reach out. We're looking at our website and our other methods of media outreach. We're looking at Survey Monkey and Mail Chimp. We've been trying to improve our email functionality, but it's hard to avoid the opt-in wall that's preventing us from loading our old address lists. UPS uses a service that might be worth investigating.

Beautification/Improvements—tree planting day is Saturday the 19th! There will be a meet and greet around 9, and then it's planting. AND there are now handout certificates recognizing beauty in the North End. And those come with gift certificates to McClendon's. We will reimburse for the \$80 printing costs. Maybe we can track where we spread those.

New Business—'I' Street Letter—The North Slope and specifically Julie Turner is asking that we write a letter about safety and enforcement on that street and maybe looking at expenditures for traffic calming. There is a planning commission study and survey on safe routes to school. Check the city website. We will write a letter of support, and Kyle will write it and get it out to the board for approval.

9. Citizen's opportunity to comment (no more than 3 minutes, please). Jennifer Wynkoop--There was a comment about the transit route change coming to the North End and the missing service to Old Town. You can make a comment on the Pierce Transit website.

And there's the Martin Luther King event. Dr. King's Beloved Community ideal is the focus. They are expecting 2000-3000 people. They are asking for sponsorship. Harold Moss is the keynote speaker. Motion/second to sponsor at \$500. We have sponsored the event in the past. They get the money.

Safe Streets—There's an event on the 19th (same as tree day!) which is a workshop for community members. \$10 registration fee. It's at UWT in the library.

The Buckley Addition and Wedge Districts are now on the National Register. And the Cushman Substation nomination is moving along as well.

10. Community Council Report—Foss Waterway Development is putting together a three-park system. The residential in-fill pilot program was also presented. One controversial piece is the DADU provision. But it's currently a pilot program. You can check out the program on the city's website. Maybe we can invite Elliott Barnett to come back and speak on it again after the program gets going.

11. Adjournment at 8:33 (!).

Next NENC meeting will be December 5.

Coming Attractions:

Proctor Parking Survey update

Eric Huseby, CPP, PARKING SERVICES MANAGER

City of Tacoma-Public Works Department