



NENC Public Meeting Agenda and Minutes
December 5, 2016, 6pm
Trimble Forum - UPS Campus

1. Call to order, adoption of agenda—adopted at 6:03
2. Introductions and welcome—Jim M, Jodi, Anna, Rachel, Morf, Kyle, Michael, Dave, Bea, Jim B and about 20 neighbors in attendance. Welcome all!
3. Approval of Minutes—approved

Jim M-has to leave early to attend the homeless symposium, apologizes in advance.

4. Treasurer's Report--\$17,466.15 (we maybe have web site maintenance fees, but those details are forthcoming)
 - a. Reimbursements for communication efforts and meeting supplies (trees and outreach meeting at Mason MS)
 - i. \$63.74 to Susan Ryan
 - ii. \$145.07 to Jodi Cook
 - iii. receipts for Jill Jensen also provided
 - b. We should try to plan for these expenses in advance. But sometimes these expenses do come up. We unanimously approved the reimbursements. Anna will write the checks.
5. Liaison Reports
 - a. Marie Verhaar from TPS—Satan Club is starting at Point Defiance Elementary. December 14 is the day. Attendance is unknown. They are watching to see how it goes. Can't discriminate. It's not a school program, but they can use the space. The district's goal is to keep kids safe. Club space usage is free during after-school hours. There's a MS boundary line change coming to the Sherman area. It's a different meeting line than historical. There's still a chance the line could change again before the meeting on December 8. Summer 253 is gearing up. 253 students will be selected to participate. It's a work program the city and schools and businesses coordinate together. The legislative agenda is k-12 funding, CTE courses and counted as part of graduation requirements, and another funding priority is extended day and extended year programs.
 - b. Steve Phelps from TFD—There are some additional bodies coming to the North End. Could be 13 is getting an engine, which is a nice bump.

- c. Dan Still from TPD—The memorial for the fallen officer will start at JBLM and go to the Dome. They expect a large crowd. About 10:30-3:00 on Friday the 9th.
 - d. David Nash-Mendez with City Manager's report—2017 will be wage and workplace standards updates. Great Tacoma Community Foundation is offering grants of up to \$3,500. Applications close on January 13. GTCF.org. The Polar Plaza is open. 8th Annual Santa Runs coming on the 10th. First Night Tacoma is coming. It's the 20th anniversary. The North 21st Street changes are being decided. As always, if you want more info, call the city at 311.
 - e. Karen Bowes from the Proctor Market—the second Saturdays in January, February and March 10-1 is the winter market. Check out the Christmas markets in December.
6. Presentation: Proctor Parking survey update; Eric Huseby, CPP Parking Services Manager, City of Tacoma-Public Works Department

His group is responsible for all parking enforcement and investigation activities. They built a study area. There was no prior study to compare it to. They looked at an area that encompasses 1800 stalls, which is largely residential surrounding the Proctor core. 8am-6pm from Monday to Saturday during a couple weeks in May. It's a baseline study. It's just a baseline study to see occupancy. It's not a study that's a springboard to any policy. There are levels of occupancy ranging from readily available to constrained. If it's more constrained, then there need to be more regulations to manage the parking. Their ideal is around 75% occupancy. Proctor never got beyond 44% in peak areas in the whole area, which covers a lot of residential spaces rather than just the core. They gathered a lot of data. A couple areas had red marks, which means there are a couple spots (blocks?) that had 6 hours or more of 85% occupancy, which is high. Most areas in the core were generally in the 75% range or lower. In the densest cluster, the average occupancy is 58-77%. The peak tended to be around 63%. In a more focused cluster, it's 67-88%. The highest number is largely due to the Proctor Market's popularity. The peak is still only around 71%. Going even closer into the densest part, which is only 8 block faces, it's actually only 67-84%. Their conclusion is there's not much spillover into residential areas. The parking in the core is about at the numbers that they want. With the highest density area, it was typically still just one block away from a lower occupancy, which they think is fine in a flat, walkable area. They wouldn't advocate for changes currently. They might look at Saturday parking regulations, but they didn't recommend that the district pursue more parking regulation. Proctor Station is now full and Peaks and Pints is now open. The intent at some point is to have routine studies so they can see how the baseline changes. There was a question about evening parking, which was not really captured by the study. There's a residential parking program coming in 2017, maybe even in January, to help add a layer of protection against spillover parking. It'll be a permit or short term parking. Some of the issue is where workers in Proctor park. There was some anecdotal evidence provided about parking difficulties, and some of it was for those times after 6:00 when the study didn't operate. They will look at an evening iteration of the parking study in the next round. There was a question about fire safety on narrow, parked-up streets. The fire department is aware of the pinch and is working to manage it, especially from an apparatus planning perspective. There are regular meetings on design standards for arterials. Will there be parking assistance for people on fixed incomes? There is a low-income provision, but it's not a big program yet.

7. Election of new NENC officers

- a. Chair—Kyle Price
- b. Vice Chair—Jodi Cook
- c. Treasurer—Anna Peterson
- d. Secretary—Rachel Cardwell

All four are approved unanimously.

There was one application to be a new member on the board. Joe Tieger will be joining the board for in one of our vacant two-year terms.

8. Old Business - Committee Reports

Beautification/Improvements—tree planting report --We unanimously approved \$150 in gift cards to thank the companies and people who helped us. We'll get them at Met Market. Susan wrote some nice notes for the cards.

9. New Business

- a. Postcard that the city will mail—There will be pictures of Innovative Grants and other North End activities, like tree planting. We voted unanimously to have the communications committee keep working with Carol to send the postcard.
- b. Nomination for the Cushman Substation is before Landmarks on Wednesday the 14th
- c. Support for homeless—Jill is asking for money to make packages. And then giving the supplies to a shelter. We can support a shelter in our boundaries or outside of our boundaries. There was a recommendation to give money to a shelter rather than buying supplies. Options include Tacoma Rescue Mission, Shared Housing Services, Grace Destiny, Youth Services, MDC. Motion and 2nd for \$400 for MDC, \$400 for Teen Homelessness, \$400 for Tacoma Rescue Mission. Pending contradictory info from Jim Merritt, who is attending the homeless symposium. Passes unanimously.
- d. January retreat/meeting—No regular meeting in January. There's a motion to have the retreat on Sunday the 8th. UPS will host. The time and room is TBD. Kyle will ask Carol if she can come. Rachel will send out a Doodle for times.
- e. Car lanes on North 21st—there was a lot of conversation about whether we would support one proposal or the other. There's the three-lane hybrid and the designated two-lane proposal. We will gather more info.

10. Citizen's opportunity to comment (no more than 3 minutes, please).

Orchard from North 35th headed north is a stretch of road that has some infrastructure issues. It's a fast road. How are we managing the speed of cars through there? Rachel asked if there's contact with the Safe Routes to School group. They are starting to examine these things and could help.

Recommended that he contact Kurtis Kingsolver to see where the street issue is going.

11. Community Council Report—deferred for the moment, but we have no one from our board on the neighborhood media committee—maybe we should find someone to be on that committee; Erica will scan some stuff for us.

12. Adjournment 7:30ish—actually 8:30ish