

DRAFT NETNC August 20th Board Meeting Minutes

7pm, TPD NE substation

Board Members Present: Arill Berg, Lois Cooper, Jim DeJung, Don Halabisky, Dick Hayek, Jon Higley, Yvonne McCarty, Karen Pischel, Bill Thompson, John Thurlow, Patti Warwick, Marion Weed (quorum)
Excused: Hayes Alexander, Carolyn Edmonds, Sandy Leek, Jim Philp, Faye Teel

7pm: CALL TO ORDER and Agenda: John Thurlow, Co-Chair

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: June 2015 minutes in the e-mail July-August edition of NET News, and later printing (on table). Not approved through oversight. [To be approved in September 17th meeting.]

TREASURER'S REPORT: Karen Pischel, Treasurer, oral update approved. [Full statement in September NET News.]

CITY / SCHOOLS / PARKS STAFF REPORTS:

- City Manager's Office: Brad Forbes reported on Summer Youth 253, which placed 135 young people at major businesses in the area. He talked about the construction trades program that provides free classes to 18-24-yr-olds at the Reach Youth Center. He also provided a source of current updates on Port of Tacoma Rd. closures resulting from its reconstruction – text 468311.
- Tacoma Police Department: no report - CLO Brandon Showalter on vacation. John Thurlow reported that the CLO has made a Traffic Complaint form to fill out describing places and times of observed speeding, so that a picture of where patrol officers and the Traffic detail should be monitoring can be established. Forms are available at the substation, and will be included in an upcoming NET News.
- Tacoma Fire Department: Battalion Chief Doug Kimball discussed run statistics (mostly medical, as usual) and said that July 4th –related fires were up 100% to 60, mostly brush. He commented on making ones house fire-resistant in this drought and heat by trimming vegetaton at least 10 feet away from the house (“defensible space”). There were 70 National Night Out requests for Tacoma Fire visits across the City (but none in NE Tacoma). He responded to a question about response times in the Tideflats, noting that response is slowed down by barriers (waterways, trains in crossings, etc., and discussed the need to re-open a fire station in the vicinity of the former Station 15 on E 11th St. near the Hylebos Bridge in view of high-hazard businesses being developed in that area.
- Tacoma Schools: no report
- Metro Parks: Jose Gorospe, NE/Norpoint manager, discussed the Pt. Defiance Master Plan finalization

being delayed to November, as the City works with SEPA (State Environment Protect Act) requirements. He highlighted a few major projects: soil remediation, view point upgrades, and a traffic circle and pedestrian access upgrades at the entrance (using City/State/MPT funding). He recommended the Destination Pt. Defiance website: <http://www.metroparkstacoma.org/destinationpointdefiance/#.Ve9ypfZVhBc>.

He also discussed summer drought water conservation, the upcoming Norpoint Summer Bash, the East Side Community Center, the Hilltop Peoples' Pool. He reported that estimates are in for proposed projects at the Browns Point Lighthouse Park, and we should expect an update in September.

PROGRAM:

1. 2015-16 Innovative Grant Project

Recommendations: John Thurlow

Kyle Jantzen of the 38th St. Ct. NE block watch group presented the sole NE Tacoma-based application for Speed Humps on 50th Ave. NE, which will cost \$16,000. This proposal received a unanimous approval from the Board.

The other proposal, for a contribution to the Tacoma Waterfront Marketing Assn. to build a website promoting shoreline-related sites, activities, and businesses, was rejected. The lack of shoreside public access in NE Tacoma (limited to the small beach access/kayak put-in on Marine View Dr., since other “Points” locations are all in unincorporated Pierce County) made a grant recommendation from NETNC unnecessary

The Board directed Thurlow to convey the recommendations to the City, and note that NETNC was leaving \$20,000 of the \$36,000 for the biennium unallocated, and asking for application deadline relief. Backup proposals include radar-operated “Your Speed Is” signs on BP Blvd. and 49th Ave. NE or Norpoint Way NE (Thurlow is champion). The other proposal seeks to partner with Metro Parks to put a composting toilet in Alderwood Park (Edmonds is champion).

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Communications Strategies:

NET News – June issue was distributed to local sites (~110+: BP Town Center, N.S. Thai in Walgreens strip, QFC strip businesses and MultiCare, NET convenience stores; the library, Norpoint, substation), and by e-mail to ~500+ residents and ~28 officials and other contacts. An additional 150 paper copies were distributed to attendees at the August 1st Community Clean-Up Day.

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Committee report: The City will post our meeting agendas and minutes (if separate from NET News) on our page on the City's NC pages. We need to re-activate our website: please suggest a revised approach for website content

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- The landscape maintenance issues at the unoccupied house on Overview Dr. have been addressed, thanks to the concerned neighbor who has been tracking and working on remediation with Code Enforcement.
- Community Clean-Up Day is August 1st: As of today, we believe that the volume is up somewhat from last year – final statistics are pending. We learned that we have to be much more diligent about recruiting volunteers. Although we had several from the TE Tacoma community (a church, HOA, and some responding to the appeal in the City's postcard), we lacked the high school students from prior clean-ups and the stalwarts from the South Tacoma Samoan church who have helped in past years. The volunteers we had were overtaxed and many attendees unloaded their vehicles by themselves to keep things moving.
- Follow-up on the proposed Tideflats LNG plant: Thurlow asked the Board for approval to extend the August 5th letter from the Executive Committee to the City commenting on the draft EIS to extend its scope of approval to the whole Board. Vigorous discussion ensued, with several participants speaking up about their understanding of hazards associated with an LNG plant and other hazardous businesses being sited in the Tideflats close to residences. A majority of the

Board voted to approve an extended letter, and the Board directed Thurlow to send an updated letter to the City, indicating that there are community concerns about hazardous plant siting near NE Tacoma residences.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Planning for sale of N. S. Golf Course – development rights included: Save NE Tacoma.
- The Vice-President of Save NE Tacoma related the recent history of news of the golf course, including apparent reasons for the offer to sell. We will need to monitor the situation. The Board directed Edmonds and Thurlow to meeting with Councilmember Thoms to discuss possible approaches to finally “retiring” any possibility of developing the course for other, non-open-space, purposes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, UPCOMING MEETINGS, and EVENTS:

- Norpoint Farmers Market last Sunday for season: August 30th
- Board Exec Comm and Planning Comm meeting: September 3rd, 6:30pm, TPD substation
- Community meeting: September 17th, 6:30 (social time) / 7pm (agenda), TPD substation, program: PT NE Tacoma Express bus demo startup, Street Repair and Maintenance ballot measure
- PT NE Tacoma Express startup: September 28th
- Community meeting: August 20th, 6:30 (social time) / 7pm (agenda), TPD substation, program: Pierce Transit NE Tacoma bus demo start-up planning, Innovative Grant proposals

Pierce Transit NE Tacoma Express Route 63 folder

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- Local Rider & Downtown Commuter
- Metro Parks
- Northeast Tacoma Neighborhood Council
- Port of Tacoma
- Norpoint Communities
- Puyallup Tribe of Indians
- Tacoma City Council
- City of Tacoma

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