

Meeting Minutes
New Tacoma Neighborhood Council
Wednesday, September 10, 2014
5:30-7:00PM
First United Methodist Hall, 621 Tacoma Ave. South

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Jane Moore at 5:30 pm. Introductions were made.

Board Members Attending: Traci Kelly, Mae Harris, Jori Adkins, Tom Ebenhoh, Rick Jones, Jane Moore, Jo Davies, Denny Faker

Board Members Excused: Allison Lazar, Randy Hamilton, Nic Van Putten, Mar Le Wendt, Elizabeth Burris, Dalton Gittens, Bill Garl

Guests: Debbiann Thompson, Jennifer Terhaar, Julie Stoltman, Katherine Lorey, Allison Gregg, Boyd Brathwaite Latoya Mason, Dana Brown, Carola Filmer, Rosalind Medina, Derrick Keys, and others in attendance that did not sign in

Approval

- September Agenda, July and August Graffiti minutes were approved (all)
- Motion made and approved by all to correct spelling of Debbiann Thompson's name in Metro Parks section and Amend Graffiti minutes to include Lt Sandifer mentioning that most graffiti is not gang related
- Treasurer's report: Estimated \$3,047.94

Staff Reports

- **Tacoma Police Department:** Sector 2: Officer Terhaar reported on monitoring the increased transient activity in Wright Park and homeless coordinator is involved in assisting; appears increase from other cities coming to Tacoma which may be adding to transient/homeless population; she provided an update on the 38th St. shooting and mentioned possibly gang related but investigation ongoing.
- **Tacoma Fire Department:** No update.
- **City Manager/Council Office:** Latoya Mason provided an update on the Customer Support Center and 311 which is now available as a web extension (mobile); talked about all mobile applications and what it can do. Julie provided an update on Tacoma Vision 2025 and the follow up sessions scheduled for 22, 24, and 29 September to address specific areas/elements. There is a Council study session on four themes (key areas). Budget meeting is October 7 (study session) with 3 community meetings scheduled for October 13, 22, and 30. She encouraged the audience to visit the City web site for updates/information.
- **Metro Parks:** Debbiann Thompson provided an update on National Night Out (good turnout); Garden Festival at Pt. Defiance Park on Saturday, September 27; she had various handouts on Metro Parks programs and encouraged the audience to visit the web site for more information.
- **Tacoma Public Schools:** Rosalind Medina provided update on new school session that started and the various programs and overview of different school programs. She encouraged the audience to go on-line for more information.
- **Port of Tacoma:** Carola Filmer provided update on Tacoma Maritime Festival on September 20/21 and encouraged all to attend and take a free boat tour of the Port; the Port received awards for fastest growing Port, air quality, and ranking as one of the largest container Ports. She provided a status on progress/review process of the NW Innovation Works natural gas to methanol plant and recommended an invite to them in early next year for status update; encouraged audience to support the SR 167 extension project as it has significant impact to the area; provided announcement/status on the new PSE Liquefied

Natural Gas (LNG) facility in the Port. Carola will follow up; anticipate guest speaker to address and explain the SR 167 project and status of the PSE LNG facility at a future NTNC meeting.

- **Sound Transit:** Allison Gregg provided a brief update on upcoming Tacoma area “drop in” schedule (Sep 25; Oct 1 and 2); opportunity to visit Sound Transit representatives for updates on the link, etc. She encouraged audience to visit the Sound Transit web site.
- **Community Reports**
- **Catholic Community Services:** Derrick Keys provided an update on new Nativity House with anticipated opening in December and expanded services (all in one place); will solve many problems.
- **Tacoma Rescue Mission:** Boyd Brathwaite provided update on new transient facility; briefed on the Rapid Rehousing Program which to date has not been successful; however, encouraged support in the mission in trying to prevent while aiding the homeless; appears increase in transient/homeless in various Tacoma locations; new campaign on September 15 to help homeless; there will be a new CEO starting November 1 (more to follow).

New Business

- Dana Brown, City of Tacoma, provided an update on management of the parking system to include information on the parking permit program allowing residents parking permits in front of residences; the City gathered information from other cities; update on the parking pay stations around the municipal court area, adding pay stations, and concerns for business access without pay stations. He also briefed on time restriction updates. There was some discussion on general parking issues and unauthorized permits. He encouraged the audience to contact him if any further questions or updates.
- Traci provided an update on the August Graffiti Forum and encouraged invitation to the County Prosecutors Office to attend a NTNC meeting; provided an update on the Graffiti Garage closing and the impact of it to the City/businesses; there was some discussion on the funding for the Forum with motion made for additional funding for expenses incurred not included in previously approved funding. Motion was withdrawn following discussion and Council recommended a budget / reconciliation report at the next NTNC meeting.
- Motion made and approved by all for \$250.00 in support of the Hilltop Street Fair.
- NTNC Paperless Initiative. Council discussed the number of paper copy Agenda/Minutes needed for each meeting as most are recycled after meetings and retention of paper copy NTNC records. Council discussed and decided on 10 paper copies for each meeting and no longer necessary to retain NTNC paper Agenda/Minutes as they are available electronically via the City web site and any NTNC letters, etc. are available electronically.

Old Business

- NTNC various input letters update; open item at next NTNC meeting.
- Tom updated new/Council approved NTNC letterhead was bought and available; distributed some of the stock to Liz for printing.

Council Reports

- **Community Council:** Tom briefed volunteer opportunities for NTNC representation on CC Media Committee and billboard committee in addressing ongoing concerns with the next meeting on September 22, 4:00-6:00 at the Urban Waters Building. Provided synopsis of key meeting topics; TPD cell phone surveillance; alcohol enforcement area input; new 311 City AP; side sewer concerns; input to the City in expanding the Neighborhood Councils web site service; boundary adjustments; CC support of the combined Hilltop

Street Fair booth; looking for more opportunities in the future; the Annual Reports committee with tentative next meeting sometime in October.

- **Across the Fence:** No report.
- **Correspondence:** Tom shared letter to NTNC from American Cancer Society on the passing of Dr. Gordy Klatt and the August 24 Celebration of Life.
- **Reports from Neighborhoods: 8th&I:** Jo provided an update on the recent Hilltop Street Fair and National Night Out; both were well supported and she captured photos of the events to share. **Stadium:** Denny provided an update on the North Downtown Sub-Area Plan and the activity in the Stadium District; Dickens Festival update on the 1st Saturday in December; joint effort with Metro Parks; provided update on Halloween activities and various mural projects. **Dome District:** Jori provided an update on the Amtrak relocation project and the proposed Design.

Announcements

None

Citizen Forum: Katherine Lorey addressed the Council with concerns about dangerous sidewalks, parking issues at Wright Park, and dangerous crosswalks. She was encouraged to visit the City Customer Service Center and/or call 311. Jane provided update on opportunities to attend meetings the City offers about transportation and pedestrian issues.

Adjournment 7:25 pm