

**Meeting Minutes**  
**New Tacoma Neighborhood Council**  
**Wednesday, October 8, 2014**  
**5:30-7:00PM**  
**First United Methodist Hall, 621 Tacoma Ave. South**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Elizabeth Burris at 5:30 pm. Introductions were made.

**Board Members Attending:** Elizabeth Burris, Traci Kelly, Mae Harris, Jori Adkins, Tom Ebenhoh, Rick Jones, Jane Moore, Jo Davies, Dalton Gittens

**Board Members Excused:** Allison Lazar, Randy Hamilton, Nic Van Putten, Mar Le Wendt, Denny Faker, Bill Garl

**Guests:** Debbiann Thompson, Jennifer Terhaar, Julie Stoltman, Carola Filmer, Sean Eagan, Jay Jetter, Mario Lorenz, Valentine Smith, Brian Hardy, Scott Peters, and others in attendance that did not sign in

### **Approval**

- October Agenda and September minutes were approved (all)
- Treasurer's report: Estimated \$2,763.15

### **Staff Reports**

- **Tacoma Police Department:** Sector 2: Officer Terhaar reported on the increased TPD responses to transient activity in the Stadium District; increase in thefts at condominiums/apartments with garages and reminded audience importance of security measures in secured garage residences such as locking cars, visual watch of the gate going down, not leaving remote controls in vehicles.
- **Tacoma Fire Department:** An overview of programs was briefed such as CPR Sunday (Oct 12), fall Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) Training; handouts provided on prevention measures such as fire safety/changing smoke detector batteries, seasonal fire safety; explanation was provided on use of fire extinguishers; there was a fire fatality; he encouraged the audience to be involved and check the TFD web site for more information and [www.cpr-sunday.net](http://www.cpr-sunday.net) for information on CPR Sunday.
- **City Manager/Council Office:** Julie provided update on budget process and handouts on upcoming public budget meetings; encouraged audience to visit the City web site and get involved in numerous vacancies on commissions/committees; striping/Crosswalk projects have started and encouraged the audience to visit the City web site for updates/information.
- **Metro Parks:** Debbiann Thompson provided an update on Harvest Fest on October 31 from 6-9 p.m. at People's Community Center and encouraged audience to visit the Metro Parks web site for more information on activities with Metro Parks.
- **Tacoma Public Schools:** No update.
- **Port of Tacoma:** Carola Filmer provided an update on bus tours of the Port and the new Alliance created with the Port of Seattle; more details to follow as the Alliance was recently announced with specific details on the Alliance still being developed.

### **Community Reports**

- **Catholic Community Services:** No update.
- **Tacoma Rescue Mission:** No update.

### **New Business**

- Scott Peters, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, Pierce County, provided a detailed presentation on scope of what his unit is responsible for; overview of charge classifications

(misdemeanor/felony) with explanation specific to graffiti/tagging; dollar value (damage) thresholds; briefed on various statutes; challenges to enforcement and prosecution; described process of value and victim providing proof (cost) of damage. There was considerable discussion on challenges of prosecuting and what is considered gang related damage. He encouraged the audience to contact his office if any further questions.

- Sean Eagan, Government Affairs Director, Port of Tacoma, provided a detailed briefing and handouts to the audience on the history up to SR 167 completion project. There was some discussion on environmental impact and bikes/pedestrian consideration in the EIS report. He encouraged the audience to stay informed, join as a supporter of the project, and communicate with State Legislature representatives for support and importance of this project. He encouraged the audience to contact his office if any further questions.
- Seong Shin (WILLO) provided a briefing/overview of the organization and encouraged support for the event scheduled for Sunday from 12-3:30 at the Theater on the Square. She will provide a written request in the future for funding support.
- Nominations made / all approved for Council terms expiring; will vote November. Liz will post on NTNC Facebook and encouraged audience if interested in serving on NTNC.
- Liz provided an update and brief Agenda discussion on the Council retreat scheduled for January with location to be determined.
- Request was made; a motion was made and approved to support Park Place for \$100.00.
- There was some discussion on the new Amtrak / Freighthouse Square relocation design and Liz encouraged all to stay involved; NTNC input letter was sent on proposed Design.
- Some initial planning discussion on the NTNC December meeting; intent to invite local, County, and State Government officials with plans on informal question and answer session after the NTNC meeting with food/beverages served.
- Mario Lorenz briefed on the December 2014 Dickens Festival and requested \$500.00; will add on November Agenda. October 5, 2014 letter submitted to NTNC requesting funds.

## Old Business

- 2014 Budget/Graffiti Forum funds reconciliation moved to November; pending receipt
- Liz/Traci will draft article as follow up to Graffiti Forum for Tacoma News Tribune.

## Council Reports

- **Community Council:** Liz mentioned she is on the committee for the Annual Reporting requirements for Neighborhood Councils.
- **Across the Fence:** No report.
- **Correspondence:** None.
- **Reports from Neighborhoods:** Traci provided update on Safe Streets and business safety with event from 8-9 at Commencement Bank (Downtown); she provided an update on activities for Tacoma Arts Month October. Jane provided an update on the Transportation Commission and community outreach programs; she also announced the Pierce County Trails Conference hosted by ForeverGreen Trails.

## Announcements

None

**Citizen Forum:** Valentine Smith (Central Neighborhood Council) spoke about positive impact of partnering with Neighborhood Councils / Annual MLK Event / City of Destiny Awards. He briefed the January 2015 MLK event and requested funds \$250-\$500 for the event and will follow up in writing. Encouraged audience to be involved with various City Committees / Commissions.

**Adjournment 7:15 pm**