Meeting Minutes
New Tacoma Neighborhood Council
Wednesday, January 14, 2015
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, Jane Moore, Tom Ebenhoh, Rick Jones, Denny Faker, Dalton Gittens, Bill Garl

**Board Members Excused:** Randy Hamilton, Mae Harris, Mar Le Wendt, Jori Adkins, Jo Davies

**Guests:** Debbiann Thompson, Allison Gregg, Dennis Shaughnessy, Darren Brassard, Adam Martin, Colin DeForrest, Don Stodola, Julie Stoltman, Pierce County Councilmember Connie Ladenburg, and others in attendance that did not sign in

**Approval**
- January Agenda and December minutes were approved (all)
- Treasurer’s report: Estimated $1,077,91

**Staff Reports**
- **Tacoma Police Department:** No report.
- **Tacoma Fire Department:** Chief Brassard provided an overview of responses/calls for 2014; mentioned it is Blood Donor month and encouraged audience to get involved; reminded audience of fire safety and changing batteries in smoke/carbon monoxide detectors; earthquake/disaster preparedness; importance of fire extinguishers, tsunami/volcano escape planning; importance of knowing how to shut off water, and provided handouts on fire safety.
- **City Manager/Council Office:** Julie provided update on MLK event on 19 Jan and encouraged audience to attend; 27 Jan is 2nd reading on paid leave ordinance, she encouraged audience involvement; update on the ongoing medical/recreational marijuana enforcement/regulatory actions before the City; and a historic preservation mixer on Feb 7. She encouraged the audience to visit the City web site for more information.
- **Metro Parks:** Debbiann Thompson mentioned the Hilltop Carnival on Friday, Feb 13 at People’s Community Center from 4-7 pm. She provided the audience handouts and encouraged everyone to visit the Metro Parks web site for more information.
- **Tacoma Public Schools:** No report.
- **Port of Tacoma:** Tom briefed on behalf of Port about upcoming bus port tours. Space is limited and reservations are required. E-mail bustours@portoftacoma.com, 253.383.9463, or visit Port web site for more information.
- **Sound Transit:** Allison Gregg provided an update/status on link expansion project, environmental phase which ends in April, and further community outreach efforts anticipated for April. She encouraged the audience to visit the Sound Transit web site for more information.

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

**New Business**
- Planned New Pierce County Building. Councilmember Ladenburg provided a detailed briefing about the planned new Pierce County Building to include, but not limited to,
history of the project, why consolidation is necessary, funding package, projected cost, environmental concerns, parking issues, overview of project/status, and encouraged audience to contact her, attend the Pierce Council meeting, or visit County web site for more information. Public forum is scheduled for 22 Jan, Pierce County Annex, at 5:00 pm.

- Colin DeForrest provide a briefing on homeless services and included, but not limited to, overview of his office's responsibilities, encampment cleanup efforts, estimated number/comparison from prior years of homeless population; City responsibilities vice other property owners (ex., WA DOT, County, private), and encouraged audience to contact his office for further information. He provided copy of briefing slides to the audience and contact information.

- NTNC Resignation: The Board recognized resignation of Nic Van Putten and Allison Lazar from the NTNC. Members have not been able to attend and/or moved from the local area.

Old Business

- 24 January 2015 Retreat, 0900-1200, Safe Streets Conference Room, Tacoma Ave. & 7th. Leslie will be the moderator.
- By-Laws Update/Policy on request for funding support. Jo will assist; retreat Agenda item.

Council Reports

- **Community Council:** No report.
- **Across the Fence:** No report.
- **Correspondence:** Card on behalf of Park Place was sent among NTNC members thanking them for their support.
- **Reports from Neighborhoods:** None.

Announcements

Motion was made and approved to send NTNC letter on planned Pierce County Building with concerns; + News Tribune, State Representatives. Member of audience (Adam) volunteered to assist with letter. Tom will send him contact information for Liz.

Citizen Forum: None.

Adjournment 7:20 pm.