

**Meeting Minutes**  
**New Tacoma Neighborhood Council**  
**Wednesday, February 11, 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, Mae Harris, Jo Davies, Tom Ebenhoh, Denny Faker, Mar Le Wendt, Dalton Gittens, Jane Moore, Bill Garl

**Board Members Excused:** Randy Hamilton, Traci Kelly, Rick Jones, Jori Adkins

**Guests:** Debbiann Thompson, Bill Zimmerman, Christina Leinneweber, Larry Nyquist, Jodi Collins, Sharon Russell, Rosalind Medina, Julie Stoltman, Carola Filmer, Nick Leider, Adam Martin, Don Stodola, and others in attendance that did not sign in

### **Approval**

- February Agenda, January and Annual Retreat minutes were approved (all)
- Treasurer's report: Estimated \$1,008.61

### **Staff Reports**

- **Tacoma Police Department:** Officer Stodola provided update on TPD personnel rotations and ongoing hiring actions; mentioned there will be TPD rotating through NTNC meetings with potential of more stable attendance at some point; he briefed on situational awareness and being cautious with not having items exposed in vehicles; briefed the new crime prevention / CLO program starting next month; provided the audience handouts on the Tip of the Month (Crime Prevention Tip for the Gym). There were no questions.
  - **Tacoma Fire Department:** No report.
  - **City Manager/Council Office:** Julie briefed on the recent hate crime and that there would be a community forum on Saturday at the Tacoma Rainbow Center, 2215 Pacific Ave. from 10-12; Tacoma/Pierce County is redesignated attainment classification for air quality standards; Billboard working group that formed will present their final report to City Council on 3 March; new position (at large) open on Landmarks Preservation Commission with response due by Friday, 13 Feb; update on campaign for I Hart Tacoma Sidewalk Tours.
  - **Metro Parks:** Debbiann Thompson provided an update on the Hilltop Health Fair scheduled for Friday, 13 Feb, 4-7, People's Community Center, 1602 S. MLK Way and Chili Chase, Saturday, 14 Feb at the STAR Center; 3873 S. 66<sup>th</sup>; there will be an upcoming site visit for potential contractors to bid on the new pool. There were no questions for her.
  - **Tacoma Public Schools:** Rosalind Medina briefed on innovative schools and process for those interested in proposing innovative ideas to increase portfolio on how children learn; next meeting will have update on kindergarten registration; mentioned the Graduate Tacoma Program and shared some TPS success stories. There were no questions for her.
  - **Port of Tacoma:** Carola Filmer provided update and handouts on the Port bus tours; briefed about the ongoing situation with the union and workers which is impacting the west coast and the Port of Tacoma; she also provided handouts on the Sister Cities International Film Festival at University of Puget Sound and Port Bus Tour information.
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- **Community Reports**
  - **Catholic Community Services:** No update.
  - **Tacoma Rescue Mission:** No update.

## **New Business**

- Staff from TPU provided a detailed briefing on the Rate Adjustment Proposal for Power and Water including, but not limited to, policy, historical and proposed rates, budget drivers, rate setting period, and the policymaker consideration schedule leading up to 1 Apr 15 rate increase. Handouts were provided to the audience. There were no questions.
- Bill Garl volunteered to be a third representative on the Community Council.
- Bill Garl volunteered to be the NTNC representative on the Community Council Media Committee.
- Christine Cooley was not available to brief Tacoma South Sound Sustainability Expo.
- Laura Rodriguez's presentation was moved to March Agenda.
- Committee was formed (Bill, Tom, Jo) to develop 2015 Marketing flyer and/or buttons. Open to various marketing options.
- In accordance with 2014 Annual Report procedures, vote was taken on how Board members receive distribution. Vote was taken and all approved to remain with current NTNC procedure that Secretary sends meeting Agenda/Minutes to all members and other NTNC members either forward to Secretary or send items of community interest/issue to all members.
- By-Laws Committee; no update. Will meet separately and provide NTNC recommendations for any changes at future NTNC meeting.
- 2014 Annual Report: Tom briefed about the Annual Report instructions and will draft the report to submit by the end of February.
- 2015 Budget Ratification. Postponed to March.

## **Old Business**

- Liz provided update on proposed new Pierce County Building and encouraged audience to remain involved with Council vote on Tuesday, 17 February at 3:00.

## **Council Reports**

- **Community Council:** Tom provided update on the Annual Report, various CC Agenda items, CC is requesting Media Committee Representative from NTNC, planning for outreach activities, marketing efforts for the Neighborhood Council Program, City will be updating and expanding Neighborhood Council web pages on the City site in early 2015 and Carol is seeking assistance to build the CC page, Carol mentioned she is willing to attend Neighborhood Council meetings and provide update on Neighborhood and Housing Committee, outreach mailing (Central, Northeast, South End, and New Tacoma) in 2014 with plan for 2015 to be determined, Neighborhood Council District maps are available, funding discussion for Executive Committee to NUSA in May with pins for NUSA available, and upcoming leadership training opportunities such as Grant writing.
- **Across the Fence:** No report.
- **Correspondence:** None.
- **Reports from Neighborhoods:** Liz attended luncheon on Hilltop Street Fair which is planned for August 22; more to follow on NTNC/CC involvement and encouraged audience participation. Jo briefed about upcoming series of events such as poetry slam and I Hart Tacoma. Denny briefed on Stadium Art and Wine Fest with committee planning ongoing, Tacoma Link extension and positive progress with anticipation of it coming through Stadium District; update on the Bayside Slope project. Jane provided update on Transportation Commission activities such as the Master Plan and update on various events such as the movie Aftermass (Portland biking) showing at the Grand Cinema, Downtown on the Go and the Year of the Bike, the South Sound Sustainability Expo on 7 March, May is bike month, and Dome to Defiance in September.

## **Announcements**

None

**Citizen Forum:** None.

**Adjournment** 6:45 pm.