

**Meeting Minutes**  
**New Tacoma Neighborhood Council**  
**Wednesday, March 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, Jane Moore, Traci Kelly, Mae Harris, Tom Ebenhoh, Rick Jones, Dalton Gittens

**Board Members Excused:** Randy Hamilton, Denny Faker, Jori Adkins, Jo Davies, Bill Garl, Mar Le Wendt

**Guests:** Debbiann Thompson, Don Stodola, Pennie Smith, Carl Mastberg, Julie Stoltman, Kristina Walker, Jennifer Kammerzell, Seth L., Adam Martin, and others in attendance that did not sign in

### **Approval**

- March Agenda and February minutes were approved (all)
- Treasurer's report: Estimated \$867.64

### **Staff Reports**

- **Tacoma Police Department:** Officer Stodola briefed on the Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) program (lighting, landscaping, fencing, windows); update on the Alcohol Impact Area (West End) and upcoming petition to the Liquor Control Board. There were some questions from the audience on current status and various impact areas. He encouraged the audience to follow up with him if any open questions.
- **Tacoma Fire Department:** Provided a briefing on electric fire safety; smoke detectors and importance of replacing batteries, cleaning vacuums; trimming vegetation/shrubs; potential for higher brush fire season due to moderate winter; update on recruitment program for new fire fighters; provided handouts on electrical safety measures. There were no questions from the audience.
- **City Manager/Council Office:** Julie mentioned she will be leaving and moving to a new position in the City, a new representative will be attending future NTNC meetings; she mentioned various openings and opportunities to volunteer on various commissions and committees such as the Human Rights Commission. There were a few questions about the function of the Human Right Commission which she addressed.
- **Metro Parks:** Debbiann Thompson provided various handouts on upcoming events; encouraged audience to visit the Metro Parks web site; be involved / provide input on the long range master plan. There is a series of public meetings on the master plan. There were no questions for her.
- **Tacoma Public Schools:** No report.
- **Port of Tacoma:** No report.
  
- **Community Reports**
- **Catholic Community Services:** No update.
- **Tacoma Rescue Mission:** No update.

### **New Business**

- Kristina Walker, Downtown on the Go: Provided detailed presentation to include, but not limited to, various Bike/Walk events (the first Military Walk); Bike Month in May;

encouraged to include the use of public transportation as an option for travel; live downtown program; encouraged people to live closer to where they work. She provided multiple handouts to the audience and encouraged audience to visit City site and Downtown on the Go for events. There was one question on events which she addressed.

- Laura Rodriguez, Summit Public Schools: Provided detailed briefing on the new Tacoma Charter School in Downtown Tacoma. Briefing included, but not limited to, history of Summit Public Schools, way forward and planning for the new Tacoma Charter School; application and enrollment process; start date; future planning; enrollment and year group; upcoming Block Party; tours of facility; curriculum. There were questions on hiring and application process takes all children state funding, exercise in accordance with state law disabilities, they can join sports at to other schools. She encouraged the audience to attend the Block Party and visit the Summit Public Schools web site for more information. There were a few questions for her on the application process, enrollment process and open to children with disabilities, hiring process for staff, possible tour of the facility, ability for children to get state mandated exercise time, and opportunities for children to play sports at other schools. She addressed all questions.
- Jane Moore and Jennifer Kammerzel provided a detailed briefing on the Transportation Master Plan to include, but not limited to, public comments and availability to provide input on the City web site; population growth and how to address it; increasing bike and transit; goals and the vision, planning for projects; urban design, traffic calming efforts, promote health, green hierarchy, exploring various modes of transportation; partnerships to meet their goals; network maps and where primary corridors exist; contacting with Sound Transit; working with Pierce County; long range planning; timelines for input and adoption (October); and the update process. Handouts were provided to the audience. There were no questions.
- . Motion made and approved to accept Randy Hamilton's resignation as member of Council.

## **Old Business**

- Liz provided an update on NUSA 2015 (May) and handouts with the conference Agenda and registration. She will be attending.
- Motion made and approved to send letter on unsolicited advertisements to the City (Councilman Mello); Tom provided letter that was sent to TNT approximately one year ago to revise and send to Council.
- NTNC Marketing Flyer/Buttons. Liz mentioned the marketing campaign and possibly buying buttons; Traci volunteered to assist the Committee with developing a flyer
- NTNC By-Laws Review/Update (Jane, Tom, Jo): Tom will incorporate inputs from Jane and Jo. Committee will meet tentatively in April; planning May to present proposed changes to Council.

## **Council Reports**

- **Community Council:** Liz mentioned CC discussed possibly buying marketing buttons; cleanup at the key; possibly adopting a place on behalf of NTNC; next CC scheduled for 26 March.
- **Across the Fence:** No report.
- **Correspondence:** None.
- **Reports from Neighborhoods:** Liz brought a petition for those interested to sign / get signatures to put on November ballot the new proposed Pierce County Building decision to the voters. Jane provided an update on the Prairie Line Trail meeting at UW. Traci mentioned the Warhol Memo passed the City Council to support the flower on the Dome; fundraising efforts to start.

## **Announcements**

None

**Citizen Forum:** Member from audience (Seth) discussed more on the Prairie Line Trail meeting at UW and Earth Day.

**Adjournment** 7:00 pm.