Meeting Minutes
New Tacoma Neighborhood Council
Wednesday, June 10, 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, Mae Harris, Jori Adkins, Tom Ebenhoh, Rick Jones, Denny Faker, Jo Davies, Dalton Gittens
Board Members Excused: Traci Kelly, Mar Le Wendt, Bill Garl
Guests: Debbiann Thompson, Patty Luat, Todd Magliocca, Kelly Custis, Don Stodola, Monica Ghosh, Alisa Regala O'Hanion, Carola Filmer, John R., and others in attendance that did not sign in

Approval
• June Agenda and May minutes were approved (all)
• Treasurer’s report: Estimated $4,049.82

Staff Reports
• Tacoma Police Department: Officer Stodola briefed on important of securing doors in prevention of burglary; update on the U.S. Open Golf Tournament and TPD involvement; provided handouts and briefed on Tip of the Month-Tips for Tourists; introduced new Sector 2/1 TPD representative to the NTNC Officer Kelly Custis; provided an update on current staffing and funding for TPD. Liz mentioned the upcoming Homeless Forum scheduled for 9 September and encouraged TPD representation.
• Tacoma Fire Department: Chief Magliocca provided a briefing on illegal fireworks, TFD involvement in the U.S. Open; disaster preparedness; call volumes by neighborhood. He provided handouts on prohibited fireworks, disaster preparedness, and safety measures for kids and fire. There were no questions for him.
• City Manager/Council Office: Monica Ghosh provided update on the schedule for public hearings on paid leave; update on the $15/Hour minimum wage initiative and timeline for Council action. There was a question on the public telephone surveys about the $15/Hour and street maintenance in which questions were very unclear. Monica mentioned there are numerous polling groups that use telephone surveys which may not even be related to the City.
• Metro Parks: Debbiann Thompson provided an update on the 43rd Sound to Narrows Race on 13 June and the Conservatory Second Sunday Music. She had various handouts and encouraged the audience to visit the Metro Parks web site for further information. There were no questions for her.
• Tacoma Public Schools: Patty Luat briefed about the upcoming public meeting to see the presentation on Innovative Schools proposals on 17 June at Baker Middle School, 5-7 and vote from the Board scheduled for 25 June; Browns Point Principal was named National Emerging Leader in Education; summer school expansion; remodeling of McCarver Elementary School renovation timeline and student relocation. She encouraged the audience to visit the web site for further information.
• Port of Tacoma: Carola Filmer provided a detailed update which included, but not limited to, the Port of Tacoma/Seattle Alliance; significant impact on the Ports for the Washington economy; employee impacts as a result of the Alliance, business update on the Port; and status on various projects in the Port, such as the Liquefied National Gas (LNG) facility and Northwest Innovation Works methanol facility. She provided handouts on the Port Boat Tours and encouraged the audience to visit the Port site for more information.
• NTNC Agenda Attendees: Board Members discussed the NTNC Agenda and list of staff/community invites/attendees. Decision made to possibly add/invite additional attendees at some point in the future.

• Community Reports
• Catholic Community Services: No update.
• Tacoma Rescue Mission: No update.

New Business
• NUSA 2015 Update: Liz provided a detailed update on NUSA 2015 highlighting some of the significant attendees and presentations; she encouraged more City Council sponsorship/involvement and proposed sending City representation next year (such as TPD) which will be in Memphis. She encouraged submitting a proposal for award consideration next year, (ex., Hilltop) due to all the success stories of Tacoma that could be considered.
• Planning for Homeless Forum: The Board members discussed various topics and ideas in planning for the Forum. Monica will check on Council Chambers availability for a possible meeting location. In line with the NTNC Action Plan (one alternate meeting location), the Forum have a NTNC meeting prior to the Forum. A committee was formed (Jori, Tom Liz, Denny, Rick) to engage in planning the event. More to follow.
• Amended By Laws Vote: Tom provided handouts and briefed on behalf of the committee the proposed changes to the NTNC By Laws which he requested and included NTNC input, City review (Carol), and received feedback from a legal perspective (Doug) for consideration. There was a considerable amount of changes and discussion on the Qualifications and Tenure revisions (term of office for Board members) and Voting methods. A vote was taken and all approved the Amended By Laws as proposed to the Board. Tom will send Carol a copy of the Amended By Laws with effective Amended date of 10 June 2015. By Laws will continue to be reviewed annually.

Old Business
• 2015 NTNC Marketing-Neighborhood Council Program; proposed flyer/member cards (Committee Bill, Tom, Traci, Liz): Jo passed out card stock and reminded everyone of the appropriate sizes to print the Board member cards that were e-mailed to Board members. Will follow up with Traci on the flyer she developed and proposed to the Board.
• Candidate Forum: Liz reminded everyone about the upcoming CC sponsored Candidate Forum and encouraged attendance and/or to volunteer.
• Alternate NTNC Meeting Location and 2015 Action Plan Update: The planned 9 Sep Homeless Forum will be the alternate location for the NTNC meeting in accordance with the 2015 Action Plan. NTNC will periodically track achievements throughout the remaining 2015 meetings.

Council Reports
• Community Council: No report.
• Across the Fence: No report.
• Correspondence: None.
• Reports from Neighborhoods: Congratulations given to Jori who was recognized for a City of Destiny award. Jori briefed on the ongoing discussion of opening up track to move freight (Amtrak relocation project) and a Dome District meeting on 11 June for further discussion; she also discussed the Tacoma Rail petition to use the track (not BNSF); quiet zone discussion. Jane briefed on the Transportation Commission final master plan and way forward with timeline for approval. Tom provided an update on the Innovative Grants proposals with Carol for review and volunteer opportunities at Ethnic Fest.

Announcements
None
Citizen Forum: None.

Adjournment 6:55 pm