The meeting was called to order by Chair Elizabeth Burris at 5:35 pm. Introductions were made.

**Board Members Attending:** Elizabeth Burris, Jane Moore, Jori Adkins, Tom Ebenhoh, Rick Jones, Denny Faker, Dalton Gittens

**Board Members Excused:** Traci Kelly, Bill Garl, Mar Le Wendt, Jo Davies

**Guests:** Debbiann Thompson, Jim Scott, Kelly Custis, Monica Ghosh, Valerie Floyd, PJ Hummel, Janice McNeal, Chris Gleason, Scott Painter, William Towey, Tenzin Gyaltsen, Dana Brown, Adam Martin, Allison Gregg, Mitchell Shook, Jim Scott, Sharon Russell, Micaela Cooley, Steve Rich, Don Seeley, and others in attendance that did not sign in

**Approval**
- July Agenda and June minutes were approved (all)
- Treasurer’s report: Estimated $3,537.83

**Staff Reports**
- **Tacoma Police Department:** Officer Custis briefed on Tip of the Month (National Night Out); provided update on staffing; provided handouts on the Tip of the Month.
- **Tacoma Fire Department:** Chief Scott provided an update on seriousness of the dry season and fire safety; ban burn update; ban on fireworks helped with control of fires over the 4th of July holiday; update on number of TFD calls, and the boating fatality at Pt. Defiance. He provided handouts on outdoor grilling and disaster preparation.
- **City Manager/Council Office:** Monica provided an update on the summer community cleanup schedule; 90 day City sidewalk café’ initiative to make it easier for businesses to get permits; update on the $15/Hour timelines and City decision making process.
- **Metro Parks:** Debbiann Thompson provided an update on Ethnic Fest and National Night Out. She provided handouts on summer activities and encouraged the audience to visit the Metro Parks web site for more information.
- **Tacoma Public Schools:** No report.
- **Sound Transit:** Allison Gregg provided an update on the Tacoma Link Extension; EIS and public comment period; meeting on July 15 at 4:30 at The Evergreen State College. She provided handouts to the audience and encouraged everyone to visit the Sound Transit site for more information. She also provided an update on the Sound Transit 3 transit system expansion; timeline for getting on the ballot, and encouraged audience involvement.
- **Port of Tacoma:** Tom briefed on behalf of Carola Filmer on Maritime Fest and boat tours.

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

**New Business**
- **Click! Possible lease/keep Click! Discussion:** Chris (TPU) and Tenzin (Click!) provided a detailed update on Click! proposed lease which included, but not limited to, history of Click! and customer usage, metering, revenue, cable and bundling in comparison to the internet market, challenges for Click! in being competitive in the market, comparisons to its primary competitor (Comcast), conflict of current subsidizing (electric) of cable that are
non-subscribers, financial picture for Click!, current proposal with explanations on lease options, increasing competition, and way forward to include follow up with City Council on what it would take to keep Click! while eliminating non-subscriber subsidies; various options available. They provided handouts to the audience on Comcast pricing in Tacoma and Seattle along with price comparisons for internet service of various providers to include current Click! and comparison with Comcast. Mitch (Advanced Stream) provided a briefing which included, but not limited to, history of Advanced Stream and internet service for Tacoma, allocation of Click! funds in which he contends Click! is not losing money, Stick With Click! initiative, encouraged audience to visit stickwithclick.com, to not give up on Click! with savings/cheaper rates available, and provided update on way forward with Click! with more data to the City Council as part of their decision making process. He provided handouts to the audience on Advanced Stream. There were some questions from the audience on further explanation of the accounting allocation of funds, explanation/clarification of subsidies, further explanation as to how Click! is at a loss and future projections, and clarification on way forward with options in keeping Click! as is, leasing options, and keeping competition in Tacoma. All parties thanked the audience and encouraged active involvement (pro/con) for future decisions regarding Click!

**Innovative Grant Proposals:** Presentations were given from Innovative Grant applicants on their particular application project. The applications were as follows:

**Tacoma Urban Land Trust (Micaela Cooley):** Two applications. One for a retaining wall and another for a fence. Both projects for the Viet Huong Community Garden at S.18th and G Street

**Tacoma Waterfront Association (Jayna Marshall):** Project is for a Tacoma Waterfront Marketing Website. Representative was not in attendance for presentation.

**Dome District Development Group (DDOG) (Janice McNeal):** Project is for security video overwatch of public thoroughfare along prime corridor to Tacoma Dome along E. D Street, running north to south from Puyallup Avenue to E. 26th Street.

**Broadway Center for Performing Arts (Scott Painter):** Project is for customer/pedestrian Safety/LED Lighting.

**Tacoma Tool Library (Rebecca Solverson):** Project is for a Tacoma Tool Library 6 month launch period. Representative was not in attendance for presentation.

**Artists 4 Life in the Sound (Adam Martin):** Project is for a Luminary Community Workshop.

**Stadium Business District Associated (Denny Faker):** Project is for Dumpster enclosures.

**8th & I Neighbors (Sharon Russell):** Project is for “Neighbors at Play” Neighbors Park at 8th I Project is for fencing, signage, and various play equipment such as Croquet sets, playground balls, etc.

**PJ Hummel & Company (PJ Hummel):** Project is the Tin Can Alley Park and Rain Garden at 26th and G Street. Project is for both beautification and enhancements of a hotspot of crime which would include fencing, land clearing and landscaping, replanting with potential for new Summit High School involvement.

**Following the remaining Agenda items, the Board had considerable discussion and evaluation of all the proposals with the following decisions:**

1. **8th&I Neighbors at Play:**
   Funding approved for $4,550.00
2. **Stadium Business District/Dumpster Enclosure:**
   No funding; however, NTNC will write letter of support of code enforcement.
3. **Artists for Life/Luminary Community Workshop:**
   Funding approved for $2,500.00.
4. **Tacoma Tool Library:**
   Funding approved for $5,000.00
5. **Broadway Center/Pedestrian Safety LED Lighting:**
No funding; however, NTNC will send letter to City/TPU to support City funding for the LED lighting

6. **Dome District/East D. St. Corridor Community Overwatch:**
No funding; however NTNC will continue to be supportive and involved with City on community security/safety improvements

7. **Tacoma Waterfront Association/Marketing Website:**
Funding approved for $2,000.00.

8. **PJ Hummel & Company/Tin Can Alley Park and Rain Garden:**
Funding approved for $6,100.00 plus NTNC will send letter to City in support of code enforcement and City owned property management/development at this location. Board will also follow up with proposal in support of plan to engage Summit High School student involvement in the project.

9. **Viet Huong Improvement Project/Retaining Wall:**
Funding approved for $7,500.00.

10. **Viet Huong Improvement Project/Fence:**
Funding approved for $8,350.00.
The Board will follow up with Carol and to all those that submitted proposals with a note of thanks and looks forward to following the progress on the projects.

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**Old Business**

- **2015 NTNC Marketing-Neighborhood Council Program; flyer developed by Traci (Committee Bill, Tom, Traci):** Liz mentioned the flyer that is being updated by Carol on Neighborhood Council Program and will be available for marketing; will follow up with Traci on NTNC specific flyer.

- **Homeless Forum Planning-9 Sep:** Committee briefly discussed homeless forum planning (location, possible Agenda, etc.). The NTNC will not meet; however, the Committee will meet to finalize planning on 12 August.

- **2015 NTNC Action Plan Update:** The 9 Sep 15 Homeless Forum will be the alternate meeting location and NTNC sponsored community event. No further updates; will monitor progress throughout remaining 2015 NTNC meetings.

**Council Reports**

- **Community Council:** Liz mentioned the briefing on Economic Development by Ricardo Noguero, Director, Community and Economic Development for the City and all of the positive development in planning. She will follow up with Ricardo on getting a copy of the presentation to share with Board.

- **Across the Fence:** No report.

- **Correspondence:** None.

- **Reports from Neighborhoods:** Tom provided an updated on Sound Transit 3 (expanding regional mass transit) public meeting(s) leading to ballot measure, on-line survey, and importance of participation. He briefed a letter from Mercy Housing Northwest and affordable housing communities and will invite representation to the Homeless Forum in September.

**Announcements**

None

**Citizen Forum:** None.

**Adjournment** 8:00 pm.