

**Meeting Minutes**  
**New Tacoma Neighborhood Council**  
**Wednesday, October 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, Mae Harris, Rick Jones, Jo Davies, Jori Adkins, Tom Ebenhoh

**Board Members Excused:** Traci Kelly, Bill Garl, Dalton Gittens, Denny Faker

**Guests:** Debbiann Thompson, Carola Filmer, Marilyn Strickland, Kelly Custis, Dennis Shaughnessy, Florian Tamayo, Leon Tamayo, Alecia Kuhl, Mayor Maryland Stickland, Kit Burns, and others in attendance that did not sign in

### **Approval**

- October Agenda and September Homeless Encampment Forum minutes were approved (all)
- Treasurer's report: Estimated \$2,219.53

### **Staff Reports**

- **Tacoma Police Department:** Officer Custis briefed crime stats that have went down from a year prior; using timed lighting to help lighten property as days are darker; safety measures on Halloween; there was some discussion on homeless issues, especially on Tacoma Ave. and challenges associated with enforcement; she encouraged audience to call 311. She had handouts on Tip of the Month for Halloween safety.
- **Tacoma Fire Department:** No report.
- **City Manager/Council Office:** Monica provided update on Arts Month Tacoma in October; City's Project PEACE was briefed on engaging in dialog with TPD, CM, and community members in creating safe communities through positive relationships with TPD. Monica mentioned she will be out of the office and Carol may have someone else fill int. She had handouts on City's Climate Conversations, with the schedule of a three part series on climate risks and opportunities to reduce pollution and improve the environment.
- **Metro Parks:** Debbiann Thompson provided event calendars and other handouts on various events; discussed the conservatory expansion; update on the Foss Waterway parks with public meetings to be determined.
- **Tacoma Public Schools:** No report.
- **Port of Tacoma:** Carola provided an update on Port business and the Alliance; 2016 tour bus schedules are available on line; status of various projects in the Port; she encouraged NTNC to take a tour of the Port. Some discussion on the detention center. She had handouts for the audience on the Northwest Seaport Alliance.
  
- **Community Reports**
- **Catholic Community Services:** No update.
- **Tacoma Rescue Mission:** No update.

### **New Business**

- **Mayor Strickland: Fix Tacoma Streets 2015:** Mayor Strickland provided a briefing on two packages for the November ballot to fix Tacoma Streets which included, but not limited to, discussion of two ballet measures, history of package, City accountability, citizen input. There was a series of questions and clarifications the Mayor addressed to

include, but not limited to, prioritization planning, funding, explanation of taxes. She had handouts for the audience on the two ballots and encouraged audience to vote.

- **Alecia Kuhl, Civitas at UWT: Giving Gardens:** Alecia provided a brief on 21<sup>st</sup> and Fawcett community garden project. There are 32 beds and public can adopt a bed with all grown to be donated, usually to St. Leos. It is expanding and in need of materials, donations, volunteer help, and funding. Request was made for any funding support from NTNC. **Motion was made and all approved to provide \$250.00.**
- **Innovative Grant Follow Up NTNC Letters:** Members discussed update and status on various projects and recommendation was made, with all approved, not to send additional letters from NTNC. At this point, members determined the support letters are not needed; however, will continue to monitor progress.
- **Patrick Babbitt, City of Tacoma: Healthy Homes, Healthy Neighborhoods:** Representative was not able to attend; however, will reschedule for November meeting.
- **Korbett Mosesley:** Board discussed his NTNC assistance and agreed he will assist with marketing efforts and as moderator at the Annual Retreat in January. Members expressed their appreciation to Carol Wolfe for the up to 10 hours of assistance to NTNC.
- **NTNC Board Nominations/Elections for 2016:** Tom discussed process in accordance with By-Laws; members will reach out to recruit from within their communities, Liz will post to Facebook, and Tom will send an e-mail request for nominations.
- **NTNC Annual Retreat Planning:** January 23, 2016 (0900-1200): Safe Streets CR is available and booked with plan for Korbett as the moderator. More to follow.
- **NUSA Planning; possible award submission for Hilltop Steet Fair:** Liz is working with Jo and Mario on possible submission. More to follow.
- **Homeless Encampment Forum Follow Up/Citizen Advisory Task Force/Committee:** Liz mentioned Tom, Korbett, and herself will be meeting on Monday, 19 October, to draft letter to City and discuss NTNC way forward as a follow up to the forum.

## Old Business

- **2015 NTNC Marketing-Neighborhood Council Program; flyer developed by Traci:** Members discussed plan to engage Korbett on marketing. Marketing/recruitment a possible retreat Agenda item
- **2015 NTNC Action Plan Update:** No further updates; will monitor progress throughout remainder of 2015

## Council Reports

- **Community Council:** Liz mentioned the City Manager will be at the next meeting and encouraged attendance to attend.
- **Across the Fence:** No report.
- **Correspondence:** None.
- **Reports from Neighborhoods:** None.

## Announcements

None

**Citizen Forum:** Kit Burns briefed on Referendum 2015-1 and encouraged audience to vote Yes to Reject on the November ballot and to not move forward with the proposed Pierce County Building. He provided handouts to the audience that captured concerns over the project with a link to facebook page with more information. Florian Tamayo spoke about the Holy Rosary Regional School and provided handouts to the audience. She voiced concerns about one of the homes in her neighborhood (ex., possible code issues, appearance of property). She did not have a specific address of the property. Board members encouraged her to contact 311 and reach out and be an advocate within her neighborhood for neighborhood involvement and contact her TPD CLO if witness/concerns about possible crimes. Board members will follow up with Ms. Tamayo.

**Adjournment** 7:00 pm.