Meeting Minutes
New Tacoma Neighborhood Council
Wednesday, 9 December 2015
5:30-7:00PM
First United Methodist Hall, 621 Tacoma Ave. South

The meeting was called to order by Chair Elizabeth Burris at 5:45 pm. Introductions were made.

Board Members Attending: Elizabeth Burris, Mae Harris, Jo Davies, Jori Adkins, Tom Ebenhoh, Bill Garl, Jane Moore, Denny Faker

Board Members Excused: Traci Kelly, Dalton Gittens, Rick Jones

Guests: Debbiann Thompson, CM Robert Thoms, Nick Leider, Scott Rich, Heather Moss, Hugh Moore, Emily Roeben, Philip Bradford, Valerie Floyd, Sarah Roemer, Elliott Barnett, Sue Comis, Allison Gregg, Amy Allison, and others in attendance that did not sign in

Approval
- December Agenda and November minutes were approved (all)
- Treasurer’s report: Estimated $1,963.53.

Staff/Community Reports
- Catholic Community Services: Nick provided update which included, but not limited to, update on new Nativity building; upcoming Block Watch meeting at Tacoma Daycare House, 2d Wednesday of the month at 1000 (usually the 3rd Wednesday); expanding capacity due to severe weather; update on new diversion program (ex., stay with family member and not requiring support of programs); screening for long term needs of guests; status of the old building still in process/negotiations.
- Tacoma Community House: Sarah provided an update which included, but not limited to, information on events happening at TCH, programs available, popularity of the programs, and opportunities to volunteer.
- Tacoma Police Department: No Report.
- Tacoma Fire Department: Chief McRoberts provided an update that included, but not limited to, number of calls for November and year to date, holiday safety briefing, and provided handouts to the audience on Safe and Sound Holiday safety.
- City Manager/Council Office: Carol Wolfe provided an update on the Disposable Bag Survey and encouraged audience to go on-line (City site) and take the survey; update on ongoing homeless initiatives and encouraged audience to attend upcoming public information meeting at Beacon Activity Center, 10 December, 6:00 p.m., as the City will be using the facility for a youth homeless shelter during the upcoming severe weather season. She encouraged the audience to attend. She mentioned the 15 December Council meeting will be the final meeting for the year.

CM Thoms provided an update which included, but not limited to, City homeless initiatives such as the Beacon Activity Center youth homeless shelter during the severe weather season; both voter approved measures that passed for road improvements/enhancements; update on Click!- there most likely would not be action taken before the end of the year; update on the Schuster Slope Landscape Management Plan and the Schuster Parkway Promenade Design. There was some interactive discussion on Homeless issues and how it is bigger than just a Tacoma issue and more money will not fix all issues. Liz encouraged audience to attend public meeting on 10 Dec at the Beacon Activity Center. Denny thank CM Thoms for all his support and effort on the Schuster Slope project and on behalf of all the residents he serves in his position; audience showed agreement with a round of applause.
• **Metro Parks:** Debbiann Thompson discussed and provided handouts on various events such as, but not limited to Polar Bear Plunge on 1 Jan 16, various Trips and Tours for Jan/Feb 16, and Zoo Lights, she encouraged the audience to take the Metro Parks on-line survey on programs and plans.

• **Tacoma Public Schools:** No report.

• **Port of Tacoma:** Carola was unavailable; however, Tom confirmed NTNC Port bus tour is scheduled for February 20, at 1000 (Saturday morning). More to follow.

**New Business**

• **Elliott Barnett, City of Tacoma:** Tacoma Mall Neighborhood SubArea Plan and EIS. Elliott provided a detailed briefing in the SubArea Plan and EIS which included, but not limited to, history of the area, concentrated growth, funding, the EIS review process, timelines, encouraging walkable, bike and transit options for the area in addition to multiple modes of transportation, housing, diversity of the neighborhood, challenges with the area such as current infrastructure, watersheds, prioritization and way forward to get there, possibly extending the link, gentrification, and noted April 16 as next key milestone. He provided multiple handouts to the audience.

• **Amy Allison, Associated Ministries:** Amy provided an update, which included, but not limited to, Housing Programs, Tax Volunteers, overview of Associated Ministries programs and volunteer opportunities, community resources available, rapid rehousing, connecting to resources, homeless mail service, foreclosure counseling. She encouraged audience to visit the AM web site for more information.

• **NTNC Board Elections:** Tom briefly discussed the By Laws and covered again the nomination/election procedures. Denny expressed interest in continuing on the Board. Denny was nominated and all approved his nomination for election. Vote was taken to elect slate of those Board members with expiring two year terms (Denny, Tom, Jo, Mae), and elect Philip Bradford and Emily Roeben that were nominated at the November meeting. A guest expressed interest in being on the Board. A motion was made to nominate Scott Rich to the 2016 Board. All approved. Jane mentioned due to other commitments she is not able to consider nomination for election. Board members and the audience expressed their appreciation for her service.

• **Allison Gregg/Sue Comis, Sound Transit:** Allison and Sue provided a detailed update on the link expansion which included, but not limited to, history of project, update on funding methods, open house and providing comments, timelines, decision making process with design, public input opportunities, art community providing input, and encouraged the audience to visit the ST website and tacomalink.org for more information on Tacoma link expansion. They also provided a brief update on the ST3 planning for the 2016 ballot to expand regional transit transportation.

**Old Business**

• **Korbett Mosesley:** Marketing/Recruitment and Annual Retreat Moderator: Korbett will be the moderator for the retreat. Agenda for retreat is pending.

• **NUSA Planning and possible award submission:** Liz is working with Jo and Mario on possible submission for Hilltop Street Fair pending other possible recommendations. More to follow.

• **NTNC Annual Retreat Planning:** January 23, 2016 (0900-1200), Safe Streets CR. Agenda pending.

• **Homeless Encampment Forum Follow Up:** Citizens Advisory Task Force/Committee: Open item; however, positive with opening of the Beacon Activity Center and City initiatives/partnerships on homeless issues. More to follow.

• **NTNC Corporate and Tax Law Status/Update from workshop:** New name/possible amendments to by laws. Open item for NTNC Retreat.
• Port of Tacoma Tour, Saturday, 20 Feb 16, 1000 and possible Tacoma Mission Tour. Confirmed for 20 Feb. Also, Tom mentioned for possible future Board consideration taking a tour of the Tacoma Mission.
• 2015 NTNC Action Plan Update: No further updates; will incorporate in 2015 Annual Report.

Council Reports
• Community Council: No report.
• Across the Fence: No report.
• Correspondence: None.
• Reports from Neighborhoods: Tom mentioned the public meeting scheduled for the two new Foss Waterway parks at the Metro Parks main building on 15 December. Philip provided an update on the Tacoma Jazz Association and future events.

Announcements
None
Citizen Forum: See election information and nomination/election of Scott Rich to the Board.
Adjournment 7:20 pm.