Meeting Minutes
New Tacoma Neighborhood Council
Wednesday, 13 January 2016
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, Jo Davies, Jori Adkins, Tom Ebenhoh, Phillip Bradford, Valerie Floyd, Dalton Gittens, Rick Jones, Emily Roeben

**Board Members Excused:** Scott Rich

**Guests:** Debbiann Thompson, Syaz Sazali, Chris Brink, Daniel Still, Carl Mastburg, Joe Brady, Hally Bea, Charles Mann, and others in attendance that did not sign in

### Approval
- January Agenda and December minutes were approved (all)
- Treasurer’s report: Estimated $993.19.

### Staff/Community Reports
- **Tacoma Police Department:** Lieutenant Still briefed that included, but not limited to, burglary and theft prevention; update on homeless on Tacoma Ave. and the north end in which numbers have decreased; UWT use of vacated Old Spaghetti Factory. According to their web site, the restaurant will close 17 January and reopen for dinner on 22 January at the new location - 1250 Pacific Ave.
- **Tacoma Fire Department:** Chief Brink provided an update that included, but not limited to, number of calls for December and year to date; New Year fire safety measures; National Blood Donor month. He provided handouts to the audience on A New Year for Fire Safety.
- **City Manager/Council Office:** Syaz provided an update on the MLK Celebration on 18 January at the Greater Tacoma Convention and Trade Center and the Flip the Script event at 2:00 pm., UWT, W. W. Philip Hall. She provided handouts to the audience on the event. Liz also mentioned about volunteer opportunities with Community Council representatives at the Convention Center, especially to assist with clean up and closure.
- **Metro Parks:** Debbiann Thompson discussed and provided handouts on various events such as, but not limited to closure of Port Nisqually through the end of March. She provided various handouts to the audience including Go Guides and Winter/Spring calendars.
- **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) and Liz, Jo, Tom, Philip confirmed they will take the tour and possibly two more attendees. Will finalize numbers of attendees at the 23 January retreat. Tom will coordinate with Carola and finalize meeting location.

### New Business
- **Charles Mann, Central Neighborhood Council:** Neighborhood Watch Program. Charles provided an update which included, but not limited to, brief history of Neighborhood Watch Program; support of program; addressing crime and gang issues within neighborhoods; various agencies will be represented at the meeting about the program on Feb 13, 0930-1130, Main Library, Olympic Room. He encouraged audience participation.

- **Joe Brady, Metro Parks:** Seymour Botanical Conservatory Project. Joe provided an update, which included, but not limited to, history of the conservatory, Metro Park master
plan and expansion; future of Wright Park; public vision, the 4 options; architect for the project; size and scope, Request for Proposal process. There were some questions about traffic flow concerns and scope of project, open space vice building up Wright Park which he addressed. He provided handouts to the audience.

- **NTNC Annual Retreat Planning:** January 23, 2016 (0900-1200), Safe Streets CR. Agenda will be sent to Board members. Anticipate Agenda items to address 2015 annual report, 2016 budget, 2016 Action Plan. Corey Mosesley will moderate and recommendations for marketing/recruitment efforts. Agenda will be finalized by the retreat.

- **NTNC Board Officers Nomination/Election:** Tom briefly discussed the By Laws and covered again the nomination/election procedures. There was considerable discussion on those expressing interest to be nominated and the vacant Vice Chair position. After discussions, nominations were made for Liz as Chair, Jori as Vice Chair, Rick as Treasurer, and Tom as Secretary. All members approved nomination and election of the officers. A guest, Hally Bea, expressed interest in serving on the Board. A motion was made to nominate Hally Bea to the 2016 Board. All approved and Hally was elected to the Board.

- **Old Business**
  - **NUSA Planning and possible award submission:** Liz is working with Jo and Mario to submit the Hilltop Street Fair. Due date is 1 Feb.
  - **Homeless Encampment Forum Follow Up:** Open item.
  - **NTNC Corporate and Tax Law Status/Update:** Committee is Jo, Philip, Bill, Liz, Tom, Emily. New name/possible amendments to By Laws.
  - **Port of Tacoma Tour, Saturday, 20 Feb 16, 1000 and possible Tacoma Mission Tour:** Confirmed for 20 Feb. Jo, Liz, Tom, and Philip will attend. Tom will send Carola the names.
  - **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:** Christmas cards received from Tacoma Fire Department and residents from Park Place, and letter of thank you received from UWT for the gift to the Second Environmental Excellence Fund and support for their urban-serving university.
- **Reports from Neighborhoods:** Tom mentioned the second public meeting to talk about designs for the two new Foss Waterway parks (Foss Waterway and Central) at 323 Puyallup Ave. on 14 January, 6:00. Philip provided an update on the Tacoma Jazz Association, future events, and events on Opera Alley. Denny provided update on Stadium to include new construction, vacancies, Titus relocation, conservatory project, and Stadium Bowl. Jori mentioned Su Dowie will be retiring from her position in the Foss Waterway Development Authority. Letter was sent to Landmarks Preservation Commission to support listing on register of historic places the Theodore Hosmer House/Exley Apartments on S. 9th St. Liz mentioned the upcoming meetings, the first being on Thursday, January 21, evening, at the Tacoma Convention Center on the proposed Methanol Plant and encouraged audience attendance.

**Announcements**

None

**Citizen Forum:** None.

**Adjournment** 7:00 pm.