



New Tacoma Neighborhood Council
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, 10 February 2016
5:30-7:00PM
First United Methodist Hall, 621 Tacoma Ave. South

The meeting was called to order by Secretary Tom Ebenhoh at 5:40 pm. Introductions were made.

Board Members Attending: Mae Harris, Jo Davies, Jori Adkins, Tom Ebenhoh, Valerie Floyd, Emily Roeben, Scott Rich, Hally Bert, Denny Faker

Board Members Excused: Elizabeth Burris, Philip Bradford, Dalton Gittens, Rick Jones

Guests: Debbiann Thompson, Kelly Custis, Debby Herbert, Douglas Kimball, Genesis Gavino, Kari Young, Chad McMillan, Stephen Atkinson, Debbie Bingham, Julie Anderson, Kristin Bell, Bridget Howe, Luis Yanez, Sarah Roemer, Geoffrey Smyth, Lorna Mauren, Michael Carey, and others in attendance that did not sign in

Approval

- February Agenda and January Meeting / Board Retreat Minutes were approved (all)
- Treasurer's report: Estimated \$983.84

Staff/Community Reports

- **Tacoma Police Department:** Officer Custis provided an update on hiring actions; various crime statistics and burglaries have decreased; and the importance of resident crime deterrence involvement such as locking doors, not having valuable items viewable in vehicle. She provided handouts on the tip of the month, crime prevention tips for the gym.
- **Tacoma Fire Department:** Chief Kimball provided an update on avoiding scolds; 3 fire fatalities in January; importance of smoke alarms and having an escape plan; submitting comments on the methanol plant; TFD statistics year to date; he provided handouts on stamp out smoking fires.
- **City Manager/Council Office:** Genesis provided an update on various events; the murals program; Bike Share Program meeting on 25 Feb from 5:00-7:00 p.m., at The Evergreen State College (Tacoma).
- **Metro Parks:** Debbiann Thompson provided numerous handouts and discussed various events such as, but not limited to Conservatory project update and guided meditation events; community forums, and Wine and Chocolate event on Feb 12, 5:30-7:00 pm at the Seymour Botanical Conservatory.
- **Tacoma Public Schools:** Kristen Bell provided update on spring break; various school events and projects; and noted the Superintendent was nominated for the Women in School Leadership Award.
- **Port of Tacoma:** Carola was unavailable; however, Tom confirmed NTNC Port tour is scheduled for February 20, at 1000 (Saturday morning). Tom mentioned Carola is no longer with the Port and Sean Eagan was identified as a replacement contact.
- **Tacoma Rescue Mission:** Kari and Chad provided a detailed presentation which included, but not limited to, various programs, volunteer opportunities, Search and Rescue Program, outreach initiatives, expanding partnerships, and update on Beacon Activity Center overnight shelter during winter weather period with approximately 30-35 guests each night.

New Business

- **Stephen Atkinson/Michael Carey, City of Tacoma, Schuster Slope/Promenade Update:** Stephen provided update on Schuster Slope project which included, but not limited to, brief history of the project; concepts and designs; timeline and phases for public input with summer a critical milestone; budget projections; anticipated to move up construction to 2019 vice 2022. Michael Carey provided detailed update on the Schuster Promenade which included, but not limited to, options on trails; transition on funding; overview of the acreage and area; challenges and deterrence of landslides; homeless encampments; public input; construction has started and tree removal; summer/fall will address the top of the slope, approximately 31 acres; thinning of trees.
- **Debbie Bingham, City of Tacoma, Lincoln Project:** Debbie provided a detailed briefing, which included, but not limited to, history of the project; funding sources of the project; partnerships such as TPD/TFD, Tacoma Power; City satellite on site office; location of project; connecting with the community; timelines; she mentioned South Tacoma as next. Question was asked about education of community on bike safety. She provided various handouts to the audience (maps and the Lunar New Year Celebration on 13 Feb).
- **Julie Anderson, Pierce County Auditor:** Julie provided a briefing on election process, which included, but not limited to, history of the office; what the County Auditor's office is responsible for; update on the Charter Review process; upcoming votes and the Presidential Primary and the process on May 24; discussed delegate process and caucus systems; budgeting for her office; Presidential Preference Primary (new); hiring of additional election officers. She provided various reference material handouts to the audience about the office and how to stay connected.
- **NTNC 2016 Annual Report:** Tom briefly discussed the Annual Report and mentioned he will be sending it to the Board for review/approval prior to submitting to the City. He anticipated sending it within the next two weeks.
- **NTNC Corporate and Tax Law/By-Laws Update (Liz, Tom, Emily, Philip, Bill, Jo):** Tom sent copies of information from the Corporate/Tax Law Workshop and By-Laws to Committee members and encouraged them to review information. Anticipate Feb/Mar setting a date for Committee to meet.
- **Old Business**
- **Corey Mosesley: Marketing/Recruitment and Annual Retreat Moderator:** Corey moderated the retreat; will continue to engage Corey in assistance with marketing/NTNC outreach such as e-mail expansion/social media opportunities.
- **Homeless Encampment Forum Follow Up:** Open item.
- **Port of Tacoma Tour, Saturday, 20 Feb 16, 1000 and possible Tacoma Mission Tour.** Confirmed for 20 Feb. Jo, Liz, Tom, Emily, possibly Philip will attend. More to follow on possible Tacoma Mission tour and/or volunteer opportunities.

Council Reports

- **Community Council:** Tom briefed that Ian Munce, City of Tacoma, provided update on the process/scoping/timeline for proposed methanol plant; executive officers nomination will be on the Agenda for the February meeting; encouraged additional Board members to volunteer to represent NTNC.
- **Correspondence:** Residents from Park Place sent individual Christmas/New Year cards of thanks for the contribution from NTNC.
- **Reports from Neighborhoods:** Tom mentioned the 17 Feb, 6:00 p.m. public meeting about the designs for the two new Foss Waterway parks (Foss Waterway and Central) at the main Metro Parks building. Val provided an update on Stadium events to include new construction, parking, new brewery. Jo mentioned about events on the Hilltop and issues with no LED lighting.

Announcements

None

Citizen Forum: None.

Adjournment 6:40 pm.