Meeting Minutes
Neighborhood Council of New Tacoma
Wednesday, 9 March 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: Mae Harris, Jo Davies, Jori Adkins, Tom Ebenhoh, Rick Jones, Emily Roeben, Scott Rich, Elizabeth Burris

Board Members Excused: Hally Bert, Philip Bradford, Dalton Gittens, Denny Faker, Valerie Floyd

Guests: Debbiann Thompson, Kelly Custis, Robin Lloyd, Ben Flesher, Genesis Gavino, Matt Martinez, Brian Yee, Adam Martin, and others in attendance that did not sign in

Approval
- March and February Amended Agenda; Amended January/February Meeting Minutes were approved (all)
- Treasurer’s report: Estimated $960.05

Staff/Community Reports
- **Tacoma Police Department**: Officer Custis provided an update on tip of the month, Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (lighting, landscaping, fencing, windows); TPD volunteer opportunities to assist with Block Watches; Safe Streets assistance; update on various crime statistics. She provided handouts out the tip of the month, crime prevention tips for the gym.
- **Tacoma Fire Department**: Chief Flesher provided an update on electrical safety; another fatality bringing a total of 4; high compared to previous year; Poison Prevention Month and safety tips; methanol plant EIS on hold and LNG passed EIS and going through permitting process. He provided handouts on electrical safety.
- **City Manager/Council Office**: Genesis provided an update on various events; she briefed on the T-Town event on May 7, 10-3:00 at the Tacoma Dome. This is opportunity for an interactive community event, raise community awareness about services delivered by the City, educate how city government works, and more. She provided an update on the Ambassador Program and involvement of community groups/churches. She provided handouts to the audience.
- **Metro Parks**: Debbiann Thompson provided update on Ft. Nisqually reopening, Health Homes and Neighborhoods on Saturday, 9-2:00 at People’s Community Center, discussed various events, and provided numerous handouts and discussed various events such as, but not limited to Story Hour in the Conservatory, Sails and Trails Adventures.
- **Tacoma Public Schools**: No.
- **Port of Tacoma**: No report.
- **Tacoma Rescue Mission**: No report.

New Business
- **Robin Lloyd, 88.5 KPLU/Jazz Journalists Association and Jazz Education Network**: Robin provided detailed briefing which included, but not limited to, history of KPLU, efforts ongoing to keep the station, impact if the station is sold, update on various programs, signal/coverage impact if sold, possible reasons PLU may be selling such as declining enrollment/cost savings measures, efforts to keep KPLU self sustaining such as through
grants, explained how KPLU is funded, and timeline for funds to keep KPLU. There was interactive discussion among the Board and audience and highlighted possible fund raising methods. Robin mentioned plan to raise funds and reach out to the community to keep KPLU. She provided handouts to audience.

- **Sheryl Ellis, City of Tacoma:** Was unable to attend; however, will invite for a future NTNC meeting.
- **Neighborhood Council Program $1,000 Reimbursement for new NUSA attendee:** Application due to City NLT 15 April. Board discussed and motion was made and all approved Jo Davies to for the $1,000.00 reimbursement from the City to attend NUSA and represent NCNT for the Hilltop Street Fair finalist presentation and possible award.

### Old Business

- **Corey Mosesley: Marketing/Recruitment:** Open item. Board will continue to collaborate with Corey in assistance with marketing/NCNT outreach and marketing opportunities.
- **NTNC Corporate and Tax Law/By-Laws Update (Liz, Tom, Emily, Philip, Bill, Jo):** Committee collaborated with Doug Schafer (Tacoma Central Council/Attorney) on recommendations for Board to be in compliance as a Nonprofit Corporation. The committee met and recommend to the Board, in order to be in compliance, to change the council name to Neighborhood Council of New Tacoma in additional to some proposed By-Laws updates which will be addressed at a future time. Motion was made and all approved the name change from New Tacoma Neighborhood Council to Neighborhood Council of New Tacoma. Open item on By-Laws updates/possible additional of Articles of Incorporation.
- **Homeless Encampment Forum Follow Up:** Expanding efforts in the City and other stakeholder/target groups to address homeless issues. Liz will coordinate with Pam Duncan; possible next event in May. Open item.
- **Port of Tacoma Tour, Saturday, 20 Feb 16, 1000 and possible Tacoma Mission Tour.** Tom provided feedback on the Port of Tacoma tour on 20 Feb; approximately 2 hour tour. Emily posted photo/note on NCNT Facebook. More to follow on possible Tacoma Mission tour and volunteer opportunities.
- **NUSA 2016:** Liz/Jo will invite CM Keith Blocker to NUSA. Hilltop Street Fair is a finalist for award. Tom mentioned CC will fund $200.00 for registration and possibly more since Hilltop is a finalist for award. More to follow.
- **Possible change in NTNC meeting location and creating organizational and/or individual Board member e-mail accounts:** Mae Harris/Debbiann Thompson proposed possible alternative locations. Tom will collaborate with Corey Mosesly on organizational e-mail account. More to follow.

### Council Reports

- **Community Council:** Officer elections will be conducted at the March meeting. Kevin Grossman spoke on marketing/growing Business Cross Districts and any recommendations from CC; Carol provided update on $1K City sponsorship per Council for NUSA attendance; Molly Harris briefed on proposed amendments to marijuana use. Minutes available on request or on-line at City web site.
- **Correspondence:** None.
- **Reporst from Neighborhoods:** Jo provided update on Hilltop and public event on Valhalla Project on March 16 from 6-7:30 pm at the MLK Medical Center at 1202 MLK for redevelopment of a vacant commercial building at 1216-1218 MLK to include residential / work-live units. Jori briefed on 2 proposals being considered to develop various sites on Dock Street along the waterway with vote on 23 Mar (Tom will send more information); Su Dowie has been extended through May to remain in her current position as Executive Director of FWDA until new Executive Director is hired. More to follow. Liz announced City Club of Tacoma event on pro/con for the proposed methanol plant on 16 March, 1200, at the Landmark Convention Center.

### Announcements

None
Citizen Forum: Guest provided update on various properties being developed (housing) within the NCNT footprint

Adjournment  7:00 pm.