Meeting Minutes
Neighborhood Council of New Tacoma
Wednesday, 13 April 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, Elizabeth Burris, Valerie Floyd, Philip Bradford, Dalton Gittens

**Board Members Excused:** Hally Bert, Scott Rich, Denny Faker

**Guests:** Debbiann Thompson, Kelly Custis, James Scott, Bailey Meade, Jeanie Garrity, Dana Brush, Brian Yee, Rosalind Medina, Milt Tremblay, Dave Leonard, Devin Myers, Emily Watts, Phillip Brenfleck, Chris Clifford, Devon Isakson, Vyugar B. and others in attendance that did not sign in

**Approval**

- April Agenda and March Meeting Minutes were approved (all)
- Treasurer’s report: Estimated $4,968.64

**Staff/Community Reports**

- **Tacoma Police Department:** Officer Custis provided an update on tip of the month, Internet Safety for Children; increase in technology and safety measures for adults and children; and if any community problems to contact her. She provided handouts to the audience on the tip of the month.

- **Tacoma Fire Department:** Chief Scott provided an update procedures for moving right for sirens and lights; potential early fire season with warm/dry conditions; awareness of older buildings and foliage that could increase risk for fire; calls are up approximately 9% this year; and TFD is a resource for proposed methanol/LNG facilities. He provided handouts to the audience.

- **City Manager/Council Office:** Liz mentioned April 18, 5:30, Bates Technical College, City informational meeting on crime prevention, graffiti, homeless issues, etc. and encourage attendance. Tom provided handouts on May 7, T-Town at the Tacoma Dome, 10:00-3:00 with various activities, games, prizes, and to interact with City staff and learn more about City resources.

- **Metro Parks:** Debbiann Thompson provided update and various handouts on activities, such as Go Camps Guide for summer camps (all ages), Common Threads event on Kantha Embroidery, 12 Apr-26 May at the Conservatory, and Summer 2016 calendars. She also mentioned anticipated next month test with adding water in People’s Park pool.

- **Tacoma Public Schools:** Rosalind Medina provided update on WA State Elementary Principal of the Year, Kate Frazier; collaboration with the state and Governor with schools on housing resources; construction updates; collaboration with increasing women owned/minority businesses and increasing diverse business goals. She also mentioned closing of Arlington on April 30 with public event.

- **Port of Tacoma:** No report.

- **Tacoma Rescue Mission:** No report.

**New Business**

- **Sheryl Ellis, City of Tacoma:** Sheryl provided an update on Commission on Disabilities (COD) which included a history, their mission, how to correct barriers (ex., applying for
jobs); effective communication, encouraged and explained applying for the commission for a 3 year term; meeting times are 4:00-6:00, 2nd Thursday each month, 6315 S. 19th Street; disability advocacy efforts; business involvement in hiring people with disabilities; promotion of diversity. She provided handouts to the audience.

- **Milt Tremblay, UWT**: Provided handouts and update on all the various projects at UW; ADA in the UW master plan; status and update on all projects; future projections and update on new facilities and housing. There were some questions from the audience which he addressed such as parking expansion with the growth and connecting bus lines that would come more often.

- **Phillip Brenfleck, City of Tacoma**: Provided an update on the history of the Healthy Homes, Healthy Neighborhoods program; provided handouts to the audience; spoke about environmentally friendly resources; collaboration with other agencies/businesses and residents; upcoming Hilltop walking tour to be scheduled.

**Old Business**

- **2016 NUSA Planning**: Liz encouraged attendance and reminded audience of suspense dates to register for NUSA; discussed Board budget towards NUSA attendance and Community Council will fund $200.00 towards registration. Open item.

- **NTNC Corporate and Tax Law/By-Laws Update** (Liz, Tom, Emily, Philip, Bill, Jo): Liz provided draft revision of proposed By-Laws / addition of Articles of Incorporation for review/input. Open item.

- **Homeless Encampment Forum Follow Up**: Expanding efforts in the City and other stakeholder/target groups to address homeless issues. Possible NCNT community sponsored event.

- **Possible Tacoma Mission Tour**: Possible Tacoma Mission tour and volunteer opportunities to include Friday/Saturday evening and providing resources to homeless. Open item.

- **Possible change in NCNT meeting location and NCNT sponsored community event**: Some discussion on possible alternatives for meeting location (Mae/Liz/Debbiann); open item. Discussed possible NCNT sponsored community events such as Homeless Forum II. Open item.

- **Establishment of organizational and individual Board member E-mail accounts**: Opened an e-mail (mailchimp) account for NCNT (open item). Discussed and will not establish individual Board member e-mail addresses; possible action for future Board consideration.

**Council Reports**

- **Community Council**: Officer elections were conducted at the March meeting and update from the proposed revisions to Tacoma Municipal Code (10.22 and 11.05).

- **Correspondence**: None.

- **Reports from Neighborhoods**: Tom mentioned Sound Transit 3 plan for November ballot and opportunity to provide input with on-line survey through 29 April/upcoming open house on 21 April at Evergreen State College-Tacoma at 5:30, link expansion update, and opportunities with TV-12 to post NCNT events. Liz mentioned collaborative neighborhood cleanup on 4 June (more to follow).

**Announcements**

None

**Citizen Forum**: Guest Jeanie Garrity spoke about proposed methanol plant and encouraged Board to speak against plant and council support against proposed plant and another guest spoke about water protection and provided a draft resolution on People’s Right to Water Protection which Board was asked to support initiative to support Charter Amendment 5 and Initiative 6 to give votes right to vote and put it on the ballot for vote in November. There was some discussion among Board and Board voted to support putting resolution to ballot and support against the proposed methanol plant.

**Adjournment** 7:15 pm.