Meeting Minutes  
Neighborhood Council of New Tacoma  
Wednesday, 11 May 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

Board Members Excused: Dalton Gittens, Bill Garl, Hally Bert, Scott Rich, Denny Faker

Guests: Debbiann Thompson, James Scott, Mario Lorenz, Rod Switzer, Kyle Farnes, India Adams, Natalie Schmidt, Phillip Brenfleck Chelsea Levy, Brian Hardy, Sarah Sweet, Brian Yee, Pennie Smith, and others in attendance that did not sign in

Approval
- May Agenda and April Meeting Minutes were approved (all)
- Treasurer’s report: Estimated $4,924.90

Citizen Forum: Philip Bradford provided update on jazz in Tacoma and recognition of B-Sharp. Residents from Vintage apartments mentioned an assault that happened outside of their resident. Mario Lorenz provided update and handouts on the Hilltop Street Fair on August 27 and encouraged attendance involvement. Mario submitted a written request for support/funds to the Board. Board discussed and approved $500.00 towards the Hilltop Street Fair.

Staff/Community Reports
- Tacoma Police Department: No report.
- Tacoma Fire Department: Chief Hardy provided an update on spotlight of the month which is arson awareness month; incidents/responses in the Port/tide flats; fire prevention and 4th of July planning with resources / personnel; encouraged audience to check their smoke alarms; disaster preparedness; update on various incidents/responses. He provided handouts to the audience on smoke alarms and checklist on important documents to have after a major disaster.
- City Manager/Council Office: India mentioned the May is Puget Sound Starts Here month and various events throughout the month; community cleanup schedule; CPR classes that are scheduled with TFD; update on T-Town event on Saturday, 7 May, with approximately 2,000 attendees. She encouraged the audience to visit the City web site for more information on Puget Sound Starts Here events.
- 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 to add water in the People’s Community Center pool.
- Tacoma Public Schools: No report.
- Port of Tacoma: No report.
- Tacoma Rescue Mission: No report.

New Business
- CM Thoms/Staff, City Action Memo, Local Revitalization Zone Financing: Identify projects/parcels within the zone: CM Thoms and staff were unable to attend; however, NCNT will plan to reschedule at a future meeting.
- Chelsea Levy, Sound Transit, Update on Link Expansion/ST 3 for November ballot: Chelsea provided a detailed update on ST 3 and Link Expansion which included, but not
limited to, explaining the platforms for the link expansion and workshops/public input, station locations, final design phase with anticipated 60% design in one year with construction planned to start in 2018, history of ST 3 and public comment period, overview of plan for the November ballot, rationale for what appears a long timeline to complete plan, rationale for proposed plan and what is and is not included, partnerships involved in ST 3, funding of the plan, taxing, voting process, route choices, planned bus stations, and on the anticipated final plan to be before the Board for adoption the 4th Thursday of June with June 2nd the final meeting before adoption. She provided handouts for the audience and encouraged any other comments to submit e-mail to Sound Transit and/or ST Board.

- **Natalie Schmidt/Sarah Sweet, TPU, Tacoma Power/Water energy conservation/ Q&A:** Sarah provided a detailed briefing which included, but not limited to, conservation methods, TPU programs, cost saving measures on bills, rebates available, and provided handouts and TPU packages which included energy saving light bulbs, efficient shower heads to the audience. Natalie provided a detailed briefing which included, but not limited to, water conservation measures, rebates available, explanation of commercial and residential properties in relation to water conservation, programs available with TPU, and update on findings of lead in water at various properties. Both encouraged audience to contact them and/or visit TPU web site for more information and offered to visit and provide overview of TPU programs at any planned sustainability fairs, HOA meetings, etc.

- **June 4 Community Cleanup, collaborative effort for June 4 event at T-Dome:** Liz provided an update on the community cleanup and meeting location at 0930, Dome “G” Street Parking lot for volunteers. A City mailer will be sent on the event and she encouraged audience to visit City of Tacoma site for more information. Motion was made to fund $150.00 towards snacks/non-alcoholic beverages for the event and approved by all.

**Old Business**

- **2016 NUSA Planning:** Liz encouraged attendance to attend dress rehearsal for the presentation on 17 May. More to follow. Jo will send final time and location and Tom will forward to the Board.

- **NTNC Corporate and Tax Law/By-Laws Update (Liz, Tom, Emily, Philip, Bill, Jo):** Liz provided draft proposed Articles of Incorporation for review/input. Motion made and all approved pending receipt of addresses for all Board members. Tom will send e-mail to Board for addresses. Once complete, committee will address revision to NCNT By Laws. Open item.

- **Homeless Encampment Forum Follow Up:** Expanding efforts in the City and other stakeholder/target groups to address homeless issues. Liz mentioned she is involved at County level in meetings to address homeless issues. More to follow.

- **Possible Tacoma Mission Tour:** Tom mentioned and encouraged audience on taking a tour of Tacoma Mission and volunteer opportunities to include Friday/Saturday evening / providing resources to homeless. Will remove from old business item.

- **Possible change in NCNT meeting location and NCNT sponsored community event:** Some discussion on possible alternatives and Board approved that effective September 2016, meetings will be moved to the People's Center (Emily will coordinate with Debbiann) and finalize agreement. Board discussed and agreed that the June 4 cleanup event will be the NCNT sponsored community event as planned in NCNT Action Plan for 2016. Will remove from old business item.

- **Establishment of organizational and individual Board member E-mail accounts:** Opened an e-mail (mailchimp) account for NCNT; building the addressees for future e-mail communication. Discussed and will not establish individual Board member e-mail addresses; however, possible one organizational e-mail account for Board consideration. Open item.

- **NCNT Funding Policy Letter (Emily):** Emily drafted a funding policy for Board consideration. She will finalize inputs and provide final version for Board approval. Open item.

**Council Reports**

- **Community Council:** Tom mentioned TPU provided an update / way forward on the lead contamination issues with the water (properties, schools, etc.).
• **Correspondence:** None.
• **Reports from Neighborhoods:** Jo provided update on innovative grant project in her neighborhood; Neighbors at Play the Community partner of the Year; and planned summer events. Tom mentioned 25 May will be a farewell for Su Dowie at the Foss Waterway Development Authority. He will forward an e-mail to the Board with more specifics.

**Announcements**
None

**Adjournment** 7:00 pm.