Meeting Minutes  
Neighborhood Council of New Tacoma  
Wednesday, 8 June 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, Bill Garl, Emily Roeben, Elizabeth Burris, Valerie Floyd, Philip Bradford, Hally Bert, Dalton Gittens  
**Board Members Excused:** Scott Rich, Denny Faker  
**Guests:** Debbiann Thompson, Kelly Custis, Josh Delay, Kyle Jolibois, Devon Isakson, India Adams, Rebecca Solverson, Mario Lorenz, Jim Scott, and others in attendance that did not sign in

**Approval**
- June Agenda and May Minutes plus Amended January-April Meeting Minutes were approved (all)  
- Treasurer’s report: Estimated $4,706.90

**Citizen Forum:** Philip Bradford provided update on jazz in Tacoma, upcoming events and concerts, and volunteer opportunities for hosting delegates in small businesses. Devon Isakson provided an update on survey which showed low attendance at NCNT meetings and communication. She volunteered to help with communicating about meetings and will pass out neighborhood council flyers at the Hilltop rummage sale on June 25. She advocated more recruitment efforts and getting the word out to the community which invited a positive discussion about marketing, use of social media, and way forward for NCNT outreach efforts. Hally Bert discussed and provided handouts about walk Tacoma, walking schedule, and upcoming events. She encouraged Board and audience participation. Jori Adkins discussed proposed new Tacoma Community House and objections to the design, Comprehensive Plan for the long term with walkability focus, and need for more density. She mentioned non profits buying for single purposes such as parking lots with no density and need for neighborhood design reviews. Rebecca Solverson provided an update on the Tacoma Tool Library, encouraged audience to visit. She discussed Know Your Ropes and sidewalk mural projects, update on Spaceworks activities, and the first walk Tacoma event. Mario Lorenz provided update on the Hilltop Street Fair and encouraged participation, cleaning up the Rite Aide lot, and briefed on NUSA 2016 and the 3rd place award for the Hilltop Street Fair.

**Staff/Community Reports**
- **Tacoma Police Department:** Officer Custis provided handouts and discussed Tip of the Month on safety for tourists, update on burglaries and safety/prevention efforts, and safety measures if having remotes for garage door. Burglary prevention handouts were provided to the audience.  
- **Tacoma Fire Department:** Chief Scott provided an update on spotlight of the month on fireworks prohibited in City, disaster preparedness and the ongoing Cascadia exercise in the event an earthquake were to happen again, and 4th of July safety planning. He provided handouts to the audience on Fireworks prohibition and checklist for emergency supplies in the event of a major disaster.  
- **City Manager/Council Office:** India mentioned the June 23 job skills training at the main Tacoma Public Library from 1-2:30; community cleanup schedule; July-October Council meeting relocation to TPU due to renovations in Council chambers; Spaceworks Art event; and the farmers market schedule.  
- **Metro Parks:** Debbiann Thompson provided update and various handouts on activities, such as Seymour Conservatory story hour, pool openings and summer schedule. She also provided an update on the People’s Community Center pool.
• **Tacoma Public Schools**: Josh provided an update/status on water/quality and lead issues in Tacoma schools; all schools cleared, and an update on the school construction projects.
• **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.
• **2016 NCNT Agenda: New Business / Guest Planning**: Board discussed some possibly invites to future NCNT meetings such as City Economic Development staff, Positive Interactions representative, new Thea Foss Waterway Development Authority Executive Director once announced. Board discussed and all approved to host a booth at the Ethnic Fest and Hilltop Street Fair while encouraging attendance and involvement at the McKinley Street Fair. Board discussed collaborating with other neighborhood councils on the events. Tom discussed setting up an organizational e-mail account, other measures to limit exposure of personal information, marketing efforts such as business cards/web site for Board consideration. More to follow.
• **2016 NCNT Action Plan Update**: Board briefly discussed progress and way forward in addressing 2016 Action Plan items.

**Old Business**
• **NTNC Corporate and Tax Law/By-Laws Update**: Liz, Tom, Emily, Philip, Bill, Jo: Liz followed up on status of Articles of Incorporation and for Board members to provide addresses so she can submit and be in compliance with IRS tax code rules as a non-profit with tax exempt status. Once complete, committee will address revisions 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 with the next meeting on 21 June from 0930-1130 at Bates Technical College. More to follow.
• **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**: Did not meet in May due to NUSA 2016.
• **Correspondence**: None.
• **Reports from Neighborhoods**: Tom, Liz, and Jori briefed on the 4 June community cleanup event. There was some discussion on misunderstanding from Solid Waste Enforcement personnel on those residents within boundaries authorized to drop off, and those not. It is not clear and Board voted to submit a letter to Michael Slevin, Director, Environmental Services that it should be clarified with the event recommended to be all inclusive for residents living within designated boundaries, and address rude behavior from some of the Solid Waste Enforcement personnel. Jo provided update on homeless youth and collaboration efforts to address it among the City and Positive Interactions.

**Announcements**
None

**Adjournment** 7:00 pm.