

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Neighborhood Council of New Tacoma**  
**Wednesday, 13 July 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, Emily Roeben, Elizabeth Burris, Philip Bradford, Dalton Gittens, Rick Jones

**Board Members Excused:** Scott Rich, Denny Faker, Hally Bert, Bill Garl, Valerie Floyd

**Guests:** Debbiann Thompson, Kelly Custis, Clara Brown, Jeanne Marie Thomas, Jeri Ramsdell, India Adams, Rob Sawatzky, Tim Close, Brian Yee, Kristin Bell, and others in attendance that did not sign in

### **Approval**

- July Agenda and amended June Minutes to reflect Rick Jones as excused approved (all)
- Treasurer's report: Estimated \$3,441.90

**Citizen Forum:** Tim Close provided update on the new facility for the Tacoma Community House and programs available.

#### **Staff/Community Reports**

- **Tacoma Police Department:** Officer Custis spoke on tip of the month and handouts on the National Night Out; addressed crime stats since last report and encouraged audience to visit [www.TacomaCrimeReports.org](http://www.TacomaCrimeReports.org) and reporting crime / maintaining situational awareness; spoke on contributions of Positive Interactions, 253.382-2677, organization is understaffed; Citizen's Academy, cap at 30 and applications due 1 August; provided update on TPD hiring/staffing.
- **Tacoma Fire Department:** No report.
- **City Manager/Council Office:** India provided handouts on various upcoming community events such as Ethnic Fest, 16 and 17 July Maritime Fest, Tacoma Food Truck Fest, July 24; Tacoma Streets Initiative [www.tacomastreetinitiative.org](http://www.tacomastreetinitiative.org), and reminded audience Council will be meeting at TPU Auditorium until renovations are complete in Council chambers; estimated completion in September.
- **Metro Parks:** Debbiann Thompson provided update and various handouts on activities, opening of People's Community Center Pool on 24 September, National Night Out, Truck and Ethic Fest
- **Tacoma Public Schools:** Rob and Kristin provided detailed update on various school construction projects, which included, but not limited to McCarver open house, community involvement, innovation in schools, magnet schools, business processes, drawing children involvement, future of Tacoma Schools , charter schools, new learning centers, scholarships available, and after school programs.
- **Port of Tacoma:** No report.
- **Tacoma Rescue Mission:** No report.

### **New Business**

- **Tacoma Public Schools, Alicia Lawver/Rob Sawatzky:** See Tacoma Public Schools in Staff Reports.
- **NCNT Organizational E-Mail/Social Media/Marketing Recommendations (Tom/Emily):** Tom provided introduction on way forward of expanding technology and electronic methods of marketing and advertising resources and information about NCNT in addition to other methods such as business cards and Neighborhood Council brochures.

There was some discussion about revisiting having an NCNT web site and making NCNT business cards. More to follow; possibly 2017 item. Emily presented introduction to new NCNT G-Mail account; officers of the Board will have login/password for future communication; she provided a draft/discussed value of its use, a NCNT Micro-Grant Form available on line for organizations requesting support/funds from Board; motion made and all Board approved using it; she also discussed various other electronic social media/marketing tools available. More to follow.

- **NCNT New Meeting Location Planning and Announcements (all):** Board discussed advertising new location beginning in September, which included, but not limited to, TV-12 update, contact City staff through Carol Wolfe, Facebook, e-mail announcements.
- **Ethnic Fest and Hilltop Street Fair Volunteer Planning:** Executive committee met and recommendation to focus on Street Fair participation vice Ethnic Fest. Motion was made and all approved. Tom mentioned he will volunteer at Ethnic Fest and encouraged audience to sign up and volunteer.
- **NCNT 2016 Agenda and Guest Planning:** India volunteered to coordinate on inviting representative from Positive Reinforcements at future meeting, possibly October. Tacoma Housing Authority, representatives from City Economic Development, new Executive Director for Thea Foss Waterway Development Authority were also recommended as possible future guests.
- **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 more involvement at County level and more funding from the City. More to follow.
- **NCNT Funding Policy Letter (Emily):** All approved new funding policy for Board. The new NCNT Micro Grant form is available on line (see comments in new business item).
- **NCNT 2016 Action Plan Update:** No further updates; will continue to address and target action plan elements through remainder of 2016. Will remove from future Agenda item.

## Council Reports

- **Community Council:** Tom and Liz briefed on 2016 NUSA and encouraged planning for 2017; revisions to the Council insurance policy to expand protection / exposure of Board members; proposed Neighborhood Summit for all neighborhood councils. .
- **Correspondence:** None.
- **Reports from Neighborhoods: 8<sup>th</sup> and I:** Emily spoke about 8<sup>th</sup> and I activities and requested \$200.00 funding. Motion made and Board voted and approved \$200.00 to support National Night Out for 8<sup>th</sup> & I. An additional motion was made to support Mae's request for National Night Out. Board voted and approved \$250.00. **Theater District:** Philip provided update on construction in the theater district; Pantages Theater renovation, space utilization within the area, update on apparent health of businesses activity, B-Sharp / jazz events in Tacoma, farmers market update. **Waterfront/Others:** Tom provided update on various events happening in the City such as Old Town Blues Festival, Maritime Festival, development along waterfront, and recommended inviting new FWDA Executive Director to future meeting. **Dome District:** Jori discussed the Freighthouse Square groundbreaking for Amtrak relocation and importance of adding housing in the district; discussed 100 housing units added at bluesquare. **Hilltop:** Jo mentioned "Know Your Ropes" sidewalk murals and success of first night with approximately 75 attending, more on interpretive content, Tacoma Housing Authority activities, free movie weekend, and upcoming public rummage sale. She encouraged audience to attend.

## Announcements

None

**Adjournment** 7:00 pm.