

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Neighborhood Council of New Tacoma**  
**Wednesday, 14 September 2016**  
**5:30-7:00PM**  
**People's Center, 1602 MLK Jr. Way, Board Room**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Elizabeth Burris at 5:30 pm. Introductions were made.

**Board Members Attending:** Valerie Floyd, Denny Faker, Jo Davies, Tom Ebenhoh, Elizabeth Burris, Hally Bert, Philip Bradford, Rick Jones

**Board Members Excused:** Scott Rich, Emily Roeben, Jori Adkins, Mae Harris, Bill Garl, Dalton Gittens

**Guests:** Kelly Custis, Wendy Pantora, Soichiro Maeyama, John Washington, T.C. Broadnax, Vince Kueter, Mark Lauzier, Shawn Phelps, Kristin Bell, Laura Jensen, Holly Hendrick, Tim Close, Clare Petrich, Sean Eagan, Pennie Smith, Teresa Green, Danielle Magee, Heather Ruitter, India Adams, and others in attendance that did not sign in

### **Approval**

- September Agenda and July Minutes were approved (all)
- Treasurer's report: Estimated \$5,209.56

**Citizen Forum:** Penny (South Tacoma Neighborhood Council) encouraged audience to attend City Council meeting on 13 September for a proclamation recognizing the Neighborhood Councils; Wendy encouraged audience to attend 24 Sep event, Peace Community Center, 10:00-4:00 p.m. on Tacoma making connections for mental wellbeing and People's Movement Assembly. She provided handouts to the audience.

### **Staff/Community Reports**

- **Tacoma Police Department:** Officer Custis spoke on tip of the month and handouts on School Zone Driving Safety tips and safety tips for children for the new school year; maintaining active situational awareness.
- **Tacoma Fire Department:** No report.
- **City Manager/Council Office:** India provided handouts on various community/City events such as, but not limited to, Tacoma Arts Month, People's Pool Grand Opening, City Council Meetings at TPU, and Student Government Day 2016.
- **Metro Parks:** No report.
- **Tacoma Public Schools:** Kristen Bell provided detailed update which included, but not limited to, start of new school season; various school construction projects; SAMI groundbreaking; TPS focus on attendance; boundary adjustments; expanded sports opportunities, and McCarver Open House. She encouraged the audience to visit the TPS web site for more information.
- **Port of Tacoma:** See comments on new business.
- **Tacoma Rescue Mission:** No report.

### **New Business**

- **City Manager, T.C. Broadnax:** The City Manager provided a detailed presentation on the budget which included, but not limited to, historical budget, current situation, timeline for 2017 budget and public phase for input, various City funding sources, overview of all budget items, various other City funding sources, ADA compliancy, impact if City had to contribute funds for Click! services, permitting processes and complex challenge for businesses to get City permits. There were questions about bicycle access / public transportation in part of the budget, possible cuts / impacts to libraries, Sound Transit Link expansion platform decisions, and a recommended proposal for a proclamation and/or event in honor of Tacoma's first responders which the City Manager would consider. He provided handouts to the audience on budget input and encouraged the audience to visit the City web site to provide budget input/comments.

- **Port of Tacoma (Commissioner Petrich):** Commissioner Petrich provided a detailed presentation, which included, but not limited to, more public input on Port decisions, role of Port Commissioners and Port leadership, Port contracts and funding, grant funding, new Port master policy, port meetings/schedule, update on the Alliance, environmental initiatives, and development projects. She provided handouts and encouraged audience to visit the Port of Tacoma web site for more information.
- **Tacoma Community House (Liz Dunbar/Tim Close):** Tim provided a detailed presentation on TCH which included, but not limited to, history of the facility, public phase of inputs on new design for new building, funding sources, volunteer opportunities, timeline for the new building and move of TCH to new location, residents served by TCH. He provided handouts and encouraged audience to remain involved and visit the TCH web site.
- **Old Business**
- **NTNC Corporate and Tax Law/By-Laws Update (Liz, Tom, Emily, Philip, Bill, Jo):** Liz followed up on Articles of Incorporation and Board members signing them so she can submit and be in compliance with IRS tax code rules as a non-profit with tax exempt status. Once complete and filed, 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. More involvement was discussed among audience especially in lack of restrooms and hygiene issues. More to follow.
- **NCNT Organizational E-Mail Update/Transition (Liz/Jori/Rick/Tom/Emily):** Tom again encouraged 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. Again, there was some discussion about revisiting having a NCNT web site and making NCNT business cards. More to follow; possibly 2017 item. Tom encouraged Board officers in transition to new NCNT G-Mail account and NCNT Micro-Grant Form available on line. More to follow.
- **NCNT social media/marketing expansion (all):** All Board members again encouraged to expand all methods of marketing efforts. Will remove from future Agenda item.
- **NTNC 2016 Agenda and Guest Planning (All):** Follow up 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 will be on October Agenda. Will remove from future Agenda item.

## Council Reports

- **Community Council:** Tom briefed on August meeting and City Manager presentation on the budget; guests planned for September and October.
- **Correspondence:** None.
- **Reports from Neighborhoods: 8<sup>th</sup> and I/Hilltop:** Jo spoke about success of Hilltop Street Fair and the upcoming McCarver open house on Oct 18, from 5:30-7:00. **Theater District:** Philip provided update on Pantages Theater renovation, Jazz radio in Tacoma and growing interest in Jazz in Tacoma, various Jazz events, and introduced Heather (UW) who spoke briefly about music options for those with disabilities and upcoming sports night for those with disabilities. **Waterfront/Others:** Hally mentioned Parking Day from 1000-2:00 on Friday and Elks Lodge project. Tom mentioned various waterfront development projects and 2 new parks in planning. Liz mentioned about new Apartments, The Napoleon, being built on Tacoma Ave. S. in her neighborhood. **Dome District:** No report. **Stadium:** Val mentioned the upcoming Art, Wine, and Beer Walk on 17 Sep from 4-8, update on housing development and construction projects.

## Announcements

None

**Adjournment** 7:00 pm.