

Meeting Minutes
Neighborhood Council of New Tacoma
Wednesday, 9 November 2016
5:30-7:00PM
People's Center, 1602 MLK Jr. Way, Board Room

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

Board Members Attending: Valerie Floyd, Tom Ebenhoh, Elizabeth Burriss, Rick Jones, Mae Harris, Dalton Gittens, Philip Bradford, Jo Davies

Board Members Excused: Scott Rich, Denny Faker, Hally Bert, Emily Roeben, Bill Garl, Jori Adkins

Guests: Mike Slevin, Carol Wolfe, Jason Kennedy, Traci Kelly, Mario Lorenz, Todd Magliocca, Sally Cowan, Leticia Wallgren, Peter Stackpole, Josh Jorgensen, Brian Yee, Kelly Custis, Debbiann Thompson, and others in attendance that did not sign in

Approval

- October Agenda and September Minutes were approved (all)
- Treasurer's report: Estimated \$3,192.88

Citizen Forum: Traci (Safe Streets) provided handouts on the Fall Conference for Neighborhood Leaders, Saturday, November 19 event at UW from 8:30-2:00. She encouraged audience to attend; \$10 registration fee. Board briefly discussed NCNT representation at the event and possibly funding Board members attendance in representing NCNT. Mario Lorenz provided update on Dickens Festival on 10 December. Funds were requested to support the event. Board discussed and all approved \$250.00 for the Dickens Festival. Leticia, a UW student, spoke about her school project and appreciated the opportunity to attend NCNT meeting.

Staff/Community Reports

- **Tacoma Police Department:** Officer Custis discussed holiday safety and provided handouts on the Tip of the Month, vehicle prowl prevention.
- **Tacoma Fire Department:** Chief Magliocca provided update on budget, hiring actions, Thanksgiving fire safety, and handouts on winter fire safety tips.
- **City Manager/Council Office:** Carol provided an update which included, but not limited to, Council citizen forum, City budget timeline, tree lighting event on 26 Nov, 2017 planning for the 2018 possible update of City Neighborhood Council program, and 311 service.
- **Metro Parks:** Debbiann provided an updated on the new People's Pool and various other events such as Polar Plaza. She encouraged the audience to visit the Parks web site for more information.
- **Tacoma Public Schools:** No report.
- **Port of Tacoma:** No report.
- **Tacoma Rescue Mission:** No report.

New Business

- **Mike Slevin, Director, Environmental Services:** Mike provided a detailed presentation of Environmental Services budget overview, which included, but not limited to, history of Environmental Services, City collaboration efforts, awards and accomplishments, goals, waste diversion, asset management plans, wastewater and surface water overview, debt re-financing, center for urban waters, cost structures, various partnerships, increasing efficiencies, enhancement planning, revenue plan, residential bill comparisons historically and projected (wastewater, surface water, solid waste), payment assistance program, equity in budgeting, and timeline for City Council adoption. He provided handouts to Board members and audience. Questions from Board and audience / concerns on neighborhood cleanup program and that condo/apartment type housing are exempt from participating.

Mike spoke briefly as to why; however, appears the exemption may change for 2017 to allow participation in effort to keep Tacoma clean.

- **Peter Stackpole/Jason Kennedy, Pierce Transit:** Peter and Jason provided a detailed presentation, which included, but not limited to, history of route analysis and Pierce Transit initiatives, public meetings on the comprehensive route network analysis and discussion on two alternatives to include routes impacted, timeline for Board vote. Board priorities, and market assessment conclusions. Board and audience questions / concerns were raised in elimination of bus service along Dock St., waterfront and the 300 service to McChord Field. Mr. Stackpole noted concerns and encouraged audience/Board to submit comments prior to Board vote. Motion was made and all approved to send an e-mail to Pierce Transit voicing concerns on behalf of NCNT. Tom will send e-mail.
- **Josh Jorgensen, Tacoma Housing Authority:** Josh provided a detailed presentation on construction and current/projected new housing in the Hilltop, funding, job fairs in the community and block parties, what property THA owns, parking, affordable housing and voucher programs, range of affordability projected, not just lower income.
- **NTNC Nominations/Elections Planning for 2017:** Tom briefed on nominations/elections procedures for 2017 in accordance with the By Laws. All current Board members in attendance expressed interest in being elected in December to include some Board members that were not able to attend but notified Board prior to meeting of interest for continuing on Board. All were nominated. One Board member may not be able to continue on Board. December meeting will include Board elections and those identified with expiring terms.
- **Old Business**
- **NTNC Corporate and Tax Law/By-Laws Update (Liz, Tom, Emily, Philip, Bill, Jo):** Articles of Incorporation were submitted to be in compliance with IRS tax code rules as a non-profit with tax exempt status. NCNT By Laws Committee to review/update By Laws. Open item.
- **Homeless Encampment Forum Follow Up:** Expanding efforts in the City and other stakeholder/target groups to address homeless issues to include bathroom facilities. 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.
- **Council Reports**
- **Community Council:** Tom briefed on October meeting which included presentations by Gwen Schuler, TV-12/Media and Communication Services and preparing the 2016 year end reports and discussion of 2017 goals. TV-12 is expanding to include a proposed neighborhood moment show capturing each council which Board members encouraged, plus a suggestion was made to have a downloadable app for cell phones for the neighborhood council programs, planning for the summit/retreat in 2017, Innovative Grant update and planning for 2017/18, City seeking recommendations to improve the innovative grant process, City in 2017 planning receiving input on the neighborhood council program for 2018 possible revisions/updates, January 19th will be the filming for TV-12 and neighborhood councils, discussions on adopt a spot program, and encouraged audience/Board to bring a friend to the CC meetings and help market the Community Council
- **Correspondence:** None.
- **Reports from Neighborhoods: 8th and I/Hilltop:** Submitted request for funding of Neighbor Park enhancements/play equipment. Jo provided overview of proposed use of funds. Board discussed and motion made will all approved to fund \$150.00 for the park. **Theater District:** No report. **Waterfront/Others:** Norm, Executive Director, FWDA will present at CC. Tom mentioned again on various waterfront development projects and 2 new parks in planning. **Dome District:** No report. **Stadium:** Val mentioned the upcoming Dickens Festival in December. Letter

was received from Park Place requesting funding support for the holidays. Board discussed and motion made to provide \$150.00 to Park Place. All approved.

Announcements

None

Adjournment 7:15 pm.