BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Chris Beale - Venus Dergan – Stuart Johnston - Carl Mastberg - John Miles - Andy Mordhorst - Pennie Smith - Skip Vaughn - Heidi White

Absent: Gorden Rolen unexcused

MINUTES: Motion by Andy Mordhorst to adopt June 5, 2014 board minutes. No Corrections. The motion is seconded by Carl Mastberg and approved by the board.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Pennie – STNC net worth on 6/30/2014 was $11,092.93 June expenditures were $43.80 May newsletter printing and $67.58 for newsletter mailing. STNC received $11.00 for the coffee fund donations. Checking account balance is $6,777.30.

MEETING AGENDA:

1. The State Farm grant announcement previously scheduled for our July 16th meeting will be rescheduled. Maybe in August.

2. Recommended potential future meeting agenda items: Derrick Kilmer potentially for August. Tent Cities (Tentcity.org) Housing First or Tacoma Public Schools Miguel Villahermosa, Head of Security for Tacoma Public Schools.

3. $5,000.00 donation to LASA (Living Access Support Alliance) – No donation was given by the STNC.

4. Animal Code Revision – Venus, Heidi, and Rick spoke at the CCOT to gain support on an adequate care amendment in the TMC and at the end of the meeting the CCOT board voted to support our efforts. Good job Venus. They will send a letter to the City council in support of the adequate care amendment and the individual neighborhood groups will go back to their boards and ask for a letter for support to send to the City council. Rick Hunt animal control is still working on the revision. Jenny from the CCOT wrote a letter and will send it to the City Council. Motion was made by Venus to right a letter supporting the suggested revision to the TMP regarding adequate care. Motion was seconded by John and approved by the board.

5. Annual Clean-up status – Pe7nnie: Aug 16 from 10:00 to 1:45. Pennie asked Skip to include the info for the cleanup in the newsletter this month and next. Volunteers still needed.

   A. 2010 automated speed sign – Kim Burnhoff needs to be contacted to check on status of where to put sign because the sign cannot be put where she wanted it due to a gas line. Venus will follow up on this since she is a secondary person on the grant.
   B. 2012 SNIG Safety Lighting So Cedar is completed.
   C. 2010 SNIG Median Lighting STWay project council and waiting for STNC to reallocate funds (15,000 total). Business District submitted an innovative grant request. A Motion made by Carl and seconded by John not to approve the Business district innovative grant application. Went to a vote. Four to four tie and one abstained (motion failed). John motioned to approve the Heidi White bike lane project once it gets approved by the City, seconded by Pennie and approved by the board with one abstained.
   D. 2012 SNIG 66th Street Median Beautification: Completed, but there is still about $1,400 still left.
E. 2012 SNIG Wapato Hills has not used all of the $6,709 for this project, but will use as much as possible by the end of the year.

F. 2011 SNIG 74th and Cedar Tot Lot completed.

G. 2012 SNIG one time carry over for traffic circle beautification. Allocated $6,600. No invoices have been turned in for reimbursement for improvements. Chris asks if some of this money could be used for trees along 74th and Tac Mall Blvd. Venus asked for possibly getting money to clean the north east side of the 66th street trestle for beautification.

**COMMITTEE’ REPORTS:**

1. **By-Laws Review Committee** – John, Andy & Gorden (John Chair): Still working on it.

2. **South Tacoma Neighborhood Council Website** – Stuart: Free websites are not free and would have to pay for a domain name. Stu will look into maybe using the City’s website to have a web page.

3. **Scholarship Committee** – Pennie and Andy (Pennie Chair). Pennie and Heidi will look into programs to support at the local elementary schools that involve academic achievement.

4. **Membership Committee** – Andy, Carl, Chris, and Pennie (Andy Chair): Will promote at the farmers market where the STNC will have a booth.

5. **Manitou Community Center Committee** – Venus, Andy, Pennie (Andy Chair) – Andy sent a bid via email to the broker that is handling the sale of the Manitou Community Center and he responded back that it was not a proper bid. The broker said that they already have a bid that is in escrow. A general meaning of escrow is: *(The primary purpose of an escrow for a real estate title transfer or closing settlement is to have a trusted, neutral stakeholder hold the seller’s deed to the property, which will be delivered to the buyer upon payment of the sales price and fulfillment of other sale conditions).* If the escrow falls through then the broker will help Andy do a proper bid. Seventh Day Adventist church was interested and would possibly partner with Andy.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Chained dog in Manitou is still chained, but Heidi has seen it off in the early morning one day. That looks like progress.

2. Manitou Art and Community Center Small Arts Grant – Venus – Andy sent an email to Jennifer and she has been trying to talk to the West end, but she has not gotten back to Andy as of yet.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Newsletter Items – Put the Arlington/Manitou clean up in the newsletter.

2. Chris has a concern about Cedar Streets condition. Chris would like to get this fixed.

3. Tot lot was $68,000 plus on 74th and Cedar.

4. Pennie has a bill for the flags $332.45 along with receipts and 245.85 for traffic circle beautification receipts. Andy is asking for funds to help pay for water for the Dale Mulholland Memorial Garden. The garden provides food for the food bank.

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

**Heidi White, Secretary**

Manitou Representative