
Excused: John Miles

MINUTES: A motion was made by Pennie Smith and seconded by Andy Mordhorst to adopt the June 18, 2014 General Meeting Minutes. The motion is adopted by the council.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Current account balance is $5,694.41. Expenses were $43.80 for newsletter printing and $67.58 for mailing service, $245.95 for traffic circles, $332.45 for flag project, $393.11 for insurance, for a total of expenses of $1,082.89. We received $4.31 interest on our CD.

CHAIR’S REPORT: State Farm Grant – This grant is a $200,000 grant that that will be for improvements in South Tacoma. Meetings will be held for input on what the money will be used for. Community input will be needed soon. July 21 will be the first meeting to figure out how to get info to the community for input.

AGENDA:

PRESENTATION: Homeless in Tacoma: Colin DeForrest, Homeless Services Manager:
Positives in Tacoma encampments on Wapato Hills is down from the past. Oak Tree Park has had a few encampments, but cleanup efforts from volunteers have kept the camps at bay. A large encampment was recently cleaned out by the city on S 74th Street and Tacoma Mall Blvd. In 2013 there were 176 encampments and in 2014 there were only 86 encampments. There were fewer encampments, but more people in the camps. There has been an increase of homelessness in 2014. Colin left lots of information on homelessness and who to contact for encampments and help for the homeless. There is secure housing (Housing First) for individuals that do not want to be homeless any longer.

Neil Rogers will post the rules on the tent city website. Housing the homeless has to meet certain rules and land use guidelines, but Churches may get special treatment.

COPS MEETING: Officer John Warczak: Calls for service are up especially for children and animals locked in vehicles. Call 911 if you see this happen. Burglaries, robberies and car theft especially are up in sector 3. Monday – Wednesday have been the busiest days for calls of service. In Manitou there has been people living in cars, trucks, campers, and living in vacant houses, if you see this call 911.

Graffiti is up and if you see graffiti call the graffiti hotline, so it can be cleaned up quickly. Graffiti/vandalism hotline is 253-591-5495.

REPORTS:

City Manager’s Office –Anita Gallagher: Community Budget meeting will be held on July 24, 2014 at Birney Elementary School from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. 1202 S 76th Street.

Feedback is need for the City’s Transportation Plan and input will be taken at Ethnic Fest July 26. Code enforcement has a new brochure.
July 30th there will be a 10 year strategic plan meeting work shop at the Convention from 6-8 p.m. and parking at the convention center is free at those times. There is an online survey on the Cities website.

**Tacoma Fire – Chief, Roger Edington:** Check your propane BBQ for any leaks. Handouts on the back table for items to store under your bed in the event there is a natural disaster. Calls of service 54 fire/alarm calls, 411 EMS calls, and 38 other emergency calls this month. No building structure fires over the 4th of July. Tickets issued for shooting off fireworks in the city will be available in August. Station 12 won 2nd place in the nationwide Five Alarm Firefighters Challenge. Great Job!

**Metro Parks – Kristy Gledhill:** Wapato Hills trail project is being worked on by Kristi Evans. Parks District is seeking accreditation and pasted with an A+. USDA Food program is available for children under 18 from 12-1 at the STAR Center. This site serves sometimes over 150 children, but includes some local day cares and some children from the Boys and Girls Club. The inside playground is not available from 1-4. Summer camps are available. Summer Bash Aug 15th. Estimated attendance is going to be about 600 people. Venus asked if Kristy could find out if the Manitou Community Center has been sold.

**Safe Streets – Gerod Byrd:** No Report  
**South Tacoma Business District – Not Present**

**Tacoma School District – Jennifer Traufler – Not Present**

**General Membership – Audience:** There will be a Mobile Fish Food on Tuesdays starting July 29 from 1-3 by the tennis courts at the STAR Center.

Share the Harvest Coordinator Micaela Cooley – Support the community gardens in Tacoma. J.T a property owner on S 70th and Puget Sound has space for a community garden. J.T and Micaela are asking for at least six community members to help support a community garden at this spot. If you are interested in doing a community garden email her at micaelac@piercescountycd.org. Pennie will share information with neighbors in Arlington.

**Neighborhood Council Board** – Chris Beale – Would like to encourage people to go to the July 30th meeting at the Convention Center from 6-8 - Land use on the Westside from 50th and Puget Sound to the flint line - Committee on billboards regulations will be forming soon.

Pennie - Arlington/Manitou neighborhood clean-up is Aug 16th from 10:00-1:45. Volunteers are needed at 9:30 on the day of the cleanup.

Andy went to the NUSA conference and gave a report on the workshops and presentation he attended.

Skip – Two innovative grants that were submitted and approved by the board for bike lanes. One is from 66th and S Tyler to Adams Street and the other is from Adams and S 66th Street to 60th and Adams Street. There is also money from an innovative grant for traffic circles and city property beatification if there are any interested parties call Skip.

Stu – STNC website. Free websites do not always mean that they are free. Stu is making contact with the web design department to possibly have a page on the City of Tacoma Website.

**GENERAL MEETING ADJOURNMENT:** On proper motion the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

**Heidi White, Secretary**  
**Manitou Representative**