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

Absent: Andy Mordhorst - excused

MINUTES: Motion by Pennie Smith to adopt July 3, 2014 Board meeting minutes. No Corrections. The motion is seconded by Carl Mastberg and approved by the Board.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Pennie – STNC net worth on 7/30/2014 was $10,010.30. July expenditures were $1,082.89; $43.80 July newsletter printing and $67.58 for newsletter mailing, $332.45 for WHNP flag materials, $245.95 for traffic circle landscaping (reimbursable from IG funds). STNC received $.50 for the coffee fund donations and $4.31 CD interest. Checking account balance is $5,694.91.

CHAIR’S REPORT: State Farm grant meeting Skip and Pennie attended – Meeting included may representatives from the City, Boy Scouts, Girls Scouts, Asian Pacific Cultural Center, Metro Parks the Business District, Sen, Conway, Councilman Lonergan, State Farm reps, etc. State Farm wants community input and something visible. State Farm wanted more community events. City sent an automatic payment for Traffic Circle Innovative reimbursement.

MEETING AGENDA:

1. Oakland Elementary School Landmarks Preservation Request (Marshall McClintock from Historic Tacoma). Marshall gave a presentation on why the buildings listed below should be put on the Tacoma’s Historic Places list. He would like the STNC’s to send a letter of support for preservation for McKinley Hill Elementary, Oakland Elementary, and Hoyt Elementary by August 13, 2014. John made motion to support all three building to be put on the Tacoma’s register of Historic Places list. Carl seconded and approved by the Board.

2. Recommended potential future meeting agenda items: 5 minutes at the next meeting Diane Chesly from Gateway Signs would like to talk about a sign that will be going up in University Place on 56th Street going eastbound. Tacoma Mall Area Grant (Elliot Barnett), Miguel Villahermosa Tacoma Schools Security. Congressman Kilmer in the future, maybe December. Steve Atkinson from the Cities planning department. October - something about elections. City Manager to talk about the budget in September.

3. Animal Code Revision – Venus Animal Code Revision – Venus and Heidi spoke at the So. End Neighborhood council meeting regarding a support letter for the adequate care change in the TMP. They received a unanimous vote from their board to write a letter to the City Council in support of the change. Rick Hall is going to the Northeast Tacoma meeting to request a support letter. Council member Ryan Mello emailed Venus that the Committee of the Whole approved to move it forward to the Human Health Commission. Added supporters are Julie Anderson and the Tacoma Humane Society. If this gets through the Human Health Commission then the first reading will be in the fall for the Tacoma City Council.
4. Annual Clean-up status – Pennie: Aug 16 from 10:00 to 1:45. Pennie made a motion to request $100.00 to support the Arlington/Manitou Clean up. John seconded and approved by the Board. Volunteers are still needed.

5. Innovative Grants – Skip: Chris turned in an innovative grant for a street tree project on the Southside of 74th and Tacoma Mall Blvd. John motioned to revise the innovative grant from $5,400.00 to $4,500.00 and approve the grant. Carl seconded and approved by the Board.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. By-Laws Review Committee – John, Andy & Gorden (John Chair): Still working on it. Trying to get population of this area. Will work on household and people numbers within the STNC area.

2. South Tacoma Neighborhood Council Website – Stuart: Had emailed a few city employees on getting a webpage for STNC and had a good response on the issues then communication had tapered off, but Stu is still working on it. Godaddy.com for the Domain name and Wiggley.com for the site. They both have a cost associated to maintain, but is the least inexpensive that has been found. The City is still an option and Stu will continue to pursue this.

3. Scholarship Committee – Pennie and Andy (Pennie Chair). Nothing as of yet, but will be looking into other options to support achievement in school.

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) – Venus – A Seventh Day Advents Church may possibly be buying the Center and has indicated that the service will still may remain for now. There are still concerns about housing the homeless if a Church buys it. Price that was offered is not available as of yet.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Chained dog in Manitou is still chained and was in the very hot weather chained.

2. Chris has been watering the trees at the 66th Street Trestle. He bought five gallon buckets and fills them then brings them to the trestle and has been watering on Sunday morning. Thanks Chris. John motioned to reimburse Chris up to $30.00 on the items he had to have to maintain the trees at this location. Venus seconded and approved by the Board.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Newsletter Items – Skip will put the Manitou Clean up in for the fourth Sunday for this month.

2. Mural on the 66th Street Trestle has stated.

3. John found out that Tansy Hayward is leaving our City. Big loss to the City. John motioned to have Carl buy flowers/card and bring them personally to her for the great service that she provided our City. Seconded by Venus and approved by the board. Skip will also send a letter of thanks for her services. Venus motioned to spend $10.00 from the coffee fund to buy the flowers. John seconded the motion and approved by the Board.

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Heidi White, Secretary
Manitou Representative