Present – Skip Vaughn, Pennie Smith, Andrew Mordhorst, John Miles, Stuart Johnston, Carl Mastberg

Absent – Chris Beale, Venus Dergan, Gorden Rolen, Heidi White

Minutes adopted for July 16, 2014, meeting.

Treasurer’s report

Chair’s report – Thanks to Pennie for organizing clean-up and to volunteers. Pennie reported on clean-up.

Tacoma Police – John Warczak

More calls for service this year, fewer reports (fewer crimes) – mostly traffic stops, cell calls.
Car prowls continue to be a problem.
Laura Vaughn reported that indoor soccer business had loud music; business stated they had a permit for amplified music. John said he will go over and talk to the business, can’t comment on the permit issue.

City Manager’s Office – Anita Gallagher, Diane Sheesley of Public Works.

Budget meetings coming up in October.
Gateway sign at 56th and Orchard (eastbound) presented. Additional locations of signs in South Tacoma include 80th and South Tacoma Way and Center and Orchard.

Tacoma Fire – Doug Crandall

National Night Out – 50 invitations to neighborhood parties.
Fireworks – 19 fire incidents related to fireworks – zero dollar loss; seven patients.

MetroParks – Dave Griffith

Fall calendar of events and go guide available. Summer bash at Stewart Heights 8/22.
Manitou Community Center update – earnest money submitted by Seventh-Day Adventists; resolution at 9/8 board meeting.

Safe Streets – Gerod Byrd

Responding to phone calls from neighbors, routing them to neighborhood group leaders.

Tacoma Schools – Jennifer Traufler
Back-to-school report – school starts 9/3
Preschool spaces open
8/23 at Puget Sound Christian Center from 10-2 event for free backpacks, haircuts, food, entertainment; 8/30 at Life Center, too

9th-grade year is typical year for students to drop out, Big Brothers/Big Sisters seeking mentors to work with freshmen at Stadium and Foss, training session one hour 10:00 a.m., 621 Tacoma Ave S.
Donna Buck reported on Bears and Blankets.

Andy reported on donations from community garden to food bank.

South Tacoma Way Corridor – Said Seddiki

- Grinding and overlay of 56th Street to 66th Street
- Enhance the intersection and 58th Street
- Removal of asphalt on planting strip for future plantings
- Grinding and overlay of 43rd Street to 47th Street
- New sidewalk on these blocks
- LED lights
- Enhance the intersection at 47th Street
- Add bike lane in each direction – remove center turn lane
- Q&A – working with code enforcement to enforce the parking issues on these blocks

Tacoma Public Schools Safety – Miguel Villahermosa

- School Resource Officers at high schools – TPD officers, not district employees
- Campus Security Officers at middle schools, SAMI, SOTA, Oakland
- Truancy Officers – main task is to do welfare checks, especially for elementary school students, return kids to the school if found off-campus
- School Patrol Officers – nine armed employees working all hours
- Lockdowns – TPD will request lockdown as precautionary measure
- Edison evacuation report
- Colleague Ken Wilson works with traffic engineering on issues around schools
- SWAT team walks through new facilities, tactical training occurs at empty facilities
- Parent pick-up and drop-off is biggest safety risk period – some discussion on this issue
- Q&A

Andy reported on Wapato Hills garden.

Meeting adjourned 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Miles
Vice-chair