**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Venus Dergan - Chris Beale – Carl Mastberg – John Miles - Andy Mordhorst - Gorden Rolen - Pennie Smith - Skip Vaughn – Bruce West - Heidi White

**MINUTES:** Motion made by John Miles to adopt the November 6, 2014 board meeting minutes. The motion is seconded by Andy Mordhorst and approved by the Board. Skip will send board minutes with the picture graphic in his format to the City and to Heidi to store after they are approved at the board meeting.

**TREASURER’S REPORT:** Pennie – STNC net worth on 11/30/14 was $9,720.59. November expenditures totaled $130.99, $43.80 for November newsletter printing, $65.73 for newsletter mailing, and $21.40 for new checks. $152.71 was reimbursed for monies advanced for Innovative Grant. Checking account balance is $5396.59. CD $4,324.00

CHAIR’S REPORT: Meeting with Lt. Chris Travis -. Chris asked if the Council prefers to have and Officer at the meetings every other month or every month and Skip said we would like a cops meeting every month. Chris had a request to have volunteers for the Sector 3 police station. There are only three current volunteers. Chris is also going to reinstate the Citizen’s Academy.

**MEETING AGENDA:**

Introduction of New Board Member Bruce West and Board Members to Bruce. Welcome any non-board members attending: Everyone introduced themselves to Bruce and he introduced himself to the rest of the board. No non-board members present to welcome.

Election of Officers: There is a Ballot for every position Chair position – Andy, John, and Skip were nominated; votes Andy 1 vote, John 2 votes, and Skip 7 votes. Chair for 2015 is Skip. Vice Chair – Chris and John were nominated; votes Chris 6 and John 4. Vice Chair for 2015 Chris. Secretary – Heidi and John were nominated; votes Heidi 8 and John 2. 2015 Secretary Heidi. Pennie and John were nominated for Treasurer; votes John 4 votes Pennie 6 votes. 2015 Treasurer is Pennie. All nominees were nominated, seconded and approved by the Board.

Potential future General Meeting agenda items: Habitat for Humanity, Marijuana rules (Code Enforcement), New Assistant City Manager, Catholic Community Services, US Open, and STAR Center, or St Leo’s new housing.

Innovative Grants: Traffic Circle – Motion made by Chris to reimburse Pennie $196.03. Seconded by John and approved by the board. Request by Pennie is to have Adopt-a-Spot signs in the traffic circles that she takes care of with the South Tacoma Neighborhood Council name on them. Motion made by John to reimburse Skip an additional $12.00 for the cost of pizza at the General Meeting in November. Seconded by Pennie and approved by the board.

Authorized expenditure for 66th Trestle Landscape: Carol Wolfe said there is $6,000.00 of unused grant money that has to be used before the end of the year. Venus proposed $3,870.00 to clear the blackberries and add mulch to the north east side of the trestle along with an additional $200.00 for plants that were stolen out of the Median at the 66th street trestle. John made a motion to use $4,070.00 for the 66th Street trestle project and the remaining balance of the $6,000.000 for traffic circle beautification. Seconded by Carl and approved by the Board. Chris volunteered to check into
an Adopt-a-Spot sign to be put on the east and west side of the trestle with the STNC name on it.

Chris – 74th & TMB Trees: Chris will contact Jacob Green again to ask about progress. Chris needs to revise maintenance plan for this project.

**COMMITTEE’ REPORTS:**

**Executive Committee** – Skip, John, Heidi, and Pennie (Skip Chair): No report

**Land Use Committee** – Chris, John and Gordon: (Chris Chair): Jim Rich brought Skip some boxes of past Land use stuff. Chris will go through the boxes. There was a meeting on retail marijuana shops.

**By-Laws Review Committee** – John, Andy & Gorden (John Chair): Election Thoughts - Recommendations from the November meeting: Explain qualification requirements, appoint two representatives from the City Manager’s office to count votes or any two City Officials, appoint a Police Officer to witness the counting, determine whether the By-Laws include officials that work within the STNC to vote, computer program count of votes, and possible changes to By-Laws actions in event of a tie.

**Scholarship Committee** – Pennie and Andy (Pennie Chair). Skip mentioned some sort of achievement award (pins, pens etc).

**Membership Committee** – Andy, Carl, Chris, and Pennie (Andy Chair): Andy said there is an increase in people signing in at the STNC meetings. Chris is the Admin for the Facebook page.

**Manitou Community Center Committee** – Venus, Andy, Pennie (Andy Chair): Andy – Property went back up for sale after Metro Parks denied the potential buyers bid on the property.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Chained Dog in Manitou – Venus reported that the dog has still been out in the elements. No update on the “Adequate Care” change to the TMC as of yet.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Charitable Donations: Motion made by Andy to donate $100.00 to Washington Wildlife. Seconded by John and approved by the Board. Motion made by Heidi to donate $250.00 each to Manitou Church Food Bank, Visitation Food Bank and the Pet Food Bank. Seconded by Bruce and approved by the Board. Motion by Chris to donate all Food collected at the STNC Food Drive to be donated to the Fish Food Bank. Seconded by Andy approved by the board. There is a food donation box at the STAR Center.

Newsletter Items – STNC December Food Drive. Thank you to all the volunteers that help their neighborhoods within the STNC. Carol as a contact for Wapato Hills.

Several suggestions on letters written by the STNC – Approval must be made by the majority of the board. Possible count of yea’s and nay’s to be included in the letter. Given an adequate window of approval of a letter.

Motion made by Pennie for STNC to Support the 2015 Arlington/Manitou Clean-up. Seconded by Andy and approved by the Board.

Motion by Heidi to move the January 1-2015 Board Meeting to January 8, 2015. Seconded by Chris and approved by the Board.

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:00 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted by,**

Heidi White, Secretary

Manitou Representative