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

ATTENDANCE: 34 General members

MINUTES: Motion made by Donna Buck to adopt the December 17, 2014 general meeting minutes. The motion is seconded by Andy Mordhorst and approved.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Pennie – Checking account balance is $4,389.27 Expenses this month were $1805.11 for plant purchases for Innovative Grants. Receipts were $158.92 returned from Wapato Hills’ project, $100.00 returned from Carl’s NUSA advance, and $3.00 from Coffee donations, and $1805.11 reimbursed from Innovative Grant funds.

CHAIR’S REPORT: Annual Report

MEETING AGENDA:

COP’S MEETING: Officer John Warczak – Officer Warczak strongly suggests not leaving your car running when you are not in it. Many people will warm up their cars and go back inside their homes leaving their vehicle unattended and a car thief will come along and take it. A Club is great to detour thieves. He also said to be careful of scams and frauds. Officer Deb Vause one of our liaisons officers for sector 3, has been temporarily moved to the hiring division of the TPD.

REPORTS:

City Manager’s Office – Anita Gallagher: City of Destiny Award nominations are being accepted until Jan. 30. Applications for the 253 Summer Job Program for Jr. and Sr. High School children are being taken. The website for this program is summerjobs253.com.

Tacoma Fire – Chief Roger Edington: January is National Blood Donor month. Blood banks are low at this time of year. Spot light for prevention this month is having a yearlong action plan. 5% increase for calls of service from last year.

Metro Parks – Kristy Gledhill: Changes in playground times and is called Tree Tops playground. There is a public meeting at the Pt. Defiance Pagoda on Jan. 29th from 6-8 p.m. State Farm Grant for business improvements in So Tacoma working group sign-ups available. There was not a great response for community responses after surveys were sent out.

Safe Streets – Gerod Byrd: Absent

South Tacoma Business District – Karen Rich: All art in the STBD was all private money spent by the business owners. $200,000 State Farm Grant needs to be spent before the end of the year. State Farm may have other grants to apply for. Grocery Outlet has a new owner. Animal clinic on Durango has changed its name. There are several doggy daycares in So Tacoma. Chris said that Austin Promax digital sign may be out of compliance with City code. Karen gave him the owner’s name.

Tacoma School District – Jennifer Traufler: TPS home page has a survey for academic goals. Free FASFA workshops to help fill out financial aid for college. TPS is the only innovative school district in Washington and would like feedback. There is a study session on Jan. 29th down at Central School at 6 p.m. and then a meeting for public input.
General Membership – Audience: Donna Buck and a group of volunteers helped feed the police at the Sector 3 police station on Christmas. Thank you.

Neighborhood Council Board – Board Members: Pennie - Pennie and Carl had a booth at the Martin Luther King Celebration to promote the STNC. Pennie was on TV Tacoma this month and talked about all the positives in South Tacoma.

COMMITTEE’ REPORTS:

1. Executive Committee – Skip, John, Heidi, and Pennie (Skip Chair): No report
2. Land Use Committee – Chris, John and Gordon: (Chris Chair): Work parties at Oaktree park and Wapato Hills on MLK day. There are three different planting events; Jan. 24 at 58th and Fife Street 9-12; Feb. 7 at 74th and Tacoma Mall Blvd. 9-12; March 7th at the Manitou Trestle 9-12. Tacoma Mall sub area plan will be starting soon.
4. Scholarship Committee – Pennie and Andy (Pennie Chair). No Report
5. Membership Committee – Andy, Carl, Chris, and Pennie (Andy Chair): Pennie and Carl had a booth at the Martin Luther King Celebration to promote the STNC.
6. Manitou Community Center Committee – Venus, Andy, Pennie (Andy Chair): No Report

Tacoma Water Rates – Bill Zimmerman: A fire hydrant fee will now be visible on the water bill, but has always been included in the cost. Reason for rate increase is operating the Green River Filtration facility, Chemicals, Electricity, Solids Disposal, and Skilled specialists, inflationary increases in operating and maintenance costs.

Tacoma Power Rates – Christina Leinneweber: Power rate increase possibly as soon as April 1.

DePave Projects – Melissa Buckingham: $12,000 depave project on 66th and South Tacoma Way. Depaving is a process of helping water from the streets filter into the ground before reaching the Puget Sound. Community involvement is needed to help accomplish the depaving. Volunteers will be needed for the 66th and So. Tacoma Way project.

Residential Tree Canopy – Chris Towe: Trees are available for $30.00 to include deliver within the City if you would like to have a tree on your property. Chris has his contact info attached to a flyer on the back table that has all the Variety of trees available.

OLD BUSINESS: Cathy mentioned that a motion was passed in November that was reports from the individual neighborhood. John mentioned the motion was made for committee reports. As we were looking for the November meeting notes, Cathy said that the minutes do not reflect what was said. Venus offered to send her a clip of the audio from the November meeting motion that she made. Heidi will send this to Skip and he will pass it along to Cathy. Anthony Pergis offered office space to have STNC board meetings. He will leave his business card.

NEW BUSINESS: 2014 Annual Report: Copies of the Annual Report are available. Skip gave a rundown of what the City wanted in the report along with the STNC 2015 Action Plan for this year. Skip has been having trouble sending emails out in bulk because it is looked at as spam. He sends out over 400 e-mails of the newsletter and other information. He will put the Annual Report and the 2015 Action plan on the STNC Facebook page for review and people can send comments to Skips e-mail address. Skip had some hard copies at the meeting and welcomed people to take one to review. This will be voted on at the next General Meeting.

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,
Heidi White, Secretary,
Manitou Representative