GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 15, 2015

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

Absent: Venus Dergan Excused

ATTENDANCE: 25 General members

MINUTES: Motion made by Pennie to adopt the March 18, 2015 general meeting minutes. The motion is seconded and approved.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Pennie –The checking account balance is $8,688.31. Deposits were $4,004.00; including $4,000.00 from the City of Tacoma contract and $4.00 in coffee donations. Expenses were $148.26; including $110.00 for printing and mailing the newsletter and $38.26 for paint and CCOT expenses.

CHAIR’S REPORT: No Report

MEETING AGENDA:

COP’S MEETING: Officer John Warczak and Officer Michael Sbory – Would like the community to work with the police to reduce burglaries. Take pictures of valuable items especially jewelry and make sure you right down serial numbers. Officer Warczak offered to come to your home and help give tips on how to secure your home better. Call the police for suspicious people that are walking in the neighborhood knocking on doors. Officer Sbory suggested engraving your driver’s license on large items that you own for identification.

REPORTS:

City Manager’s Office – Christina Watts: First draft of the Transportation plan for the public is on the City’s website and next meeting will be at Stadium High School on April 16th from 6-8 for public input and April 23rd at the Tacoma Nature center from 6-8. City Council passed paid sick leave and there will be a series of meetings on that topic.

Tacoma Fire – John Pappuleas, Asst. Police Chief: New rep for the STNC meeting. There is a handout on back table for rules of the road (what to do when a fire or emergence vehicle is coming). 72 hour comfort kits for disasters. Aluminum wiring can contribute to more fires than copper wiring.

Metro Parks – Matthew Kerns: Farmers Market start June 7th from 11-3 and will continue through September. May is bike month. Traffic parked along 66th due to an event at the STAR Center was dangerous. Heidi asked if STAR Center staff could let people know that there is no parking on 66th from South Tacoma Way to Tyler except for 150 feet in front of the Condos. There were so many people parked in the no parking area that it was unsafe for pedestrians and vehicle traffic. No updates on Manitou Property. April 25th is Parks Appreciation Day. Audience member also complained about parking at the STAR Center. She combed the parking lot for a long time then finally parked in the no parking on 66th street. Heidi told her that she could have parked on Adams Street. Matthew said that when the addition to the SERA campus is complete there will be more parking for large events.
Tacoma School District – Jennifer Traufler: Kindergarten/preschool registration going on now. If you would like help looking for the school in your area call for registering 571-1049. TPS is hiring for next year.

General Membership – Hanna Silver a student who is doing a project and helping with the Comp plan for Tacoma. She is doing a Survey and walking tours May 2nd and 3rd. Would like input from the community. Liz from Safe streets said Gerod is taking a leave of absent until June. April 18th in DuPont there will be a shredding event that Safe Streets will be doing child ID bracelets. April 30th there will be a meeting on Marijuana at Foss High School from 5:30-8. May 23rd there will be a Neighborhood Patrol Academy at the Garfield book store in Parkland. Sherrie from the So Tacoma Community garden will be having a yard sale and brought the design for the garden located on 70th and Puget Sound. Sherrie asked for help from the STNC. Skip suggested for them to come to the next board meeting in May. Donations are being accepted for this project.

Neighborhood Council Board – Andy said that Lincoln High School will be having their annual Plant Sale April 23-24 from 3-6, April 30- May 1 from 3-6 and May 2-3 from 9-4. Mount Tahoma Plant Sale is Mothers Day weekend. Bruce – Edison Clean up is this Saturday at Edison school from 10-1:45. Heidi- Manitou Litter patrol will be the Sunday after the General meeting from 9-12 meeting at Manitou School parking lot. Pennie – work day at Oak Tree park this Saturday. Ribbon cutting for the flume line trail April 30 at 5:30.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Chairs – No Reports

Agenda Speaker’s Topics:

New Arlington Elementary: Christy Barrie, Supervisor of Capital Projects – Early in the process of planning for Arlington Elementary. A slide show was presented. They are asking parents children and the community for input. August 2017 projected completion for Arlington School.

Tacoma School Bullying Policy: Jennifer Traufler, Exe. Dir. Student Services – The bullying policy is available in the TPS website. Jennifer gave a brief presentation on Bullying and what the TPS do to prevent and stop bullying. Compliance officer is Jennifer Kubista. Skip asked how bullying is handled from home to school. Jennifer said that Schools are responsible for children from the transition from home to school. Manitou’s bullying policy is teaching children what bullying really is and telling the children and parents that it is an unwanted aggressive behavior and can be reported. Manitou goes over the policy at the beginning of the school year and after any breaks longer than the normal weekend.

Tacoma’s Comp. Plan: Elliot Barnett, Planner – Elliot Barnett gave a presentation on the City’s Comprehensive Plan. The City will have Community workshops on what you want for your neighborhood. His presentation consisted of Infrastructure, Planning and Sustainability. Bruce, Carl and Chris attended a meeting and said that the meetings are very good and planned well.

OLD BUSINESS: No Report

NEW BUSINESS: No Report

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Heidi White, Secretary,
Manitou Representative