BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Venus Dergan - Carl Mastberg – Andy Mordhorst - Gorden Rolen - Skip Vaughn – Bruce West - Heidi White

Absent: Chris Beale and Pennie Smith Excused

ATTENDANCE: 15 General Members

MINUTES: Motion made by Andy to adopt the April 15, 2015 general meeting minutes. The motion is seconded and approved.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Skip –The checking account balance is $7,656.60. Expenses were $150.00 for the Dan Mulholland Memorial Garden; $75.00 to reimburse the Manitou Community Center for 2 years of water usage; $120.31 for Weed Wacker; and $500.00 for NUSA Expenses.

CHAIR’S REPORT: No Report

MEETING AGENDA:

COP’S MEETING: Officer John Warczak–. Overall there was a reduction for calls for service in Sector 3. Gang shooting off 45th and Union in the West Mall area was two gangs shooting at each other and an innocent bystander was shot and killed. The police have identified the suspect, but there has not been an arrest as of yet. This shooting was not related to the gang shooting on Hosmer Street; Crocodile synthetic heroin drug is not a problem yet in Tacoma or in the US for that matter, it is more prevalent in Soviet Union; Proactive Policing is a hard approach right now for the City of Tacoma because Police Dept. is down a number of officers. They have enough to handle calls or special circumstances. Probably need 50-60 officers in order to have good proactive policing in the City again; There is a graffiti task force that meets quarterly and are working to have tougher laws.; Liability on Private Property for graffiti is up to the owner to clean up unless they allow another private citizen to clean it or have the Task for that was hired out of Seattle to remove the graffiti with owner permission; Liability on Public Property for graffiti can be called into City of Tacoma’s Streets and Grounds or 311. Crime data website is no always accurate because the information comes from the City not from the Police Department. Officer Warczak said a person can give a list of problems in his area and he will check on the issues. To report complaints to the City you can use the 311 number or Tacomaservices.org.

REPORTS:

City Manager’s Office – Christina Watts: The City Council approved a Minimum Wage Tack Force that the Mayor created of 15 people. The City has received signature from a citizens group that wants to raise the minimum wage to $15.00 per hour and will be on the November 2015 ballot. There will be a Business Tax Amnesty program and more info can be found on CityofTacoma.org. This is a onetime program for businesses and is date sensitive. The City of Destiny awards will be in June at Cheney Stadium. Planning Commission has board openings in certain districts. The Tacoma Public Utility Board has an opening.

Tacoma Fire – John Pappuleas, Asst. Police Chief: Hiring and recruitment for future Firefighters. There is an epidemic across the Country for people using 911 for non-emergency
problems. Remember to call 911 only for emergencies. Use 311 for all non-emergencies in the City of Tacoma. South Sound 911 is looking into two new sites, one in Fircrest and one in South Tacoma.

**Metro Parks** – Matthew Kerns: The new Central Supervisor for the STAR Center will be Jennifer Burbridge and will be here next month. Destination Pt. Defiance will be on May 28th from 5-8 at the Pagoda. Meadow Park Golf course is 100 years old this year. New solar powered garbage cans were installed this year as a pilot program on Ruston Way. Spray ground is open May 20th. Farmers Market starts June 7th through September 27th.

**Safe Streets** – Elizabeth Glavish- May 26th Gerod will be coming back. Neighborhood Patrol Training May 23rd at the PLU Bookstore 1-5, for registration you can call 253-272-6824. On June 2nd at Stewart Middle School from 5-8 p.m. there will be a Cyber Bulling Forum. Walk for Neighborhoods 5k walk will be July 17th.

**Tacoma School District** – Betsy Minor Reid: TPS is putting together a team for boundary adjustments for schools and need interested people. An Innovative School will be either on in the South end or the Eastside of Tacoma. Three high schools in Tacoma have been ranked as the most challenging high schools (Lincoln Stadium and Wilson).

**General Membership** – No Report.

**Neighborhood Council Board** – No Reports

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**: Chairs – No Reports

**Agenda Speaker’s Topics:**

**Graffiti**: Allyson Griffith, Community Based Services: 311 can be called from 8-5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Graffiti is unauthorized unless approved by the property owner or the City. There is a brochure on the back table on Graffiti and removal. The City will remove graffiti up to three times for a property. Allyson will try to get paint for the volunteer graffiti patrol. Graffiti is a code violation within the City of Tacoma. A good deterrent for graffiti is a property that is well lit, bushes cut back and kept maintained. Graffiti in progress is an immediate 911 call. There is a mural program through the City of Tacoma.

**OLD BUSINESS**: No Report

**NEW BUSINESS**: No Report

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Heidi White, Secretary,

Manitou Representative