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

Absent:

ATTENDANCE: 13 General Members

MINUTES: Motion made by Carl to adopt the June 17, 2015 General Meeting minutes. The motion was seconded and approved.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Pennie- The checking account balance was $6,594.04 on July 12th after expenses of $383.00 for annual insurance renewal, $59.66 for a riding Mower belt $25.00 for garden plot rental, and $43.80 for printing the July newsletter.

CHAIR’S REPORT: Innovative Grant Presentations are scheduled for our Aug 19th meeting

MEETING AGENDA:

COP’S MEETING: Officer John Warczak – Officer Warczak noted the focus group for beautification around the Tacoma Mall area dates and times are on a flyer on the back table. There are still a lot of vehicle prowls in sector 3 due to people leaving valuables in plain sight or the prowler watching the person put their valuables in their trunk. Officer Warczak also strongly recommends putting a Club on your steering wheel. When calling 911 please be patient with the operator when they are asking questions since they are passing the information along to the proper authorities while they are speaking to you. There is still some tagging in South Tacoma, but if you see tagging take a picture and send it to Officer Warczak. Venus thanked Officer Warczak and Ken Ketter for getting the vacant green house on Cheyenne street boarded up.

REPORTS:

City Manager’s Office – Brad Forbes: Brad is our new rep from the City. The City added a few more community clean ups. South Tacoma has already had theirs. City has a faster way to get a permit for “Sidewalk Cafés.” If a person is interested for a permit they can call 591-5030.

Tacoma Fire – John Pappuleas, Asst. Fire Chief: There is a year around educational process on letting the citizens of Tacoma know that there is a ban on fireworks. Fires are up due to the dry weather. There are handouts on back table for outdoor BBQ’s. John will look into bans on approved recreational fire pit fires.

Metro Parks – Jennifer Burbridge - Aug 15th Summer Bash from 6-9 at Gray Middle School is free to the public, but there will be food booths to buy food at. Farmers Market Sundays from 11-3 at the STAR center. If a person sees someone having charcoal BBQ’s at any of the parks they can report them to the Metro Park manager on duty. There is a phone number posted at the park.

Safe Streets – Gerod Byrd – There is still time to register for National Night Out Aug 4th. On 7/16/15 Safe Streets fundraiser will be at Wapato Park.
South Tacoma Business District: Karen Rich – Newsletters from the business district on the back table. Just a reminder 7/25/15 is the Jazz Festival tickets are still on sale. Aug 15th. T&T Tire is having 60th anniversary and car show. There are flyers on the back table for this event.

Tacoma School District: Jennifer Traufler – Job Fair at Gray Middle school July 30th from 2-6 p.m. All children 18 and under can access a free breakfast and sack lunch for locations call 1-866-3-hungry

General Membership – Jen Davis announced that there will be a National Night Out at Manitou Community Center. Nextdoor.com is a website that you can keep informed about your neighborhood.

Neighborhood Council Board – Pennie announced that there is a tool library that is looking for tools.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Chairs – No Reports

Agenda Speaker’s Topics:

TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT: Chief Donald Ramsdell - Reported on issues in our council district and what is going on in the Police Department. Explorer program for youth is still a part of the police department. Chief Ramsdell will check into if South Sound 911 will have texting involved in the 911 call. Report any fraud to the police department and to the Federal Trade Commission. Working on a program called Project Peace. Gangs are still an issue, but not as bad as the 1980’s. South Sound 911 location is unknown at this time. Starting wage for a police officer is about $49-$50 k. 338 budgeted police are the number of police right now, but would like 365.

OLD BUSINESS: Pennie noted that the Arlington/Manitou clean up was a success.

NEW BUSINESS: Pennie put the word out that South Tacoma Neighborhood Council has a Facebook page.

AJOURNMENT: On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Heidi White, Secretary,
Manitou Representative