BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Chris Beale - Venus Dergan - Carl Mastberg - Andy Mordhorst - Pennie Smith - Skip Vaughn - Bruce West - Heidi White
Absent: -- Gorden Rolen
ATTENDANCE: 9 General Members

MINUTES: Motion made by Pennie to adopt the September 16, 2015 General Meeting minutes. The motion was seconded and approved.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Pennie- The checking account balance was $5,930.01 on October 19th after expenses of $110.26 for printing and mailing the newsletter, $100.00 donation to the STAR Center’s Harvest Bash.

CHAIR’S REPORT: No Report

MEETING AGENDA:

COP’S MEETING: Officer John Warczak - House in Manitou at 6805 South Mullen was raided by Lakewood police for drugs. The homeowner did not know of the problem, but was reminded to screen his tenants a little better. If anyone sees suspicious behavior anywhere it is a good idea to contact your liaison officer with descriptions of cars, people and times of the suspicious behavior. Manitou 60th and Mullen gang shooting occurred. The shooters were arrested and guns were confiscated. Cultural Event center had shots fired in the parking lot after an event there. Guns were confiscated by police and no one was hurt. There was a burglary near the 5300 block of So Alder. Remember if you come home and it looks as if you had a break in, call the police and do not enter the home until the police clear the house.

Jason Mills is a new CLO in Sector 3 and Officer Warczak will be on leave for 8 weeks.

REPORTS:

City Manager’s Office - Brad Forbes - There is two positions open on the Landmarks Preservation Commission. The City will be having a disaster preparedness class on October 29th from 5:30 to 7:00 at TACID near TCC. Local street paving has been funded by The Residential Restoration Program funded by Benefit District dollars. Cars that are parked one Tacoma Mall Blvd near the Home Depot in the two hour parking has been a problem and the Division Manager at the City will look into giving warnings for cars that are parked more than the two hour limit. The 69th and Proctor property has been ruled a nuisance and now code enforcement is on the case to get the property cleaned up. Brad will keep us updated on the progress of the property. Brad will check into if streets between Stevens and Mason are on the pave list.

Tacoma Fire - John Pappuleas - Had out on smoke/carbon monoxide detectors. Sept 29th over 1,000 people took the entrance exam for the fire Department. CPR Sunday was a success.

Metro Parks – Jennifer Burbridge – Open to suggestions on how to keep vehicles off the grass in our parks. New aquarium plans were revealed recently. The website DestinationPointDefiance.org is for info on improvements in the new park. Burn ban has been lifted in Parks. Harvest Fest on Oct. 30 and thanks the STNC for the $100.00 donation for this event. Park Watch program is available contact Jenifer for
more info. No new news on the Manitou Community Center. Pennie asked if there was going to be a party for the finishing of Wapato Hills.


South Tacoma Business District: Karen Rich – Newsletter on the back table from the Business District. Email list for the newsletter is also available. There is a lot of construction on South Tacoma Way, but the work should be done by the end of December. Extension to the Auto Zone building is finished.

Tacoma School District: No Report

General Membership – Barbara from the Oak Tree Safe Street Group brought to the attention to the group how dangerous Exit 129 is while exiting.

Neighborhood Council Board committee reports: – No Reports

AGENDA SPEAKER’S TOPICS:

S. 56th & Cirque Dr. Improvement Project, Diane Sheesley. Diane gave a presentation on the improvements on this project. People were not happy that the center turn lane will be eliminated from 56th and Orchard to 56th and Washington to accommodate bike lanes. Turn lanes will only be at the major intersections. Suggestions were to have bike lanes on 66th street instead of on 56th Street. People were concerned about getting to businesses that are not at the signalized intersections. There are concerns from citizens of traffic back-ups because of left turns to businesses on 56th street.

Candidates Forum: Chris Beale, Moderator:

Tacoma School District Candidates – Position #2 Will Jenkins Sr. and Catherine Ushka and Position #4 Alisa Regala O’Hanlon and Andrea Cobb. All candidates answered a series of prepared questions and if there were any other questions audience could ask after the meeting to save time.

Tacoma City Council Candidates – Position #3, Keith Blocker and Tom McCarthy Position #7, Suzanne Skaar and Conor McCarthy. All candidates answered a series of prepared questions and if there were any other questions audience could ask after the meeting to save time. Great job Chris.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: November Annual Elections – One position up for election in each area with the exception of Edison, Oakland Madrona and At-large which have two up for election. Nominations will also be taken at the November Annual meeting. Skip nominated Andy Mordhorst for Position 2 Edison. Bill wanted to know if next year at the Candidates forum that the questions could come from the audience instead of having them prepared. Question from Bill on having a property owner occupying the unimproved alley way. Contacting the City would be the way to go. Thank you from an audience member on the Wright Street and Madison traffic circle. Thanks Pennie for all your hard work on all the traffic circles.

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Heidi White, Secretary,

Manitou Representative