BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Robert Bearden – Bill Bonnell – Venus Dergan – Andy Mordhorst – Pennie Smith – Bruce West – Heidi White  
Absent Excused: Kimberly Bernhoft and Skip Vaughn

ATTENDANCE: 21 General Members

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

TREASURER’S REPORT: The checking account balance is $4,232.80. Pizza for annual meeting expenses: $110.07, Bates Foundation Scholarship fund: $500.00, 70th St Community Garden: $100.00, Christmas Police Dinner: $75.00, December newsletter $84.57. Coffee donation was $1.00. Certificate of Deposit balance: $4,345.70. Motion made by Pennie to approve the Treasurer’s Report, motion seconded and approved.

CHAIR’S REPORT: Pennie – Stick to the 3 min allowance for each speaker. A special thank you to Skip and Laura Vaughn for their dedicated service to the South Tacoma Neighborhood Council for the past 24 years since the program started.

MEETING AGENDA:  
Cop’s Meeting: Officer Sbory – Officer Warczak had second surgery and will be out for a while. He went over crime stats for the STNC area. Theft was the number one crime, then motor vehicle prowls, and coming in third was vehicle theft. Monday’s, Wednesday’s and Saturday’s being the worst for these crimes and time of day they happened were 4 p.m. being the worst, 6 p.m. second and 12 p.m. coming in third. Bruce would like a comparison from the previous months. A Violence Reduction Strategy Team has been started that go out and target high risk felons. Project Piece will be at the Tacoma Convention Center 6 p.m. on Feb 8th. 56th Street Starbuck armed robbery, home invasion on 58th and Fife St, women was robbed at knife point at Home Depot parking lot after selling/buying cell phones and women was robbed at the So Tacoma Library on 56th street after given a choice of giving him her purse or her son and if she turned around he threatened to kill her son. Be aware what is going on around you. There is a graffiti problem on So Tacoma Way. Call 311 if there is graffiti. Two mental health professional have been employed by the police department to help if a person with MH needs assistance. The Worst place in Tacoma right now is 45th and Union. Venus asked if there is coordination between the City and Police on this issue with the Tac Mall Area plan. Elliot Barnett said that this is included in the plan for that area.

REPORTS:  
City Manager’s Office – Brad Forbes: New permitting process online, Lincoln District Year of the Monkey Celebration from 10-5 on Feb 13th, Monday Mixer Feb1 from 5-6:30 p.m. at 1120 Pacific Ave, and first voter approved minimum wage hike is Feb 1, 2016 to $10.35 per hr, then Jan 1, 2017 to $11.15 per hr, and Jan 1, 2018 $12.00 per hr. Any questions go to www.minimumwage@cityoftacoma.org.  
Tacoma Fire – John Pappuleas, Asst. Chief: Fire safety on the back table, 16 recruits for the Fire Academy, blood donor month, South Sound 911 new computer aided dispatch (more efficient) in March, and no location yet for the new 911 location.  
Metro Parks – Jennifer Burbridge: Nisqually Master Plan, www.destinationpointdefiance.org, Two Foss Waterway parks contact Kristi Evans, public input for the Seymour Conservatory. There is a public meeting at 6 p.m. Jan 21 at the Metro Parks Headquarters. STAR Center is hopping with New Year resolutions and bad weather. There will be a Preschool extravaganza Jan 31 at the STAR Center free Tree Top child care. Prior request: No news on the Manitou Park signage not to park on grass signs, Manitou Community Center update is that there are two interested parties in the Center one is the City of Tacoma and a developer. Lori Hall asked about the future of the Community Center and has had no returned calls from

Adopted 02/17/16
Metro Parks about the Center. Lori does not want a vacant building because of vagrants. Venus and Pennie have reach out to Shon Silva and has not had as of yet a returned call. Venus asked for any updates to be given to the STNC so info could get out to the concerned citizens. Venus asked for someone in the higher ranks (Board/administrative staff) that know what is going on with the Manitou Community Center to answer any questions at our February meeting. Pennie mentioned that the Park Board has an open comment period at their meetings on the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month.

**Safe Streets – Gerod Byrd: No Water for Methanol** public comment Jan 21, 2016 at the Tacoma Convention Center and Feb 16, 2016 Meeker Middle School at 5:00 p.m. They would like people to wear red that support not having a plant here. Email address is redlinetacomacoalition@gmail.com. Charles Mann – Central Neighborhood Council will be hosting with Gerrod a Neighborhood Watch training Feb 13, 9:30-11:30 1102 11th Ave S.

**So. Tacoma Business District – Karen Rich: Absent**

**Tacoma School District – John Bell, Director of Student Services:** No School for High and Middle school students on Jan 30th. Graduation rate announcement at Gray Middle School went from 55% in 2010 to 82.6% in 2015 that exceeds the State average. Boundary revision will impact schools in our area. Pennie said that Arlington will be torn down the end of this school year.

**General Membership – Audience:** Pennie invited anyone to join our committees. Carl said that the old cop shop on the Eastside will be artist lofts. Jen Davis mentioned Nextdoor Neighbors. If helps people to stay connected within the neighborhood. Nextdoor.com is the email address. Buy Nothing on facebook is a place where people can give stuff away if it is needed by someone else.

**Neighborhood Council Board** – Bill Bonnell invited everyone to their Oak Tree Safe Streets meeting on Jan 21 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss Exit 129 with Jennifer Kammerzell from the City of Tacoma. The meeting will be held at 2604 S 76th Street. Andy said that Lincoln High School will be hosting a welding competition on Sat Jan 23 from 8-2 if anyone is interested. Pennie mentioned that nominations for the City of Destiny award are being taken and 38th street Goodwill is having an open house. Arlington/Manitou needs to have person to Chair the annual cleanup. The applications need to be in by Feb 26th. A Public Hearing notice went out for 7002 Puget Sound Ave rezone from residential to commercial. Andy is worried that if this property is approved for commercial then it will create a domino effect making that side of Puget Sound all commercial. Heidi is opposed of this rezone because of the hard work that the neighbors did to create a community garden at this location and that it encroaches into a residential area. History preservation grant is available. Bruce - Edison community meeting the night before talked about graffiti.

**Agenda Speaker:**

Tacoma Mall Neighborhood Subarea Plan update - Elliott Barnett: Elliott gave a slide presentation on the proposed plan for around the Tacoma Mall area. It will be brought back to the group that has been involved in this process for approval. Elliott would then come back to the STNC to present the plan. Parking was not mentioned in the presentation, but was brought up because parking is awful in the West Mall area.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**NEW BUSINESS:** Venus put out to the General Members to come to a Board meeting if someone would like a certain presentation or topic discussed. Donna wanted a presentation on the stop lights and why, when no one is at the green light your light is red (un synched).

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Heidi White, Secretary,

Manitou Representative

Adopted 02/17/16