BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Robert Bearden – Kim Bernhoft - Bill Bonnell – Venus Dergan – Andy Mordhorst – Pennie Smith – Bruce West – Heidi White
BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: EXCUSED Skip Vaughn and Beverly Bowen-Bennett

ATTENDANCE: 18 General Members

MINUTES: Motion made by Donna to adopt the January 20, 2015 general meeting minutes. The motion is seconded and approved.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Bob verbally gave the Treasurer’s Report. A motion was made by Tilinda to adopt the Treasurer’s report, seconded and approved. Balance as of 2/17/16 is $3,538.5

CHAIR’S REPORT: Pennie – If you are not signed in please sign in to receive the newsletter. Pennie wanted remind everyone that all meetings are recorded. Read and adopt the Annual Report. Donna Buck made a motion to accept the Annual Report, seconded and approved.

MEETING AGENDA:
Cop’s Meeting: Officer Sbory and Officer Mills – Officer Warczak is still not able to attend the meetings, but is in the office. Officer Sbory went over crime stats for the STNC area. Calls for service were up and vehicle prowls are up along with homicide. Kenneth Wright a fugitive was captured. 48th and Alaska attempted home burglary. Most houses that are boarded up for long periods of time are bank owned.

REPORTS:
City Manager’s Office – Brad Forbes: Input for the proposed Methanol plant public meeting Feb. 25th starting at 5 p.m. at the Tacoma Convention Center. A Bike Sharing program public hearing will be held Feb 25th 5-7 p.m. at Evergreen College in Tacoma. Mayor State of the City address at the Hotel Murono 11:30 Feb 24th Tickets are sold out, but this can be watched on Channel TV 12. Andy had a comment on the Methanol Plant and Brad will look into it. Venus asked about who makes the final say so on the Methanol Plant. Brad said he will get back to the Council. There were some questions from the audience and Brad will get back to us.
Tacoma Fire – John Pappuleas, Asst. Chief: Lots of fires. “Tip” do not smoke in bed, smoke when you are on oxygen, and have working smoke detectors. Text messaging is best when there is a natural disaster (earthquake) it uses less data and Hard wired phones that do not require electricity.
Metro Parks – Jennifer Burbridge: Feb. 24th at 6:00 STAR Center and other meetings on Programs feedback. March 5th will be the grand opening of the new field. Father/Daughter Cinderella Ball March 5. Foss Water Way Parks open house Feb 17th. No parking signs will not be put up at Manitou Park as requested by Venus and Heidi. Venus wanted to point out that the signs are needed because people that have parties at the park violate the sign that say “Service Vehicles Only”. The vehicles are parked in the park on the paths and on the grass blocking access to people that want to walk the walking path. Venus said she will then continue to call 911 when vehicles are parked in the park. Jennifer will relay the message to park management.
Safe Streets – Gerod Byrd: March 8th all day fundraiser at Round Table pizza. Flyer on Human Trafficking on the table. March 5th 10-3 Sustainability Expo at the Tacoma Convention Center. Flyer on Burglary on the table.
So. Tacoma Business District – Karen Rich: There will be a car show on Aug 20th and there are flyers on table. So Tacoma Mazda grand opening Feb 17th. Key Bank on 38th and So Tacoma Way will be closing. New restaurant where the Edison City diner near Auto Zone called The Chili Parlor.

ADOPTED 3/23/16
Tacoma School District – John Bell, Director of Student Services: Our Superintendent received an award. Hoyt Early Learning Center is open and there will be new fall boundary changes. Registration for early learning is now open. Jennifer will follow up on some questions that were asked.

General Membership – Audience: Connie Ladenburg attended our meeting this evening. She is a Pierce County person for our area. She talked about a few items.

Neighborhood Council Board – Pennie mentioned two letters that the STNC council would like to send to the City opposing the Methonal plant and opposing a rezone of 7002 S Puget Sound Ave. If the general members would like to read the letter and give comment please let the council know. She also mentioned general members are welcomed to give input on who they would like attend the meeting as speakers.

Agenda Speaker - Dave Lewis and Shon Silva: Dave Lewis gave a quick statement and history on the Manitou Community Center. In the 2005 bond flyer that went out to residence it did state that the Manitou Center will be replaced, but it was lead to believe that it would be in the same location. There was series of questions sent to Dave Lewis that he did not receive. Venus gave him the questions that were sent to him. It seemed that all questions were skated around. It was asked on several occasions of what was going on with the Manitou Community Center at the STNC meetings on any meetings, news or anything else about the Center, but communication from Metro Parks was minimal until action was happening. Many people in Manitou that had ties to the Manitou Community Center are upset with the decisions that Metro Parks made. They voiced their opinions about the Center closing. Bottom line not one service that was promised to be transferred to the STAR Center was transferred. There is a huge gap of what is being said and what happens. Many people at this meeting left frustrated and felt unheard.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Heidi White, Secretary,

Manitou Representative