SOUTH TACOMA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
GENERAL MINUTES
MARCH 16, 2016
SOUTH TACOMA — FROM VISION TO REALITY

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

ATTENDANCE: 13 General Members

MINUTES: Motion made by Donna to adopt the February 17, 2016 general meeting minutes. The motion is seconded and approved.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Bob verbally gave the Treasurer’s Report. A motion was made by Donna to adopt the Treasurer’s report, seconded and approved. Total ending balance as of March 16, 2016 is $7,568.03

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. 3-30 second spots on TV 12 for STNC. There is a Latino Round Table at Mt. Tahoma High School on March 19th from 11-2. Shred event in Dupont on March 16th.

MEETING AGENDA:
Cop’s Meeting: Officer Sbory – After hour’s club on the 5400 block and South Tac Way closed down because of no business license. 56th and Puget Sound Library is having concerns about transients using drugs in the bathroom and will be forced to lock the bathrooms. City is trying to get homeless more connected with social services that putting them in jail. A man was dumped near 35th and Gunnison St. where it was later found that he met a gal on the internet that brought him back to her home where people were waiting to beat him and rob him. Strong armed robbery on 48th and Warner and another one on the 5800 block of Warner. According to police the West Mall area is a having some problems, so be careful when going to that area. Multiple shots fired at Cultura on 56th and Washington. Owner called Lt. Roberts and told him that they are doing their best to cancel events that bring in violence. They do have lots of security at their events and is trying to be a better neighbor.
Call the non-emergency number if someone is smoking marijuana or cigarettes on property where it is posted not to smoke and marijuana is not permitted to be smoked in public places. A shooting at the Tacoma Mall Transit Center resulted in a person being shot and a gun being taken off the street, but no arrests at this time. If a person has any issues at the Transit Center call Pierce Transit or 911 in the event of an emergency.
Code Enforcement: Ken Ketter - Enforces Tacoma Municipal laws on property conditions. Ken also mentioned to call 311 or Tacomaservices.org to file a complaint if you think a property is in violation. Most empty homes are foreclosures and are subject for the homeless to live in. If a home is boarded up call or email the City if you see someone entering that is not from the City.

REPORTS:
City Manager’s Office – Brad Forbes: Latino Round Table Event at Mt. Tahoma High School from 10-2 on March 19th, T-Town Expo at the Tacoma Dome to showcase City of Tacoma’s Services, May 7th from 10-3. Call to Artist $111,000 commission to have art from 47th and S. Tacoma Way to 58th and S. Tacoma Way (website is www.cityoftacoma.org/artsopps). Follow up on the proposed Methanol Plant is there is a pause on the current application of the environmental impact statement. The City is taking this as the company will not proceed with the current application for the Methanol Plant. They can apply later for another environmental impact statement and will have to reapply. All public comment will carry over from this application to the new if the company decides to proceed. No info as of yet on the new 911 call center. Brad will report about the 911 call center at the next meeting if there is any info.

ADOPTED April 20, 2016
Tacoma Fire – Dale Vaughn, Battalion Chief: Asst. Chief John Pappuleas will no longer be attending our meetings. Chief Dugan has assigned the Battalion Chiefs for this particular area to come to the meetings. Thank you John for coming to the meetings. Reminder not to overload small cords, this can cause electrical fires. Get rid of any frayed or insulated cords as this can also cause electrical fires. Spotlight is Poison Awareness for any poison issues call the poison hotline at 1-800-222-1222 or 911. The Fire Dept. is graduating new recruits and another 16 in the training center. For free fire detectors call 253-591-5740.

Metro Parks – Jennifer Burbridge: Strategic Plan indicatives, Ft. Nisqually is now back open after soil excavation from the ASARCO Plant, Public comment is open for the Japanese garden and an open house at the Pagoda at Pt. Defiance. The Grand opening for the new playground at North West Trek is April 2nd. The STAR Center turf field is now open. Many events are happening at the STAR Center. Farmer’s Market will start June 5th and run through the last Sunday in August from 10-3.

Safe Streets – Gerod Byrd: Youth Summit March 25th at First Creek Middle School, Flyers on the back table for driving in the rain, and a free shredding even April 16, 2016 from 9-1 at the BBB parking lot in Dupont. Be aware of other drivers.

S.Tacoma Business District – Karen Rich: Not present

Tacoma School District – Janet Fawcett: The College Board has acknowledged Tacoma School as increasing under represented students to take the SAT and be on track to go to college. Superintendent of Tacoma Schools won a national award of excellence. Many people are retiring and new principals’ will be hired in the upcoming months. Tacoma Schools is always hiring for a variety of positions. Social media info is on the back table.

General Membership – Audience: Carl - free breakfast at Lincoln High School for the revitalization project for the Lincoln district. John reported that if a person is parked on the sidewalk to call 311.

Neighborhood Council Board – Andy: Plant sale at Lincoln High School in early May. Bill: Oak Tree Safe Streets meeting Thursday March 17 at 2604 So 76th Street. Venus: Metro Parks approved the sale of the Manitou Community Center to a developer for the sale price of $200,000. Money from the sale of the Center will remain in the SW quadrant, but Venus will get clarification as to where that area is. Carol Wolfe and Ricardo from the City attended the Metro Parks meeting and stated that there will be a public meeting on the property about the single dwelling development. They will also work diligently to find homes for the artists from the Manitou Center. Bruce: Edison Clean up is April 10-1:45 at Edison School. Beverly: Leaders in Women’s Health Fair was held (health of the neighborhood). Follow up will be April 7th. Tacoma Mall Sub-Area Plan meeting was held March 15th.

From Agenda Speaker - Julie Anderson, Pierce County Auditor: Julie announced that she will be mailing out the “Presidential Preference” ballots to Pierce County’s registered voters on May 8th for the (non-binding) May 24th elections. There is no requirement to participate, however if you do, you must sign the election agreement, check preference is either Democrat or Republican (no other option), then vote the way you elected to. The information will be sent to the RNC and DNC, and then eliminated within 60 days following the validation of results. No personnel information is to be given, just affiliation and results. The election is required by our legislators at a cost of $11 million to Pierce County residents. April 1, 2016 only federally approved ID’s will be required at all military facilities, a Washington State Driver’s License is not a federally approved form of ID. As of 1/22/2018 if Washington State does not comply with The Dept of Homeland Security on having “REAL ID,” our regular drivers’ licenses will not be allowed for domestic air travel. An approved form of ID will be need, such as a passport or military ID. For more information visit https://www.tsa.gov/travel/security-screening/identification

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Heidi White, Secretary,
Manitou Representative

ADOPTED April 20, 2016