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

ATTENDANCE: 20 General Members

MINUTES: Beverly would like a correction to the minutes and take out one of the 48th and Warner lines and dangerous to be taken out of the West Mall Area on the Cop’s meeting. Motion made by Donna to adopt the March 16, 2016 general meeting minutes as is. Venus seconded with corrections. The motion is seconded and approved. After review of the audio by Heidi the second part of the sentence after 48th and Warner should have been the 5800 block of Warner St. and though Officer Sbory cautioned about the West Mall area, dangerous was insinuated, but not said.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Pennie in Bob’s absents gave the treasurer’s report. Ending balance as of March 30th is $11,622.50 to include the $4,000.00 from the City of Tacoma. Pennie motioned to accept the treasurer’s report, seconded and approved.

CHAIR’S REPORT: Pennie – Pennie mentioned the passing of Skip Vaughn and will be missed immensely. He mentored Pennie personally and she is thankful and not there is an opening in the Arlington area for a representative. June 2 at 9:00 a.m. is the hearing for the 70th and Puget Sound Property rezone. April 30th is the closing ceremony for Arlington Elementary.

MEETING AGENDA: Cop’s Meeting: Officer Sbory: Crime stats are down this month, but vehicle crimes are up. Store at 47th and Oakes had shots fired and one person was shot in the shoulder according to witness. There is a lot of gang activity in this area. Cameras can deter illegal activity. Lots of shoplifting at the Mall and youths have also have been harassing security at the Mall. Homeless problem at the So Tacoma library has diminished. Andy questioned about the ordinance on parking the wrong way on the road and the officer not giving a ticket and just warning the people. Officer Sbory said he would have ticketed not only the vehicle that had the complaint, but anyone else on the street parked illegally. Cars cannot be parked on the city street for more than 7 days and if they have expired tabs that are longer than 45 days they can be towed immediately. Lt. Roberts suggested Andy to email him if he is not getting a response from 311 on the parking issues. Lt. Roberts suggested putting in the newsletter that they will be out giving tickets for parking issue offenders, but will coordinate with Andy. Venus asked what they can do for gun fire in Manitou.

REPORTS:
City Manager’s Office – Brad Forbes: April 30th is the 8th annual bike swap at the Univ. of Puget Sound. Preservation awards through April 25th. May 7 is the T-Town Expo at the Tacoma Dome from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will not be a Methanol Refinery. Venus asked when they were going to finish the striping on S. Tacoma Way.
Tacoma Fire – Jeff Candler, Chief: Fire calls go up every year. There is a flyer on what to have on hand during an emergency. Refilling extinguishers are more expensive than to buy new ones. Calls in Tacoma are tracked by neighborhood council district.
Metro Parks – Matthew: Spray grounds will be open on weekends in May. New community center on the eastside input can be found at the Metro Parks website. Matthew showed pictures of events. April 30th free classes. Audience is worried about shade at the spray park at the STAR Center
S.Tacoma Business District – Karen Rich: Business District newsletter on back table and if anyone would like to be on the mailing list there is contact info. Karen wanted to remind everyone that in 2013 the Tacoma Police Department introduced Predicted Policing and the more people that call on issues the area will get recorded. 56th Street project meeting back in

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October/November resulted in the City not taking out the center turn lane out from 56th and Tyler to 56th and Washington. The Innovate grant for art work has been extended. Art work in front of Heritage bank was cleaned. Lots of scams going on during tax season (IRS will not call you). Car Show Aug 20, 2016

**Tacoma School District – Jeniffer Troufler:** District has several small improvements in Tacoma. Gov signed a bill to support homeless students.

**General Membership – Audience:** Jessica Knickerbocker from the City’s Environmental Dept, Grant from the State to improve the water retention pond on 80th and Tacoma Mall Blvd. They will have a walking path trail around the pond.

**Neighborhood Council Board** – Beverly Sound transit 3 on the ballot. You can give your opinion at the Sound Transit website or go to the meeting being held April 21st at Evergreen State College Tacoma at 5:30 p.m. **Correction from Beverly “Asset mapping of the Tacoma Mall Neighborhood for a Healthy Community” meeting will be held at the Pacific Southern Restaurant 2pm May 15th. Not - Women’s Healthy Community will be held at the Pacific Southern Restaurant May 15th at 2 p.m. Andy – Lincoln spring plant sale April 22, 23, 24, 29,30, and May 1st. Bruce – Edison cleanup seemed to have fewer people and less garbage.

**Featured Agenda Speakers -**

**Anne Artman, Program Director for the Tacoma Recovery Café:** They are going to go into the Bridge Church on 56th and Puget Sound and offer services for recovery. They have been successful in the downtown area. Anne gave a list of service that the Recovery Café will offer. Anne will start coming to our meetings.

**Senator Steve Conway:** Passed out his newsletter. Senator Conway talked about Skip asking for State funds for the Wapato Hills project and 12 million from state monies going into the STAR Center. Our Representatives information is listed in the newsletter. Senator Conway talked about several projects and issues in the area. Senator Conway talked about the Washington State Drivers License issue.

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Heidi White, Secretary,
Manitou Representative

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