BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Beverly Bowen-Bennett – Venus Dergan – Pennie Smith – Andy Mordhorst – Pennie Smith - Heidi White
ATTENDANCE: 17 General Members
MINUTES: Motion was made by Clifford to accept the November 2016 General Meeting minutes, seconded and approved.
TREASURER’S REPORT: Current balance $6157.87
CHAIR’S REPORT: Thank Donna Buck and all that helped at the Christmas Dinner. Thanks Venus for delivering food to other police stations on Christmas Day.
MEETING AGENDA:
Cop’s Meeting: Lt. Roberts and Officer Steve Storwick - Lt. gave thanks for the Christmas Dinner provided by the community and said that maybe it could be at Headquarters next year. Officer Warczak is no longer a liaison officer for sector 3. He is now patrol and will retire soon. Officer Steve Storwick is now the new liaison officer in sector 3. Officer Storwick talked about the beating at Manitou Park. 12 kids from Mt. Tahoma High School were suspended from this incident. There was a shooting at the Cultura night club that extended to the 7-11, but no suspects. Manitou Park will be monitored more closely for the next few weeks. Beverly asked what we can do to help the at risk youth that have been suspended. Officer Storwick will look into if Ramain Hall has tours. Clifford mentioned a program called Restorative Justice. Andy asked about parking issues in Tacoma.
REPORTS:
Tacoma Fire – Ray Managola: National blood donor month. The blood banks are low this time of year, so if you can give blood at one of the local blood banks that would be appreciated. Red Cross or Cascade regional blood banks are the local blood banks in our area. There has been an unprecedented amount of fires this year. Check your smoke detectors. Stove grease fires just put a lid on the pan. It’s a good idea to keep anything from within 3 feet from any portable heater or base board heater. It’s a good idea to know two ways out of your home when there is a fire.
Metro Parks – Matthew Kerns: For Destination Point Defiance input, go to destinationpointdefiance.org or to the Metro Parks website. Andy mentioned that there are not enough workout bikes to work out with at the STAR center. Matthew said they are getting new bikes tomorrow.
South Tacoma Business District – Karen Rich: Newsletter on the back table. Flower basket may be back this year and will have a student to water the baskets. Car show this year to be more like a street fair. Request through Lt. Roberts for traffic division to come out and monitor and give tickets for traffic violators. Business district appealed the homeless shelter decision at 5401 S Tacoma Way and will hear something next week. Audience member said that if that homeless shelter goes in, she will no longer feel safe and will not come to the business district. Andy suggested housing the youth homeless in homes throughout all of Pierce County.
Tacoma School – Jennifer Traufler: Preschool and Kindergarten registration is open for next year. You can choose the school you can go to in Tacoma, but you have to provide transportation if it is not your home school. There are 17 innovative schools and 2 Montessori schools. Flyer on Legislative agenda. Full list of construction updates. Arlington is on schedule and will open fall 2017. Venus asked for an action plan update on what is going to happen with the students involved in the fight from Mt Tahoma at Manitou Park. Venus also asked for what the policy is on buses in residential areas. Jennifer will follow up via email. Sue Race at TPS Transportation is the person to talk to about bussing 253-571-1909. Bob asked about another homeowner tax for a levy this year.
General Membership – Audience: No comments
Neighborhood Council Board: Venus talked about the Christmas Dinner and was the first year to deliver to other police stations. Venus delivered to DuPont and Steilacoom. Andy said that this weekend there will be a welding competition at Lincoln High School. Beverly went to the planning commission meeting and the Tacoma Mall Sub Area Plan and said that the plan needs to be very specific.
FEATURED AGENDA SPEAKERS – Stephen Atkinson, Senior Planner, Planning Dept: Talked about what the planning department does. Roles and responsibilities and who the decision makers are at the City. Stephen gave a handout.
Erika Tucci, Tacoma Public Utilities - Erika talked about water and power rate hikes. Elman brought up environmental concerns. Click rates are going up.
OLD BUSINESS: No comment
NEW BUSINESS: No Comment

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:07 p.m.
Respectfully submitted by,

Heidi White, Secretary,
Manitou Representative

ADOPTED 0215 2017