BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Clifford Armstrong III - Beverly Bowen-Bennett– Venus Dergan– Andy Mordhorst – Elman Reyes - Pennie Smith - Heidi White  
ATTENDANCE: 18 General Members  
MINUTES: Motion was made by Andy to accept the January 18, 2017 General Meeting minutes, seconded and approved. Copies of the STNC draft 2016 Annual Report, Action Plan and Budget for 2017 for review on table. Vote to accept the draft annual report, there were some I’s in the audience.  
TREASURER’S REPORT: Current balance $3,615.39  
CHAIR’S REPORT: Chairman needed for S Tacoma 98409 clean up. Deadline for application is February 24, 2017. 2017-2018 Innovative Grant applications from citizens are due to the City of Tacoma by 5:00 p.m. March 1, 2017. Pennie explained the process and who can apply. Copies of the STNC draft 2016 Annual Report, Action Plan and Budget for 2017 for review on table. There are some changes pointed out previously by Beverly that will be discussed.  
MEETING AGENDA:  
Cop’s Meeting: Lt. Roberts and Officer Sboary - Thefts were down, vehicle prowls down, vandalism was up and home burglary was up. Overall crime was down. A sexual assault of a 70 year old women near Jenny Reed School around 1:00 in the afternoon. The person has not been caught as of yet. Shooting concerning the Cultura Club on S 56th and a Shooting near the Pizza Hut on 47th and Oakes. There have been a few robberies in the STNC area. Venus requested a list of released sex offenders in our area to be brought to the STNC. Andy asked if the Taco truck on Washington Street be removed at the Cultura Club because it sticks out in to oncoming traffic. Andy talked about some aggressive panhandling near the Grocery Outlet. Lt. Roberts said they have had a problem at the 56th Street Star Bucks. Pennie mentioned the Manitou Safe Street meeting occurring the 4th Tuesday of the month at Manitou School.  
REPORTS:  
City Manager’s Office, Brad Forbes: The City is accepting proposals to address service needs for new or expanded mental health and substance abuse disorder services that directly impact homelessness and household stability, March 2, 2017 due by noon. March 4, 2017, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. South Sound Sustainability Expo. March 25, 2017, 9 a.m. – noon, Tacoma Urban League, 2550 S Yakima Ave. To RSVP email India Adams at iadams@cityoftacoma.org. Venus mentioned that she has had some inquires about the tenants at the Manitou Arts Center when they would be getting their new home on S Tacoma Way. City attorney is the interim City Manager. Keith Blocker City Council rep said she is not in the running to become the next City Manager. Brad will find out about Pierce Transit to cut Oakes Street bus stop.  
Tacoma Fire – Dale Vaughn: Spotlight- Scalding hot water. Tips on the table to help prevent burns from scalding water  
Metroparks – Matthew Kerns: Feb 23rd 6 p.m. meeting at Point Defiance Pagoda about traffic in Point Defiance.  
South Tacoma Business District – Karen Rich: Newsletter on the back table. S Tacoma Car Show Aug 20th 2017. Business District has not heard back on the appeal for the Youth/Homeless shelter at 5401 S Tacoma Way. Audience member spoke up and said many businesses did not even know about the Shelter and the City Council has not spoken to any of the businesses. The business and residents are against the shelter because of the location. Keith Blocker spoke about the shelter.  
Tacoma School – Mr. Tyler Steiner: PLU Job Fair, Stewart Middle School Opens March 13th and 85% Graduation rate. Wainright is now open. Andy said there is a diversity problem at SODA, SAMI and IDEA and kids will be pulled from Mt, Lincoln that has good attendance and good grades. Andy is worried about loss of funding from those Schools.  
Tacoma Public Utilities, Erika Tucci: Bills are higher because it has been colder. There are power conservation programs. Help with utilities for low income call TPU or visit the website. Venus asked about how TPU get info out to the public. Elman suggested putting important info and any meetings in the TPU bill.  
Port of Tacoma, Leslie Barstow: Flyer on the counter. July 16 boat tours at the port. Sick seagulls have not been resolved as of yet. Fish and Wild Life are involved. Pile driving at the Port to retro fit bigger cranes. The Port will be announcing public meetings.  
Safe Streets, Gerod Byrd: Marijuana labeling for all edibles and went into effect Feb 14th. Flyers on back table for preventing property crime and personnel safety tips. Audience member asked what could be done about semi trucks parked at 68th and 52 ave w. He has gone to the county council meeting, but the issue still has not been resolved.  
General Membership – Audience: Stacy – Farmers market said sales were up last year in S Tacoma and will extend May –Sept.  
Neighborhood Council Board: Beverly will create a committee called the School Liaison, and Clifford will create an Economic Development committee. If anyone is interested in joining the committees please contact Beverly or Clifford for these committees. Keith Blocker mentioned that there will be a City Planning meeting on March 13, 2017, 6-8 p.m. at Gray Middle School.  
FEATURED AGENDA SPEAKERS – Rob McNair, Metropolitan Development Council: Mr. Mc Nair talked about homelessness and programs that they provide for the community. They have services for health, employment, education, and housing. For more information on what he MDC does you can contact them at. http://mdc-hope.org/services.  
OLD BUSINESS: No comment  
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NEW BUSINESS: Marylyn from Radio Tacoma came to talk to the S Tacoma Neighbors about their radio station they want to have near the APEX Condos by the Tacoma Mall on the Quaker Church land. Pennie made it clear that they do not need our approval for the Planning Dept. Marylyn said they need written permission from the Neighborhood council to finish the application, but Pennie said she spoke to Stephen and the planner on duty at the Planning dept about the issue and that is not the case. Beverly made a motion to write a letter in support of the tower, it was seconded. Pennie said that the motion needs to be tabled because there is not enough information. Venus asked for a discussion on the subject. Venus asked what kind of permit they are applying for, but Marylyn did not really know. Andy asked Marylyn to come to our Board meeting with more information and clarification on the tower and letter of support.

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

Respectfully submitted by,

Heidi White, Secretary,
Manitou Representative

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