BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: -- Venus Dergan – Andy Mordhorst – Elman Reyes - Pennie Smith - Heidi White

ATTENDANCE: 15 General Members Board member absence Clifford Armstrong III and Beverly Bowen-Bennett Excused

MINUTES: Motion was made by Andy to accept the April 19, 2017 General Meeting minutes, seconded and approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Current balance $7360.13

CHAIR'S REPORT: Clean up was a success and thanked everyone that helped.

MEETING AGENDA:

COP'S MEETING: Officer Sbory -- Congratulation Officer Storwick on your promotion to Sergeant. You will be missed and thank you for all you did in the short time you were our CLO. Down to 3 CLO’s in sector 3. Complaint forms on back table for any complaints that a person has in sector three. The complaints forms can be given, fax, or emailed to Officer Sbory. Two child luring incidents in the Edison area. Audience member asked about if the Officers ask about immigration status when they do a stop. Officer Sbory will ask and get back to the group on this matter. Audience also asked if the police department works with ICE and Officer Sbory will get that info also. Speed study done on S 74th eastbound, but does not know if school zone was taken into account, but will find out. New homeless outreach team and four CLOs will be used for this. Response times might slow down a bit for residents due this new program. Street level drug enforcement will happen in these encampments. Jim Rich asked about the permanent homeless shelters that will be put into Tacoma. Carol Wolfe responded that they are starting to map out for temporary homeless encampments (tent cities). Carol will get that info back to the group. The long term homeless shelters Carol will also get back to the group on that info. Heidi asked if the wealth of having homeless shelter throughout the City will be shared and equal. S Tacoma already has their share of homeless shelters. Venus asked about the sex offenders that are released in S Tacoma. Venus asked about call volume in S Tacoma compared to other Cities. Carol Wolfe said ask Brad Forbes for specific requests. Audience member had concerns about Manitou Park and has made several calls on illegal activity.

REPORTS:

City Manager’s Office, Carol Wolfe: Brad’s report: May 16, City Council Interim City Manager Elizabeth Pauli as the new City Manager, On May 9, Council voted to declare a public health emergency relating to homeless encampment conditions, May 9, Council voted to create a subarea plan for the tide flats with the Port of Tacoma and the Puyallup tribe as partners in process, firefighters May 18 and 19 fill the boot at 38th and Steele for Muscular Dystrophy Association, May 29th from 11:00 to 1:00, there is a Memorial Day Celebration at War Memorial Park at 6th and Jackson, and June 16-18 is Festival of Sail (formerly known as Tall Ships) on Foss Waterway. Carol Wolfe will get information on Tent Cities. Audience member asked if there is a positive model of Tent Cities from other Cities. Venus would like notifications of what resolutions and ordinances are passed from Brad.


Metro Parks – Bianca Hill: Wapato Lake was treated on May 9th for more info you can get on Metro Parks website. New exhibit at the Zoo called Rocky Shore and summer guides on the table. Farmers market starts May 22.

South Tacoma Business District – Karen Rich: Newsletter on the back table. Airport Tavern has reopened. Business District put out Farmers Market Signs. All paperwork has been given to the Hearing Examiner for the 5401 Homeless shelter and depositions will be taken and have to be in by the end of July. August will be the court date on the Homeless shelter issue. The hanging baskets will be going up this weekend and were grown by the Mount Tahoma Student at Mount Tahoma. Two students from MT will be watering the baskets.

Port of Tacoma – Leslie Barstow report: Not present. Bus tour and boats tours available come see Pennie.

General Membership – Audience: Stacy from Farmers Market thanked STNC for the innovative grant. Apple a day program will be continued for children starting June 18th. Farmers Market posters are on the table for anyone to take. Talked about ban the bag and will help make bags out of tee-shirts at the market. Brian Arnold running for District 5 and Mrs. Hunter running for at large position for City Council both spoke and told us a little about themselves. Donna Thompson asked the members if a letter of support could be written for a Supplemental environmental impact statement on the Puget Sound Energy LNG (natural gas plant) plant in the Port. Donna said this plant is not safe and people live within a quarter of a mile. Steven Storms board member of North East Tacoma Council talked about how damaging this plant could be in the event there was an accident.

Neighborhood Council Board: Pennie bring your own bag starting in July or you will be charged 5 cents a bag. Vice Principal David McColgan introduced himself and will Co principal next year at Mount Tahoma with Kevin Kanner.

FEATURED AGENDA SPEAKERS- Lauren Flemister, Residential Infill Program: Talked about a pilot program allowing detached accessory dwelling units (mother in law), 2-family housing (up to 6 units), and cottage housing (lots of little houses on small property) in single dwell areas. A person has to apply then wait for approval for permitting.

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Heidi White, Secretary,

STNC Minutes Approved 06/21/17
Manitou Representative