

Hilltop Action Coalition Community Meeting
November 20, 2017

Notes/Minutes

Brendan Nelson called the meeting to order at 6:02pm.

Board members present: Brendan Nelson, Jo Davies, Jennifer Schaal, Aameedah Hasan, Fletcher Jenkins (emeritus)

Brendan Nelson: HAction Announcements

- HAC Office hours are now Tuesday-Friday 10:00am-2:00pm
- The December 18th HAC Community Meeting will be a holiday celebration with a catered meal and no formal presentations
- Jo Davies asked everyone to be aware of and support the Safe Routes to Schools project due to the high number of bike/pedestrian crashes around our Hilltop schools; please call the HAC Office (253-442-8848) for more information
- Jo also announced a Safe Streets awareness and training meeting December 2nd at Tacoma Community House 10:00am-1:00pm
- Lindy Hafner announced a December 14th event at the Urban Grace Chapel called MLK: Redeeming the Prophetic Vision, 2:30pm, hosted by The Conversation, a partnership between Urban Grace and Associated Ministries:
<https://associatedministries.org/redeeming-the-prophetic-vision/>
- Mario Lorenz announced a Hilltop Business Association breakfast December 21st 8:00am at Allen AME Church

Kelly Blucher: Goodwill Women 2 Work Program

- The Goodwill center is located at 27th and Yakima
- The center provides training and placement and aims for high-end jobs
- Goodwill has a \$1.8 million grant from the Kellogg Foundation, a pilot grant across the nation with Tacoma the only grantee west of the Mississippi
- Enrollment in Women 2 Work program will end December 31st
- Single moms with at least one child eight or under are eligible, and Goodwill is providing Thanksgiving dinners and children's Christmas presents to families in the program
- Goodwill is partnered with every elementary school on the Hilltop, and many day care centers
- Goodwill has many other work training programs; culinary jobs are very hot right now and people have been placed with Pacific Grill, The Ram, etc.
- If you are an employer, please partner with Goodwill; most of their clients live within a two-mile radius
- Goodwill does DVR (Developmental Vocational Rehabilitation)
- Call or text Kelly on her cell: 253-302-2347

Lt Gretchen Aguirre: Tacoma Police Department Update

- The trailer with the bicycle chop shop has become a chronic nuisance, moving a mile every so often but staying in the Hilltop; many residents believe this trailer is connected to multiple bike thefts and some residents have been approached by people trying to steal bikes while they are riding them
- Lt Aguirre acknowledges the residents' frustration, but in tracing bike parts, nothing can yet be found to associate stolen bike parts with this trailer
- To assist with the bike theft problem, HAC will organize a task force that encourages residents to register bicycles; to help, please call the HAC Office at 253-442-8848
- Only by registering bikes, and making them traceable to thefts, can thieves be caught and dealt with properly
- There is also a problem with a blue Ford Econoline van on Wilkeson for the past two weeks, and a homeless camp developing near the Caballeros Club in 25th
- Lt Aguirre notes that the TPD homeless team has made 1300 contacts and moved over 400 camps

Honoring Captain Standifer and CLO Marty Price

- Leroy Standifer has been promoted to Captain and moved to a different geographic allocation; HAC appreciates Capt Standifer's outstanding contribution to our community, often in a difficult and challenging environment
- CLO Marty Price has also provided outstanding service to the Hilltop for 30 years! The 8th&I neighbors especially appreciate Marty's contribution to keeping their community safe; Marty is off to a well-deserved retirement on the Key Peninsula
- HAC will miss both of these wonderful men

Brendan adjourned the meeting at 7:00 pm for cake and refreshments honoring our departing TPD officers.

Submitted by Jennifer Schaal, November 20, 2017.