

New Tacoma Neighborhood Council
Wednesday, September 13, 2017, 5:30-7:00PM
People's Center, 1602 MLK, Jr. Way, Board Room

Meeting Minutes

Board Members in attendance: Tom Ebenhoh, Mae Harris, Emily Roeben, Val Floyd, Traci Kelly, Liz Burris, Hally Bert, Rick Jones

Guests: Mary Kate Richardson, Penny Grellier, Dave Kaiser, Wendy Morris, Debbiann Thompson, Andrea Smith, Jordan Burman, David Nash-Mendez, Anne Radford, and others that may not have signed in

Call to order and introductions

Approval

Agenda (September), intending a short meeting to allow for attendance of COT proposed interim regs (tideflats) public comment meeting

Minutes (July) moved by Rick, second by Tracy, approved

Treasurer's report current state: \$2,974.91

Citizen Forum (10 minute limit)

- Associated Ministries - "Amazing Quest" October 7th, 9am. Homelessness Awareness Scavenger Hunt (Wendy Morris). 4 activities that will help the community better understand homelessness, building shelters, hygiene kits, etc. This is an educational family friendly fundraiser for the community (also ADA friendly). Prizes will be awarded.
 - \$250 Friends of Associated Ministries micro-grant passed by board for funding support

Staff Reports

- Tacoma Police Department - Not present
 - Citizen's Academy is coming up again. Neighborhood Council encourages citizens to attend.
- Tacoma Fire Department
 - Fire preparedness and disaster preparedness resources are available through the fire department. Disasters like the recent storms and fires have highlighted disaster preparedness. Earthquakes are a main concern. First responders may not be able to access all areas immediately, so people should be prepared to care for themselves during the interim.
- City Manager's Office - David.
 - Tacoma Reads 2017 selection is Roxane Gay's "Hunger". Tacoma Public Library will have copies available.
 - Study Sessions Tuesdays at Noon, Municipal Building North Annex 737 Market St, Room 16
 - Sept. 19 Environmental Service Department Strategic Plan for 2025 City Vision
 - Sept. 31 Environmental Service Plan (including greenhouse gas)
 - Standing meetings
 - Sept 28 Housing - Affordable Housing Recommendations. Thursday 4:30 room 238 Municipal Building

- Oct. 10 - Briefing on Tacoma Arts Program
- Public works is working on 6 year transportation plan. Anyone can submit a proposal for a plan / grant
- Tacoma Power has launched their renewable grant program for local and nonprofit agencies located within the Tacoma Power territory
- Metro Parks - Debbie Anne
 - Conservatory schedule. Restrooms should be done by the end of the year
 - Eastside community center is in process. Sat. Sept. 23 2-4 at First Creek Middle School Community Celebration
 - Input needed for Metro Parks Strategic Plan www.metroparkstacoma.org/strategic-plan-update
- Tacoma Public Schools -
 - Mary Kate Richardson. 3 updates. State legislature attempt to fully fund education which has not met the needs of Tacoma schools, including loss of money for teachers and students (the opposite of the goal). Under the new formula, we will lose programming. There is also a hiring freeze for positions outside the classroom. There will also likely be an inability to continue levy funded programming (state deemed 'enrichment'). Voting ballot in 2018.
 - The end of DACA prompted that the Tacoma district communicating that this does not change how we will continue to support students, and they have additional support in place to support impacted students and families.
 - "Whole Child Access Pass" a new opportunity for access to metro parks and activities throughout Tacoma. Tacoma students and their families can get first access and lower registration costs. This allows students easier/ more direct access to Tacoma Metro Parks programming.
- Tacoma Public Utilities - Not present.
- Port of Tacoma - Not present. Tours available, information shared.
- Pierce Transit - Penny G
 - Discussed pilot program of Downtown To Defiance Trolley Pilot Program. Surveys and information gathering is ongoing for consideration for 2018 continuation. There is potential to expand the route next summer.
 - Fair express service is underway for the Washington State Fair
 - High Capacity Transit Study is underway for a potential for rapid transit where Route 1 currently runs. This is an information gathering study, information is available online.
 - Mobile App is launching to allow for paying for transit via mobile. 1 year pilot: Download "Hopthru" and select Pierce Transit
 - Link expansion will impact Hilltop Streetfair, streets. Feedback due by the end of the year:
 - Hilltop Streetscapes office: Links to Opportunities (1114?) (across from Pho Bok) is collecting feedback about the streets and how they will look

New Business

COT Neighborhood Council Program Review 2017/18: Tom

- Review of program, such as boundaries and input for entire program.

NTNC: By Laws Committee (All): More to follow. No volunteers at this point.

NTNC: 7 October Understanding Homelessness Event/Sponsorship (All): See Citizen Forum

NTNC: Board member nominations/elections planning (All): Reminder on upcoming nominations/elections and to advertise and encourage those interested in being on the Board.

- Phillip has resigned as a board member. Dalton is continuing to consider his involvement.
- Jordan Burman voted in as a board member. Liz made a motion and Tracy seconded the motion. The motion passed.

NTNC: Oct-Dec Agenda Planning/Update: Rep Jenkins in November; COT Interim port and open space regs/Environmental services survey/strategic plan for October

- October meeting - board nominations are invited

Old Business

NTNC: Tour of Center for Urban Waters – October 11, 4pm. Open attendance.

NTNC: City Business Fee (est. \$25.00)/IRS Annual Filing Update (Tom): Tom will file business fee with COT.

NTNC: Nomination / election of Secretary (All)

- Jori and Jo D. have been elected as co- interim secretaries until the next board elections.

NTNC: UW Engagement Program (Tom): Promising opportunity for volunteer and/or UW Intern. More to follow. Will follow up with UW once term begins.

Council Reports

Community Council

Correspondence

Reports from Neighborhoods

Stadium Art Wine & Beer Walk - Saturday Sept. 16 from 4-8pm

300 people served reported by May; re: Mr. Mac and Dee Dee

Storytelling Festival at Theater on the Square, Oct. 1

8th & I's National Night Out went very well

Announcements:

Adjournment: 7:00

NOTE: NTNC Executive Committee Meetings are open to the public. Meetings take place at 8:30a.m.on the last Saturday of each month Tully's at 9th & Broadway.

Board Members: If you are unable to attend, please notify executive committee prior to meeting

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