

Hilltop Action Coalition
Area-Wide Meeting – February 27, 2017

Notes/Minutes

Brendan Nelson called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

Brendan noted that the Old Key Bank location of this meeting was unusual, and that the Health Care Center community meeting room has definitely been confirmed for the rest of the 2017 HAC Area-Wide Meetings.

Board members present: Brendan Nelson (and Brendan's mom!), William Towey, Amedah Hasan, Christina Blocker, Jo Davies, Jennifer Schaal, Fletcher Jenkins (emeritus)

Travis Martin (Second Cycle)

- Started nine years ago in a basement, now has multi-faceted bicycle programs
- Youth diversion programs include Nativity House and Remann Hall
- Anyone under 18 years of age or homeless can work in the Second Cycle tool area for free, and get help if needed in working on their bikes
- Safe Streets supports Second Cycle programs with a sliding scale for fees to use their services (Safe Streets' Gerod Byrd is board president of Second Cycle)
- Donations of bicycles and parts to Second Cycle will reward you with a tax deductible receipt, and cash donations are always welcome
- Programs in high schools allow kids to build a bike and take it home
- Jason Lee has an after-school bike program
- Second Cycle rents out tools, fits helmets...does everything a regular bike shop does
- They support big charity rides, elementary school bike rodeos, church events
- They are teaching bike maintenance and repair at the new iDEA School, and had 35 students in January
- They also provide bicycles to Rescue Mission and to prison release folks needing transportation to work

Gerod Byrd (Safe Streets)

- Focuses on community building and CPTED (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design)
- Works with school districts that are building/renovating to ensure they are using CPTED principles
- Works with 28 different groups, including HAC
- Assists schools with anti-drug programs; when kids are involved in the programs, Safe Streets works with the parents/adults in the homes of those kids
- Available to meet with neighborhood groups to provide advice on community safety and group development.
- Gerod: gbyrd@safest.org phone 253-272-6824, cell 253-279-1071

Marki Schillinger (Dept of Corrections)

- Marki introduced Randi Unfred who supervises adult offenders, and Darren, a corrections officer in that program working with Sector 1 TPD
- DOC's objective is to keep the community safe, and to help offenders make better choices than when they came into the program, reducing their risk of offending again
- Offenders are in the program 12-36 months
- The Broken Windows program identifies houses that are known to hide criminal activity
- DOC is working to have more of a presence in Tacoma PD actions

Lt Standifer (Tacoma PD)

- TPD appreciates the support they get from DOC, and is a great resource to have in the office
- The Stop N Mart at MLK and 15th is off the charts in activity: in a 28 day period, TPD had 41 calls including narcotics, a stabbing, and a death from drug overdose. TPD's number one priority is pursuing a "chronic nuisance" designation for this site, because unlike pulling a liquor license, a chronic nuisance designation stays with the location and whoever buys it/owns it.
- The 1300 block of S 8th has had many recent narcotics arrests
- The Ridgewood area is next on the radar

Mario Lorenz (Hilltop Business Owners Association)

- The Hilltop Street Fair Luncheon February 22nd was a great success, making \$5,000 over the cost of the event, that will support the Street Fair on August 26th
- The Hilltop Cherry Blossom Festival and Wine Walk will be held April 8th. The festival is free at People's Park, 11:00am-5:00pm. They are looking for volunteers to help with the event—see Mario if you can help. The Wine Walk runs 4:00-7:00pm, and tickets at Marconi Wellness are \$25 in advance and \$30 at the event.
- The Hilltop Street Fair is now soliciting vendors—see Jo Davies if you'd like a vendor application. The HSF had 130 vendors last year and they anticipate 150 this year.
- Centro Latino will be holding an arts fest every other Sunday this summer

Audra Hudson (Tacoma Community House)

- TCH will have a community meeting about their proposed new building on March 9th 5:30-7:30pm

Next Area-Wide Meeting: Monday, March 20th

- Topics planned include:
 - Sea Mar Community Health Care presentation
 - Lauren Flemister from the City of Tacoma Planning will talk about the Infill Program on the Hilltop
 - Residential Parking Program presentation

Brendan adjourned the meeting at 7:20 pm.

Submitted by Jennifer Schaal, February 28, 2017.