

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

The meeting was called to order by Chair Tom Ebenhoh at 5:30 pm. Introductions were made.

Board Members Attending: Hally Bert, Elizabeth Burris, Mae Harris, Jo Davies, Tom Ebenhoh, Valerie Floyd, Rick Jones, Emily Roeben, Traci Kelly

Guests: Debbiann Thompson, Pennie Smith, Imitaz Norling, Michael Bradley, Rosalind Medina, Rebecca Boydston, Penny Grellier, John Pulliam, Chris Roberts, TFD representative, and others that may have not signed in

Approval

- December Agenda/November 2017 minutes M/S/Approved.
- Treasurer's report: \$2061.04 M/S/Approved.

Staff Reports

- **Tacoma Police Department:** CLO Imitaz Norling reported the following statistics for the New Tacoma area since 11/8:
 - 41 vehicle prowls. He cautions – don't leave **anything** in your car, not even a bag of shopping bags.

For more information about preventing vehicle break-ins, see

http://www.cityoftacoma.org/government/city_departments/police/burglary_reduction_initiative/prevent_vehicle_prowling_and_break_ins

- 29 vehicle thefts. Don't leave your car while it's running to warm-up.
- 17 non-residential burglaries. 7 of these in one night at Freighthouse Square.
- 8 residential burglaries. For prevention information see

http://www.cityoftacoma.org/government/city_departments/police/burglary_reduction_initiative/residential_burglary_prevention/

- 3 aggravated assaults
- 4 robberies
- 1 drive-by shooting

In response to audience questions:

The shooting at 37th & Sheridan was apparently targeted individual. Detectives are on it.

Re: Emergent gang activity. Narcotics & detectives are working this issue.

Interested in data relating to City departments? See "Results 253" <https://data.cityoftacoma.org/>

Tacoma Fire Department: TFD rep. attended, but had to leave for call. No report.

City Manager/Council Office: Rebecca Boydston highlighted

- the ribbon cutting and other celebratory events around the Amtrack opening;
- <http://makeittacoma.com>, a resource for businesses exploring Tacoma;
- progress on improving the RR track crossings at McCarver St.;
- for issues with homeless population, call 311;
- changes to the Council's Citizen Forum segment will be made by the incoming Council.

Metro Parks: Debbiann Thompson discussed and provided handouts on

- the adventure game "Trapped:Escape Ft. Nisqually"

<https://www.metroparkstacoma.org/news/?id=1961>

- and also the Polar Bear Plunge on January 1

<https://www.metroparkstacoma.org/calendar/index.php?cid=3197>.

Tacoma Public Schools: Rosalind Medina

Kindergarten enrollment has started; four of Tacoma High Schools have been recognized statewide as high achieving schools; the graduation rate of Tacoma Schools is 86%, up from 55% in 2010.

Pierce Transit: Penny Grellier

Penny provided update which included that CHI is sponsoring Holiday Express trolleys to Zoolights from TCC Transit Center. Fare included in Zoolights tickets. piercetransit.org/holiday-express. Will also be providing trolley to Ice skating at Point Ruston – details not yet available. Downtown to Defiance trolley will be back for Summer 2018.

New Business

Tacoma Rescue Mission John Pulliam and Chris Roberts

Presented information about TRM and Rescue Services; a program to bring clients from homelessness to business/entrepreneurship. Currently, they operate two businesses Rescue Services that provides pressure washing, landscaping, and other services <https://www.rescuemissionservices.com/>. They also have a smart phone/laptop repair service on 6th Ave. <http://www.rescuesmartphonerepair.com/>. Tom encouraged Board and audience to help spread the word. They provided handouts to the audience.

New Business

- **NTNC Annual Report and January Retreat:**
Scheduled for Saturday, January 27, 9 – 12 at Catherine Place
- **Innovative Grants Planning:**
Deadline is 12/15. Anticipate February presentations after City review of proposals. Unknown how many will be submitted.
- **NTNC CityLine Shows 4 and 19 January:**
Tom will check with Samantha to see if she can do the January 4th segment; Hally also volunteered for 4 Jan
Tom will do the show on 19 Jan
- **NTNC Board Elections:**
Slate of Bill Garl, Elizabeth Burris, Rick Jones, and Jori Adkins was submitted. M/S/Approved.
- **NUSA 2019 in Birmingham**
Liz is considering submitting an application for the youth quilting project that she and Addona Richardson organized for Hilltop youth. Tom encouraged Board to consider attending this year's conference.

Honoring of Gerod Byrd, Safe Streets Outreach and volunteer extraordinaire. Traci brought this idea forward. According to Hally, something may already be in the works for MLK celebration. She will follow up. Proposed that NTNC write letter of support for whatever effort is going forward. M/S/Approved.

Old Business

- **NTNC: Neighborhood Council Program Review 2017/18**
This will be part of Board Retreat
- **NTNC: IRS Annual Filing Update (Tom) deferred**
- **NTNC: By Laws Committee (All) deferred**
- **NTNC: UW Engagement Program (Tom/Jordan/Samantha)**
Tom briefed on marketing flyer, community survey, engaging UW staff, and more. More to follow.

Council Reports

- Community Council
- Correspondence
- Reports from Neighborhoods

Announcements:

Emily Roeben will step down as Director of Communications; perhaps this is something that Samantha will be interested in taking on.

City Manager Elizabeth Pauli will be featured speaker at the January meeting.

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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Adjournment: 6:35