

Hilltop Action Coalition Community Meeting Notes  
July 15, 2019

Kristine Coman called the meeting to order at 6:04pm.

Board members present: Jennifer Schaal, Alyssa Torrez, Greg Walker. Also present: HAC Community Engagement Liaison Jasmin De'Armond.

Kristine mentioned the HAC Summer Social scheduled July 18<sup>th</sup> (agenda still said the 17<sup>th</sup>) from 4-7pm.

**Brandon Showalter: Tacoma Police Department Update**

- Handout and application form for TPD Citizens' Academy, 13 week program, September 11<sup>th</sup> to December 11<sup>th</sup>, instructs citizens in how to be the community's eyes and ears, build trust and interact effectively with the police.
- Working with Metro Parks on the camping policy that affect the tent camps in many parks including People's Park.
- Reviewed the current hot spots of activity; answered questions about fireworks and CPTED.

**Jimmy McCarty PhD: UWT Center for Equity & Inclusion**

- 5500 students, most from WA and most from South Sound Region, diverse population.
- \$212 million economic impact to region.
- Runs food & housing programs with an on-campus food pantry.

**Gilda Sheppard: Evergreen State College**

- Serves and is grounded in *this* community.
- Adds to the economic growth of families by supporting and staying connected with students after they graduate.
- Conducts annual ethnographic tours of Tacoma neighborhoods to research populations and promote programs.
- Supports both ethnic diversity and the diversity of ideas.
- Doing a bridge with Tacoma Community College.

**Patricia Chase: Bates Technical College**

- College is 80 years old.
- There are 33 community colleges in WA and the award-winning Bates is one of the 5 that are technical colleges.
- Average annual salary of a Bates graduate, after an 18-month program, is \$74,000.
- 49 different career programs.
- About 15% of students have some sort of college degree when they enter Bates.

**Jack Barry: Tacoma Community College**

- Jack's program focuses on veterans and adult learners, average age is 25-26.

- Programs are currently centered on the east side of Tacoma.
- TCC has direct-transfer agreements with all local four-year universities to reduce overall cost to students, and also awards four-year (bachelor's) degrees itself.
- Programs are mainly health and technology oriented.
- New degree programs are being created in cybersecurity and business entrepreneurship.
- Students run a food pantry.
- TCC is very sensitive to undocumented citizens.

### **Community Announcements**

- Greg Walker announced the Hilltop Neighborhood Clean-Up scheduled for July 27<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am – 1:45pm, flyers are being received in the mail, volunteers are asked to show up at 9:30am for safety training, need about 30 volunteers.
- There is another clean-up scheduled at Jason Lee Middle School for August 27<sup>th</sup>.

Kristine adjourned the meeting at 7:20pm.

Submitted by Jennifer Schaal, July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019.