

New Tacoma Neighborhood Council  
June 14, 2018  
Meeting Minutes  
People's Community Center, 1602 MLK Jr., Way

**Call to order and Member attendance:** 5:30

**Board Members Attending:** Mae Harris, Tom Ebenhoh, Rick Jones, Meredith Shores, Jori Adkins, Jo Davies, Jordan Burman, Samantha Lake

**Guest Attendance:** Daniel Grey, Clare Petrich (Port), Leslie Barstow (Port), Carole Lail, Shelby Fritz (COT), Penny Grellier (PT), Derek Smith, Debbiann Thompson (Metro Parks), Erika Tucci (TPU), John Gaines (TPU), J Debaere, Wendy Morris (AM), Gretchen Aguirre (TPD), Brian Yee, David Nash-Mendez (COT), and others that may not have signed in.

**Approvals** – May Minutes, June Agenda, and Treasurers report

**Treasurers Report** – \$4,160.39

**Public Forum:**

**Carol Lail:** Tacoma Events Commission for the Freedom Fair asking for volunteers, handed out Volunteer Application,

**Mario Lorenz:** Hilltop Street Fair accepted approved board donation of \$500 with thank you and announced new elements for Fair – A real circus Tent, a Parade and water stands and food options for low income.

**Adam Martin:** Spoke about history of Stars for Peace, in late summer and the Illumination in late fall. He is planning a community walk from People's Park to Wright Park on 21 September, International Day of Peace. Tom suggested he come back with more defined proposal at the July meeting.

**Jori Adkins:** Spoke of her frustration with the Citizen's Planning Process in conjunction with Pierce Transit, the City of Tacoma and the Transportation Commission's decisions for Puyallup Ave. Will need more time for discussion.

**Derek Smith:** Running for Port Commissioner in fall; introduced himself to audience.

**Daniel Grey:** Update on innovative grant award, Radio Tacoma way forward, and training dates (101.9 FM KTAH) on how to produce radio content.

**Staff Reports**

**TPD:** Lt. Gretchen Aguirre - Stop-in-Mart closing pushed those hanging out there into the Parks. TPD is hiring with 19 positions to fill. Fireworks are illegal - call 311 or the non-emergency # 253.798.4721.

**TFD:** Provided brief update on summer season, fire prevention, and CPR training.

**City Mgr's Office:** David Mendez – No paper newsletter today, see newsletter on website. New director of Econ Development is Jeff Robinson and new director of TPU is Jackie Flowers, Tiki Apts housing issues - "what's next?" Check City website time for meeting on June 28<sup>th</sup>, check out Council Committees on website too. Tom recommended both Directors attend future NTNC meeting.

**TPS:** No report.

**TPU:** Erika Tucci, Community Liaison for TPU announced her replacement, John Gaines. John introduced himself to audience and looks forward to working with NTNC.

**MetroPark:** Debbiann – briefed free lunch programs (Wright Park, 12 - 1) and spray/pools open this week.

**Pierce Transit:** Penny – Reminding people about the “Trolley” going from Dome (parking garages) to Defiance (with stops downtown, Old Town and Pt. Ruston ending at the Zoo) and Transit to Trails program starts with one from Downtown to Reconciliation Park Fri the 15<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am

**Port of Tacoma:** Defer to Port Commissioner Petrich.

**New Business:**

Port Commissioner, Clare Petrich gives an historical presentation of the Port from 1918 to 2018 with handout as July 29<sup>th</sup> kick-off of Port’s Centennial Events.

- ACTION : Tom breaks for vote on letter to City on Neighborhood Clean Up to provide feedback on May cleanup with Eastside and urging City to include multifamily units as permanent, not just pilot program - unanimous vote to send letter.

Clare briefed the start 70 by 48. [https://www.seventy48.com/in the Foss Waterway Tues, June 12<sup>th</sup>](https://www.seventy48.com/in-the-Foss-Waterway-Tues,-June-12th) (Jori saw it out her back window). On their land in the Tide Flats, the Canoe Journey hosted by the Puyallup Tribe will be on July 29<sup>th</sup> [tacomawaterfront.org/event/paddle-to-puyallup-canoe-journey-2018/](http://tacomawaterfront.org/event/paddle-to-puyallup-canoe-journey-2018/)

Clare encouraged Board/audience to take tour of the old water access points with interpretation signs etc.

**Reports from Neighborhoods:** Mae attending NUSA; Tom split \$500.00 previously approved by board with Mae - \$250.00 each. Decision not to proceed with Adopt a Spot; possible other neighborhood group (Friends of the Esplanade Cleanup) may do so.

Adjourn - 7:30 pm