

New Tacoma Neighborhood Council
Wednesday, April 10, 2019, 5:30 - 7:00 pm
Tacoma Municipal Building, Room #248, 747 Market Street, Tacoma, WA 98402

Minutes

Call to order and introductions –

Board members: Mae, Rick, Tom, Jordan, Bill,
Visitor attendees: Penny Grellier, Delia Flores, Bucoda Warren Shelby Fritz, Sagar
Ramachandra, Al Lew, Shoko Yoshileawa, Jori Adkins, Jane Moore, Cheryl Bidleman, Adriane
Kekinde, John Gaines,

Approval

Agenda	approved
Minutes (March 2019)	approved
Treasurer's report -	\$1,115.20

Public Forum (10 minute limit)

Shoko Yoshileawa and Al Lew discussed litter and the problem with it they have been noticing in Tacoma. There are community groups engaged in volunteer clean up litter/trash events and they encouraged collaboration among all neighborhood councils and support for these volunteer groups. They mentioned advocating for a cleanup Tacoma month event with City leadership support. Board approved creating a trash/litter clean up committee to support the volunteers; members TBD.

Emily Roeben: Spoke about the April 13 girl's only prom event to celebrate collective power of women and benefiting the Sexual Assault Center of Pierce County and encouraged audience to attend. She had information to hand out for attendees.

She also mentioned Tacoma Public Schools deficit (west. \$30M) impacting students and encouraged audience to write their local and state legislature representatives for a solution.

Staff Reports

--Tacoma Police Department –

- Vehicle prowls up; nothing else significant to report.

-- Tacoma Fire Department –

- Noted there is an uptick in cutting off emergency vehicles on road – reminder to pull right while driving. City looking for hiring of new fire chief.

--City of Tacoma –

- Nothing significant to report; Bucoda reminded audience to check City of Tacoma website for news and information.

--Metro Parks –

- Welcomed a new employee
- Discussed various events and adding animals to the zoo; master plan update
- Titlow Beach Park, People's Community Center pool - will have any egg hunt and summer camps are now on-line. Encouraged audience to visit Metro Parks website.

--Tacoma Public Utilities –

- Discussed electric vehicle charging program.

--Pierce Transit –

- BRT update - Board voted hybrid option - regular/curb, or median traffic pattern.
- Pilot program parking garage at Tacoma Dome update: 200 parking stalls for pilot testing purchasing. Purchase one and have a designated spot.
- Apr 25, get on board day – international mass transit ridership event.

--Sound Transit –

- Briefed Sound Transit updates and status of Tacoma Dome Link Extension (TDLE); progress on link extension, and encouraged audience to submit input on station location proposals by May 1st and attend upcoming open houses. Sagar provided handouts to audience with website information to make comments.
- Jori Adkins, prior to Sound Transit's update, commented on wanting support for cut/cover ("underground") versus above ground route development for the TDLE station proposals in the Dome District. She encouraged all to attend open houses and give input online by May 1st deadline.
- Sagar briefed final list of proposed O&M facility sites; none in Tacoma. Jul 2019 - preferred routes/stations decision.

New Business

Guest Speaker –

Wendy Morris (Associated Ministries): Discussed Paint Tacoma Beautiful program and Project Homeless Connect; encouraged audience to support the program with est. 2,200 homes to paint for low incoming homeowners and the need for volunteers to participate in painting. She provided handouts to audience and encouraged audience to visit web site.

www.associatedministries.org/ptpb

John Gaines / XX (Tacoma Public Utilities): Presented on Utility Digital Transformation & Advanced Metering Infrastructure. Call to action for utilities; digital business - the future and those companies that adopted versus denying digital future. TPU in a digital transformation - advanced meter technology program overview - anticipate 2020-2021 timeline to deploy the new meters.

Old Business / Unfinished Business

- NTNC: Discussion about funding criteria and application process – Funding FAQ (All)
- NTNC: Rebranding / Marketing and Mission Statement discussion (All)
- NTNC: By Laws Committee – push back completion date until mission statement and funding FAQ are completed (All)

Next Meeting: May 8, 2019. **At Tacoma Muni. Bldg. 747 Market St. Rm 248, 5:30 - 7:00 pm**
Adjournment : 7:00pm