

**New Tacoma Neighborhood Council
Wednesday July 12, 2017
Peoples Center, 1602 MLK Jr. Way, Conference Room**

Meeting Minutes

Attendance:

Board Members present: Tom Ebenhoh, Mae Harris, Valerie Floyd, Jori Adkins, Rick Jones, Jo Davies, Hally Bert, Traci Kelly

Board Members absent: Elizabeth Burris, Bill Garl, Emily Roeben, Philip Bradford, Dalton Gittens

Attendees: Debbiann Thompson (MPD), Jeff Jenkins (COT), Shawn Stringer (COT), Erika Tucci (TPU), Pete Harris, Christopher Wright (COT), Pennie Smith, Leslie Barstow (Port), Tadd Wille (COT), Jordan Burman, Richard Petrich, David Nash-Mendez, Allyson Griffith, and others that may not have signed in.

Call to Order: 5:30pm

Agenda and Minutes (July, June): Approved.

Treasurer's Report: \$4,131.58 Funds

Fire Department: Not represented.

City Manager's Office: David Nash Mendez reminded citizens of the City Council study sessions and meetings, provided handouts on street maintenance, tideflats subarea plan, homeless transition facilities, and other key events happening in COT. He briefed on Council forecast schedule and various City meetings. Tom asked David in that New Tacoma is a stakeholder in the tideflats sub area plan and homeless transition facilities to take back to Council and appropriate City staff that New Tacoma is to be included as the process evolves. He provided handouts.

Tacoma Police Department: Discussed homeless issues in collaboration with City of Tacoma staff briefing on temporary emergency aide and shelter plan. CLO's are working with Homeless Outreach Team.

Metro Parks: Debbieann Thompson focused attention on the summer Friday late night program for middle-schoolers at People's Center. National Night Out is August 1, big event at People's Center. She provided handouts to the audience on various events.

Tacoma Public Schools: Not represented.

Tacoma Public Utilities: Erika provided update on key TPU items and discussed phone/e-mail scams from those claiming to be TPU and cautioned citizens to be aware of scamming and protection of privacy information.

Port of Tacoma: Leslie discussed the pile driving that is about to begin again on Dock 4, from 7 – 9, M – F; 9 – 9 on Sat. It takes 20 minutes to drive each pile. The activity is to straighten and enlarge the dock, making it “big ship ready”. There will be boat tours of the Port on Sunday, 7/16. ProLogis is building 1.5 square foot warehouse: UPS is the first tenant. Road improvements are underway. She provided handouts to audience.

New Business:

City of Tacoma Emergency Homeless Aide and Shelter Update: Tadd-Wille, Assistant City Manager/Jeffrey Jenkins, Assistant Public Works Director provided a detailed presentation which included, but not limited to, the background and progress of the City Temporary Emergency Aid and Shelter Plan to address issue of Homelessness in the City and the City ongoing way forward. See the following link for background and updated information.

https://www.cityoftacoma.org/government/city_departments/neighborhood_and_community_services/human_services_division/homelessness_services/emergency_temporary_aid_and_shelter_plan. Additional comments/observations were provided by Christopher Wright, Homelessness and Household Stability; TPD Capt. Shawn Stringer; and Allyson Griffith, Community Based Services. They provided handouts to the audience and addressed questions. Board members' recognized/appreciated the efforts of City in actively addressing the homeless issue.

New Behavioral Health Hospital: Richard Petrich, CHI Franciscan presented detailed presentation and information on the new Behavioral Health Hospital that will be built on the Allenmore campus in partnership with Multicare. The new hospital will be a freestanding, two-story hospital with 120 beds which during a full year of operation, will treat approximately 5,000 patients. It will be a place for stabilization and recovery for adults, age 18 and older. The admissions will be voluntary and involuntary. Construction will begin this summer and expected to be completed in 2018. He provided handouts to audience and addressed some questions. He addressed both City and County input in this collaborative effort.

NTNC Bylaws Review: M/S reviewed/approved current by laws review and discussed forming committee for possible revisions 2017/18. Tom will send reviewed By Laws to Carol (COT) and Board reflecting review date. More to follow.

NTNC Marketing Ideas: More to follow about possible ideas to market neighborhood council program and NTNC

NUSA May 2018: Workshop proposal deadline is September 1 – no ideas were forthcoming.

- Request from 8th & I Neighbors for \$250 donation to support NNO event in Neighbor's Park. M/S. Approved
- Request from L Street Neighborhood Group for \$250 donation to support NNO event at People's Center. M/S. Approved

Jori Adkins reminded group the Tideflats Subarea Plan should be consulted and advocates for expanding the conversation to community stakeholders (Dome District, NTNC, etc.). Tom asked David for follow up at next meeting from City staff/Council in that New Tacoma is a stakeholder and should be engaged in the Subarea Plan process.

Nominations called for Secretary position. Liz and Tom encouraged Board to volunteer and spoke more about role of Secretary. No volunteers; will add to September Agenda. Discussed rotating among Board, Jori/Jo will help. Jo took meeting notes for the July meeting.

Tom mentioned planning meeting with UW on possible interns and/or student volunteers. Will follow up at next meeting on status; term has ended and UW coordinators have been out of office.

Board discussed various events and opportunities for summer such as Hilltop Street Fair, McKinley Street Fair, Ethnic Fest. NTNC will combine with Central and co-host a booth at Hilltop. Tom will send e-mail to Board on all opportunities and encouraged sharing information and volunteering.

Tom mentioned upcoming Candidate Forum at STAR Center on July 19.

Old Business:

October meeting tentatively planned to be held at the Center for Urban Waters plus tour. More to follow.

Move to address if needed, and if so, pay City Business Fee. Submit annual IRS reporting. No name change for New Tacoma. M/S. Approved.

Council Reports

Community Council. Request for letter of support to Landmark Preservation Commission, to name walking path honoring Skip Vaughn. All approved.

Announcements: No August meeting.

Adjourn: M/S to adjourn at 7:05

Tom Ebenhoh, Chair

Jo Davies, Acting Secretary

