

New Tacoma Neighborhood Council
Wednesday, March 13, 2019, 5:30 - 7:00 pm
Tacoma Municipal Building, 747 Market St. Rm 248

Meeting Minutes

Call to order and introductions – Amber, Jordan, Rick, Tom, Jori, Mae, Hally, Liz
Visitor attendees –Bucoda Warren, C Peyton, Sagar Ramachantra, Penny Grellier, Shannon Ergon, Michael Fletcher, Delia Flores, Jeanhe Wagner, Christina Baker, Kate Ginn, Wendy Hobson, Nora Leider, Renee Healy, Michail Fuller, Anita Gray-Sait, Theresa Power Druts, Christiaan Baker and a few more did not sign in. Total in attendance including board members, staff and attendees: 28

Approval

Agenda	approved as amended
Minutes (June)	approved
Treasurer's report -	\$1,243.20

Public Forum (10 minute limit)

Staff Reports

--Tacoma Police Department - C Peyton our new CLO – where most crimes are down, car prowls and break-ins are up a tick city wide, mostly Downtown (NTNC area) around the Best Western in DD especially during events since many reports are from out-of-towners. Do not have anything showing in the car, put all away in trunk or out of sight.

--Tacoma Fire Dept.– March 17– 23 is Poison Exposure Week, check out Take Back Our Meds.org

--Bucoda Warren from City Manager's Office – The Neighborhood Council Program is moving over to Neighborhood & Community Services, Linda Stewart Director.

Selecting a new partner to run Click! Wave Broadband and Rainier Connect in the running. Because of public input 3 terms of the contract include

1. Must stay affordable to Tacoma Residents
2. Asset must remain in Public hands and
3. Stay technologically up to date.

There are many items that the public can learn about and make comments on such as: 2019 Amendments to the Comp Plan, 11th St. bridge in Tide Flats renov or rebuild. Check on the City's website or Newsletter for other engagement opportunities.

--MetroParks – Continue working on Pt. Defiance Park, will open this summer including the Ped Bridge. Seymour Conservatory's new bathrooms opens. Job Fair @ Star Center check newsletter. All Center Pass available for \$42. There is assistance for those in need.

--Pierce Transit – Penny tells of 2 Public Hearings at Mar.11 Board Meeting:

1. BRT had full house of impacted residents of Pacific Ave concerned about taking of ROW for widening the roadway for Transit Only Lanes (TOLs) and the 2 Dome District residents happy about the decision to use 26th for in and out of the district to the Tacoma Dome Station and parking garages.
2. Parking strategy for Tacoma Dome Station Parking garages 200 or 8% of the 2400 spaces will be reserved spaces (until 8am) for 80\$/mo. There were those that think the lot should be same as those downtown making them all equitable, spreading out the use and many at the meeting who were concerned about affordability for all people who have been using the garages for years.

--Sound Transit – Sagar Ramachandra, Scoping period for Tacoma Dome Link Extension will be part of an Open House at Convention Center, date to be Determined. (This was from the Dec

meeting - Next Open House for Tacoma Dome Link Extension (TDLE) will be in March. With the EIS in the summer of '19. Jori asked whether citizens would be allowed to comment on the scoping of the EIS. Sagar said he would find out.)

--Tacoma Schools – Michael Fletcher deferred to Shannon’s talk

New Business

Guest Speaker - Shannon Ergon, School teacher and WEA-PAC Manager and Treasurer Tacoma Education Association, explained how the Union was trying to be more pro-active in their response to the violence in schools around the country than just hiring more private police and limiting access to schools. They see more upfront attention to all students to create an inclusive and welcoming sense with access to more counseling, social and mental health service etc, and explained all the more pro-active student safety legislation before the Wash. Legislature now. You can follow the status of these bills @ WashingtonEA.org/OurVoice and write our representatives.

Last 2 Innovative Grant applicants present - **“G” Street De-Pave and Green Space Project** and the **Neighborhood Post Card Project**

Christian Baker UWT senior shows his thesis project for promotion/education for a Non-profit program. Very interesting presentation (many at the table did not know this program existed) for **Husky2Husky** Shared Housing for Students, affiliated with SharedHousing program, bringing together students looking for an affordable place to live, while in school, with local residents who have an extra bedroom and could use the rent or company.

NTNC Survey sharing and feedback – ready to put it up for a couple of months and see how others respond

NTNC Neighborhood Moment topic will be Our New Mission Statement, Amber, Jordan and Bill
NTNC Rebranding/ Marketing – will use email to further

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NTNC Bylaws – has been postponed, will use email to respond

NTNC FaceBook has finally been accessed, check it out!

NTNC Launched Mail Chimp (Amber) – added newsletter, check it out

Adjournment : 7:05pm

Exec. Committee Meetings will be 1st week of the month at 6:00pm on First Tuesday of the month @ Bostwick Café 764 Broadway (9th and Broadway downtown)

Board Members: if you are unable to attend, please notify Exec. Committee prior to meeting

Next Meeting: April 10, 2019. **at Muni Bldg. 747 Market St. Rm 248**