



Minutes of Tacoma Central Neighborhood Council Forum

August 2, 2018 • 7:00 pm

Tacoma Nature Center

1919 S. Tyler St.

Tacoma, WA 98405

Board Attendees: Charles Mann, Doug Schafer, Roxie Nichols, Luis Alonzo, and Toby Nitzsche. Absent: Tiffany Y'vonne (excused).

Room Count: 24

At 7:00 pm, Vice Chair Roxie Nichols convened the forum and welcomed attendees. She described the ways by which the meeting is being broadcast (GoToMeeting and Facebook) and displayed the URLs for the Council's website (www.cnc-tacoma.com), Facebook page (facebook.com/cnctacoma/) and new Facebook group (facebook.com/groups/tacomacnc/). Roxie discussed a summary of the neighborhood council program and information about Tacoma Central Neighborhood Council and displayed our website and called attention to selected links and pages. Roxie described board membership requirements and noted that the Tacoma Library System is hosting listening forums to address community needs and interests (www.tacomalibrary.org) and then invited attendees to introduce themselves.

7:08 pm. Ms. Nichols introduced Jana Magoon from City of Tacoma's Planning and Development Services Division. That division deals with the issuance of permits: land-use permits, building permits, site-development permits, right-of-way occupancy and construction permits. Another division of the department addresses comprehensive planning. Ms. Magoon explained the difference between a variance and a conditional use permit, explained permit varieties and associated public notices and, for some permits, public hearing or public meeting requirements. She fielded several questions from attendees.

8:00 pm. Ms. Nichols invited attendees to raise any concerns. A gentleman commented that he had called the City's 311 Center about a hedge blocking a sidewalk. He heard nothing back, but the problem was addressed. La'Toya Mason, the 311 Services Manager, explained that many callers wish to remain anonymous, but her customer service representatives should be explaining to callers that if they give their name then they will get feedback about their concern. Another attendee expressed concern about insufficient grocery stores in the Hilltop area.

8:04 pm. Charles Mann emphasized calendar items on the reverse of tonight's agenda, illustrating numerous City News articles and reminding attendees of their ability to locate and view many resources. In particular, Charles highlighted the Fire Department's monthly Safety Tip, "Know When to Make the Right Call." He displayed and discussed updated crime statistics and trends and observed the frequency of firearms involved in recent police department incident summaries.

8:11 pm. For "Chair's Corner," Mr. Mann addressed a variety of volunteer opportunities, including the last 2018 Scott Pierson Trail cleanup (September 15) and our need for volunteers helping at local events. Charles invited volunteers to join us knocking on doors to promote participation in our neighborhood council. Additionally, volunteers are welcome to staff our Hilltop Street Fair booth. at the Hilltop Street Fair, as we had in July at the Art-on-the-Ave street fair.

Charles displayed a list of upcoming Forum presentations and invited feedback for future presentation interests. He showed TVTacoma presentation dates and times for CNC's recent Neighborhood Moment and other viewing links.

Charles promoted the use of Tacoma First 311 online or mobile app products as “effective.”

Additionally, Charles encouraged participation at the 2019 Neighborhoods USA convention to be convened May 15-18 in Palm Springs, California. One qualified Tacoma representative could have \$1,000 of travel expenses reimbursed.

Finally, Charles promoted this fall’s evolution of the Residential Reforestation Program, with some new twists, at the Grit City Trees link at the City’s website.

8:16 pm. La'Toya Mason, Customer Service Center manager, announced the top-ten types of calls from Central Neighborhood to the 311 Service Center.

8:17 pm. Mr. Mann announced the upcoming Tacoma Police “Citizens’ Academy,” requiring registration by 8/17 with classes beginning mid-September.

8:27 pm. The Sixth Ave Business District manager, Angie Lokotz, announced that Sixth Avenue art businesses have been added as destinations in Tacoma’s free Third Thursday Museums and Art Walk. An attendee announced that 8/4 and 8/5 is the Proctor Arts Fest, where the North End Neighborhood Council is hosting a booth. One final announcement promotes the “Parade of Flags” at the Mercado Artesanal Latino in conjunction with the 8/25 Hilltop Street Fair.

8:37 pm. Ms. Nichols adjourned the forum.

Respectfully submitted,

Doug Schafer, Board Secretary