

Hilltop Action Coalition Community Meeting Notes
January 28, 2019

Alyssa Torrez called the meeting to order at 6:05pm.

Board members present: Greg Walker, Jennifer Schaal, Jo Davies, Christina Blocker, William Towey. Also present: HAC Office Manager Kristine Coman. A children's table was set up in addition to the usual table configuration.

Jennifer asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of Rev. Edna Travis, a founder of the New Covenant Pentecostal Tabernacle. Rev. Travis passed away January 2nd.

During introductions Alyssa asked everyone to think of a word that describes what they like about the Hilltop. Kristine captured the words on paper.

Alyssa: HAC Updates

- HAC would like folks to use the Comment Cards distributed on the tables for feedback about Community Meetings. We started using these at the December Gathering and will use them to improve HAC meetings and services.
- HAC Journal (???)
- HAC Staffing – In addition to HAC's new Office Manager Kristine Coman, HAC's team now includes Jasmin De'Armond as Community Engagement Liaison.

Liz Satterwaite: Sound Transit

- Presented a map showing the route of the new Link Light Rail project.
- Completion expected in 2022, will need to be tested for a while before folks can ride it.
- Sound Transit has a construction apprenticeship program. Liz is the contact for jobs information. There are different employment pathways for different skillsets.
- Five new vehicles will be added in the Link Light Rail project.

Kim McGilvery: Pierce Transit BRT Project

- Kim presented a video about the Bus Rapid Transit project that is also available for viewing on the Pierce Transit website.
- Busses will come every 10 minutes.
- Described as a "light rail on wheels," the BRTs will run from downtown Tacoma to Lakewood and Spanaway.
- Streetscape feedback is being collected now.

Ariana Haidari: Grit City Co-Op

- The co-op project had 150 members as of December 2018 and has roughly \$10,000 in equity.
- Co-op t-shirts are available for purchase.
- The Hilltop location has been chosen for the co-op; potentially the "annex" side of the old Key Bank building.

- A relationship with Tacoma Housing Authority is being pursued for incubation space.
- A sustainability small grant was received from the City of Tacoma.
- The market niche will be “hyper-local” with products from smaller vendors. Consumers/members will have a much larger voice (than in larger co-ops such as the one on Pearl St) in products to be carried.
- Member sign-up forms are available at the HAC Office.

Lt Gretchen Aguirre: Tacoma Police Department Update

- Addressing issues at MLK and S 19th, S L St, S L St, S 14th & L.
- Shooting at Court G was domestic violence homicide, two people killed.
- Hilltop now has a temporary third CLO: Corey Payton, working a Thursday-Saturday shift.
- Still experiencing issues at People’s Park.
- Youth activities upcoming with Safe Streets and Project Peace—check with HAC Office for dates and locations.

Community Announcements

- Kristine Coman: HAC Community Calendar.
- Mario Lorenz: Hilltop Business Association Wine Walk will be June 1, with maybe a beer event in the fall. The Hilltop Street Fair footprint meeting will be January 30th at Red Elm, 1:00pm.
- Jo Davies: Neighborhood Leaders Meeting at HAC Office tonight, immediately following Community Meeting. No Neighborhood Leaders Meeting in February; next one will be March 18 following the Community Meeting.
- The next Hilltop Library meeting will be at People’s Community Center on February 21 at 6:00pm.
- The annual Healthy Kids & Families Carnival will be at People’s Community Center on February 23 from noon to 4:00pm.

Alyssa adjourned the meeting at 7:35pm.

Submitted by Jennifer Schaal, January 29, 2019.