

Hilltop Action Coalition Community Meeting
August 21, 2017

Notes/Minutes

Brendan Nelson called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

Board members present: Brendan Nelson, William Towey, Jennifer Schaal, Jo Davies (partial), Fletcher Jenkins (emeritus)

Brendan Nelson: HAction Announcements

- HAC is partnering with Safe Streets and Tacoma Community House for a meeting to discuss the 14th Street corridor issues with Tacoma PD, August 30th 6:00-7:30pm at TCH; all are welcome
- Luna's Clean-Up continues on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month, to pick up trash from the Hilltop neighborhoods and identify large items that need pickup, 2:00-4:00pm; meet at the HAC office

Chris Johnson (Environmental Services): Strategic Planning 2018-2025

- Chris reviewed a handout of slides describing the surveys and research that have gone into the strategic planning
- Joe Burr and Norman Cook from Solid Waste and Wastewater Treatment were on hand to take notes on feedback from the HAC meeting attendees
- Vision 2025 attempts to look at what's changing (environment, technology, population, regulation, city workforce, and many other factors), and anticipate what planning needs to be done for future action
- Many suggestions were discussed

William Towey and Adriane Wilson: Links to Opportunity

- William described the Links to Opportunity program purpose is to gather as much input, as early as possible, as many ways as possible, on the expansion of the link light rail into the Hilltop community
- The program seeks input on how to retain the identity, history and character of the community as new residents arrive
- Between now and the end of October, streetscape on the link's path is at the forefront of discussion
- Adrian's role is to canvass neighborhoods and seek input from residences
- Adrian has organized a meeting at the HAC office August 29th 6:00pm; please join us and bring your ideas for streetscape
- Links to Opportunity seeks to engage Hilltop residents on the economic benefits of the link expansion and social benefits
- There is to be bus, train, bike, and ADA accessibility
- How to mitigate the displacement of residents by the changing housing landscape needs engagement and discussion; we can look to our neighbors to the north for ideas

Brendan Nelson: Hilltop Engagement Committee (HEC)

- The next meeting is September 6th (first Wednesday of the month) at Bates Technical College, 5:00pm

Brendan Nelson: Hilltop Street Fair

- Mario Lorenz is still looking for volunteers for the Street Fair, which takes place this Saturday, August 26th from 11:00am-7:00pm

Lt Standifer: Tacoma PD Update

- The 14th Street corridor meeting August 30th is resulting from issues that have been worked around the Stop Mart at MLK and 15th; the problem has moved to 14th, but the Ferry Park issues were unanticipated
- The Ferry Park neighborhood will see increased police activity
- Residents report that S 8th near Bryant Montessori is having chronic problems with trash and vagrants
- Patricia Menzies advocates for Tacoma PD to monitor NextDoor.com for photos and information about the S 8th problems
- There was a recent incident of shots fired around People's Community Center; Tacoma PD responded quickly and is working closely with the Center to maintain safety
- Everyone agreed that information sharing between residents and Tacoma PD is critical

Wendy Morris: Associated Ministries

- A race-style scavenger hunt will be held at People's Park on Saturday, October 7th at 9:00am; registration starts at 8:00am; this fun family event will raise consciousness about the experience of homelessness on the Hilltop

Mark Lindquist (City of Tacoma Prosecutor)

- Will come back for a longer presentation to HAC
- Reports gang violence is down due to the task force started five years ago
- Is starting a public safety column for the *Tacoma Weekly*

Brendan Nelson: Next Community Meeting is September 18th

Brendan adjourned the meeting at 7:15 pm.

Submitted by Jennifer Schaal, July 17, 2017.