

Hilltop Action Coalition Community Meeting
November 19, 2018

Notes/Minutes

Brendan Nelson called the meeting to order at 6:05pm.

Board members present: Brendan Nelson, Jo Davies, William Towey, Greg Walker, Jennifer Schaal

Brendan introduced Jasmin De'Armond as HAC's new Community Engagement Liaison, and also mentioned that HAC also has a new Office Administrator, Kristine Coman (not present).

Shari Hart: Innovative Grant

- Grant program is incentive for neighborhood group neighborhood improvement projects like pocket parks, cleanups,
- 2018 grants are \$18,000 to each neighborhood council
- Larger projects that cross neighborhood council boundaries may also be proposed
- Applications are encouraged now; the deadline is January 15, 2019, but if they are submitted earlier, Shari can help you strengthen your application
- Grantees will be notified May 1, then they have a year to complete their projects
- Grantees have to manage their projects

Obinna Amobi: Mercy Housing 802 MLK Senior Housing Project

- Mercy operates four other existing properties on the Hilltop: Catalina, Hillside Garden, New Tacoma Senior Housing, and Eliza McCabe Townhomes
- 802 MLK is still in the design stage, with permitting targeted for summer 2019
- 69 apartments, built to a universal design code so they are accessible
- Roughly half of the units will be offered to households earning up to 30% area median income (AMI) and the remainder will be offered to households earning up to 50% AMI, translating to income levels between \$15-27k in current dollars
- No parking is planned for the project
- Three staff members will manage the project

Brendan Nelson: HACtion Announcements

- Jo Davies: Neighborhood Leaders will now have their bi-monthly meetings immediately after Community Meetings, in the HAC Office; next meeting is tonight, so the next one after that will be after the January Community Meeting
- Jo Davies: the HAC Scrapbook and audio speaker are missing from the HAC Luncheon October 10th; please let us know if you have any info about the whereabouts of these items
- The Hilltop Artists are having their Winter Sale on December 1st at Jason Lee Middle School

- Crochet with Henry continues at Red Elm Café 2:30-4:30pm on Nov 23rd, Nov 26th, Nov 30th, Dec 17th, Dec 29th, and Jan 27th

Lt Gretchen Aguirre: **Tacoma Police Department Update**

- Stop Mart open but liquor license is still pending
- Working with Metro Parks on the People's Park issues; quiet today for the ribbon cutting of the Link project
- 15 police officer vacancies; 14 candidates in the academy

Community Announcements

- Hilltop Library Update: the city has granted \$50,000 for a feasibility study and is attempting to place two remote digital devices, one at People's Community Center and one at the Eastside Community Center; Harriett Williams encourages everyone to come to the City Council meeting Tuesday November 20th to voice your concerns about this issue: the Hilltop needs a brick and mortar library
- Brendan invites everyone to come to the December 16th Holiday Gathering in place of the regular Community Meeting; there will be food and fun

Brendan adjourned the meeting at 7:25pm.

Submitted by Jennifer Schaal, November 19, 2018.