



Minutes of Tacoma Central Neighborhood Council Forum/Meeting

February 2, 2017 • 7:00 pm

Tacoma Nature Center
1919 South Tyler Street

Board Attendees: Charles Mann, Debby Sims, Tony Powell, Doug Schafer. Claudia Riedener, Valentine Smith (Absent: Roxie Nichols)

Room Count: 21

At 7:00 pm, the Chair, Charles Mann, convened the forum and welcomed attendees. He described the function of the City's neighborhood councils.

7:05--7:29pm. LaTasha Wortham and Ray Johnson from Tacoma Public Utilities presented and discussed a handout of PowerPoint slides relating to TPU's requested residential rate increases that will average, per month, \$5.75 for power and \$1.49 for water. There were many questions, including how the rates and rate increases for residents compare to those for commercial customers. Questioners were directed to the TPU website. Erika Tucci is our TPU liaison, but she was unavailable this evening.

7:29--8:05 Liaison reports were given by (1) Rebecca Boydston of the City Manager's Office; (2) Jim Biles, of Metro Parks, updated us on Point Defiance changes and tree plantings in multiple parks; (3) Steve Collins, of Tacoma Fire Dept., gave us safety tips of the month; (4) TPD Officer Imtiaz Norling, the new Sector 2 Community Liaison Officer, updated us on crime activities, especially near 6th Ave. and Sprague; and (5) Paul Scott, from the Tacoma Public Schools, updated us, including about mumps exposures at Jason Lee Middle and Stadium High Schools that led TPC Health Dept to banish un-immunized students.

8:05--8:25 The Chair invited all in attendance to speak about any issues of interest or concern, but nobody spoke up. So the Chair presented information about an upcoming Planning & Development Forum (City Planning Dept), about the 2017 Innovative Grant Program, and about other upcoming events that he listed on the back of the meeting's agenda. The Chair displayed on-screen and briefly discussed some city topics, such as the maps and data available on the City's website. See the PowerPoint file that will be posted on the website with these minutes.

8:30 pm: Most attendees departed, and the board members discussed plans and governance matters. We reviewed the draft 2016 Annual Report and a proposed 2017 Budget and authorized their submission to the City. We welcomed a new board member, Luis Alonzo, who fulfilled our Bylaws criteria; but sadly we learned that Valentine Smith was tonight resigning from the board and as treasurer due to his busy work and home life. To fill the treasurer position vacated due to Valentine's resignation, the board elected Luis Alonzo as the new treasurer. We also briefly discussed promoting the Small Innovative Grant program.

The meeting was adjourned at about 8:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Doug Schafer, Board Secretary.

Attest:


Charles Mann, Chair