

New Tacoma Neighborhood Council Meeting, Wednesday, May 8th, 2019, 5:30-7:00PM
Tacoma Municipal Building, 747 Market St., Room #248
Minutes

Call to order and introductions

Board members present: Jordan Burman, Elizabeth Burris, Hally Burt, Jo Davies, Tom Ebenhoh, Bill Garl, Mae Harris, Amber Shirk

Guests: Julie Anderson (Pierce County Auditor), Emily Roeben, Cathy Journey (City), Mario Lorenz (Friends of the Foss), Sagar Ramachandra (Sound Transit) , Bucoda (City), John Gaines (TPU)

Approvals:

- Agenda (May 2019) M/S Approved
- April 2019 Minutes - M/S/Approved
- Treasurer's report - None
Bank statement shows \$1012.20

Public Forum (10-minute limit) - none

Staff Reports

- Tacoma Police Department - none
- Tacoma Fire Department - none
- City Manager's Office - Council has approved 1.6 million to expand Tacoma Rescue Mission Emergency Shelter by 50 beds.
- Metro Parks - none
- Tacoma Public Schools - none
- Tacoma Public Utilities - TPU has lots of swag, esp. Water Smart kits - ask crew members, or visit office or public events. Reminder that there are many rebates, for example with Group On and rebate, customers can save about \$150. TPU has good and inexpensive campsites <https://www.mytpu.org/community-environment/parks-recreation/reservations-fees/>
- Port of Tacoma - none
- Pierce Transit - none
- Sound Transit - Public Comment on Tacoma Dome Scoping period ended May 1; almost 4000 email comments. Key findings will go to Sound Transit Board. Watch for it.

New Business

County Auditor Julie Anderson reviewed changes in Election Law and discussed the 2020 Census.

- Applicants for enhanced driver's license will automatically be registered to vote;
- 16-17 year olds can preregister to vote
- Voters can register to vote on election day; they can also change their address on that day
- Former felons can vote
- There's a "Be a Pierce County Voter" pamphlet available in multiple languages.

83% of eligible Pierce County voters are registered - we don't have registration problem, we have a participation problem.

Census is underfunded and hiring is happening. Feds expect that 60% of population will report on-line. Reporting is important to County - loss of \$2000/person/year for those not reporting. Auditor's office will have a toolkit for organizations to use to inform their constituents and there will be a thermal map so neighborhoods can gauge the response.

- City: Ariba and no funding - Bucoda says funds should be available before end of May.
- NTNC: Discussion about Funding FAQ (All)
 - Vote on Funding request from Friends of The Foss (All)
 - Request for NTNC sponsorship for FoF concert series (4 concerts), Motion to award \$500. M/Liz, S/Bill, Approved. Amber and Tom Abstained.
- NTNC: Rebranding / Marketing and Mission Statement discussion (All) Tabled
- NTNC: NUSA budget balance - Tom's attendance funded by CoC. Motion to divide balance of NTNC budgeted amount between Mae and Amber (Amber). Approved. Mae and Amber abstained.
- NTNC: Recruiting, outreach, brainstorm and idea sharing. Discuss creating committees for Litter clean up, recruitment of new members and partnerships. (All) Tabled

Amber presented need to create Board committees for more equitable distribution of workload. Referred to Executive Committee

■ Litter clean up - city clean up (Jo, Tom) Tacoma Dome is scheduled for June 22. We need volunteers, Tom will remind Alex Gibilesco about need for publicity. Multifamily units will be included.

Unfinished Business - to be continued

- NTNC: By Laws Committee - push back completion date until mission statement and funding FAQ are completed (All)
- NTNC: Website discussion

Board Reports - none

- Community Council (Tom)
- Correspondence (Tom)
- Reports from Neighborhoods (Tom)

Announcements: none

Adjournment

NOTE: NTNC Executive Committee Meetings are open to the public. Meetings take place at 5 pm at the Bostwick, Café, 764 Broadway (9th and Broadway downtown) ***Next Executive Board Meeting is May 21.*** Members: If you are unable to attend, please notify executive committee prior to meeting .

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