



Minutes of Tacoma Central Neighborhood Council Forum

July 5, 2018 • 7:00 pm

Tacoma Nature Center

1919 S. Tyler St.

Tacoma, WA 98405

Board Attendees: , : Charles Mann, Doug Schafer, Roxie Nichols, Luis

Alonzo, Toby Nietzsche, and Tiffany Y'vonne. Absent: none

Room Count: 17

At 6:57 pm, the Chair, Charles Mann, convened the forum and welcomed attendees. He described the ways by which the meeting is being broadcast (GoToMeeting, and Facebook). He displayed on the screen the URLs for the Council's website, its Facebook page, and its new Facebook group.

7:08 pm. Mr. Mann introduced Ms. Kim Bernard from South Sound 911 who explained how the 911 system in Pierce County works. She explained that a single accident/incident often generates many 911 calls that tie-up all the 911 operators. So we should not call 911 if others obviously have done so. And use the non-emergency number -- 253-798-4721 -- if there is no true emergency. When you call, give your location to the operator. If reporting a suspect, give race, sex, age, height, weight, and clothing description. For vehicles, give color, year, body style, distinctive features, license plate.

7:46 pm. The Chair invited attendees to raise any concerns. Nobody spoke up.

7:46 pm. Rebecca Boydston, liason from City Manager's Office, announced the Tacoma Creates tax ballot measure. The city is inviting persons to draft the "for" and "against" voters pamphlet statements. She announced that the City hired Jeff Robinson as the new Economic Development Director. She discussed the project for revising the Citizens' Forum procedures at city council meeting, but the final report is not yet available.

7:53 pm. Ralph Thomas from Metro Parks announced upcoming events, including s Swan Creek Park planning meeting, construction projects (community garden at Charlotte's Blueberry Park; Browns Point Lighthouse Park improvements). Wright Park's Food Trucks Festival and the Ethnic Fest in July.

7:57 pm. Our Tacoma Fire Department liason was called away. The Chair displayed statistics and graphs that TFD had provided showing the number and types of incidents and false alarms. The statistics and graphs are available at <http://www.data.cityoftacoma.org>.

8:03 pm. Our Tacoma Police Department liason, Intiaz Norling, discussed a screen-displayed graph of the types and numbers of crimes in our city. He also discussed significant crimes that occurred in June within our area, and summaries of them were displayed on-screen.

8:25 pm. The Chair discussed the City's ongoing review of the Neighborhood Council Program, summarizing the reports of eight UW-Tacoma students who studied the program and wrote proposals. The Chair critically critiqued each student's proposal.

8:31 pm. The Chair displayed upcoming volunteer opportunities, including Art on the Ave, Scott Pierson Trail Clean-up, Community Clean-up at the Evergreen University parking lot. Then he displayed a list of upcoming presentations scheduled for our forums through December.

8:35 pm. A representative of the 6th Ave Business District announced that the annual Art-on-the-Ave street fair occurs next Sunday.

8:37 pm. The Chair adjourned the forum.

Respectfully submitted,

Doug Schafer, Board Secretary