



Minutes of Tacoma Central Neighborhood Council Forum

April 6, 2017 • 7:00 pm

Tacoma Nature Center
1919 South Tyler Street

Board Attendees: Charles Mann, Debby Sims, Roxie Nichols, Doug Schafer, Claudia Riedener, Luis Alonzo, Tony Powell
Room Count: 35

At 7:07 pm, the Chair, Charles Mann, convened the forum and welcomed attendees. He explained and displayed slides that described the function of the City's neighborhood councils and invited persons to become members of our board. He called attendees' attention to event calendars on the agenda's reverse side.

7:15--7:52 pm. Nhan Nguyen from Community Services Division, Neighborhood and Community Services Dept., spoke about homeless services. The City has budgeted \$11 million this biennium for homelessness services. Pierce County's recent homeless head-count showed 1,321, but Mr. Nguyen asserts that the methodology used produced an undercount. The count provided some relevant demographic information. There were many audience questions for Mr. Nguyen.

7:53--8:33 pm. Innovative Grant applicants gave presentations about their grant requests:

1. Hilltop Teen Quilting Class, Donna Richardson & Liz Burris; seeking \$3,473 for ten sewing machines and supplies to teach teens to sew quilts.
2. Bridging the Gap, Give Me A Chance, Clara Williams; seeking \$8,000 to provide elementary students with school supplies, grooming services, and school clothes vouchers at a give-away event.
3. Latin Arts Saturday Market, at Centro Latino, Susanne Marten & Martha Davies; \$5,725 for Latin Arts Saturday Market events during the summer.
4. Hilltop Action Journal Resident Distribution Project, Brendan Nelson; \$900, for the new Hilltop Action Journal newspaper promotion/distribution costs.
5. Garbage Can Wraps, Sixth Ave. Business District, John Wolters; \$5,250 (North End NC already approved \$5,250 as their half of the grant request), for graphic wraps applied to solar trash compactor-receptacles located on Sixth Ave from Sprague to Alder Streets.

8:35--8:48 pm. The Chair invited attendees to express any proposal concerns they may have. He highlighted upcoming events and described TVTacoma's new "Neighborhood Moment" 10-minute shows.

8:50 pm. The Chair invited attendees to depart or stay for board discussions.

- Luis gave the treasurer's report. We agreed, per budget, to now contribute \$500 each to the Art on the Ave event and Hilltop Street Fair events, which affords us an information booth at each.
- After considerable discussion, board members decided to recommend that the City fund the Innovative Grant requests to the following extent: #1 \$2,500; #2 \$0; #3 \$5,725; #4 \$0; #5 \$3,000.
- The board then discussed the upcoming community clean-up (May 13) and the preparation of a promotional flyer mailed to all Central Neighborhood residences and businesses. Discussed content for our Neighborhood Moments shows, including one or more social events to identify particularly representative neighborhood video and photographs. Reviewed a draft letter to local officials regarding the proposed McQuarrie/PSE/Puget LNG LNG plant. The Board's unanimous consensus is the plant's development is negatively impacted by three or more vexing issues: the developing

company is not transparent; and the project, as planned, ignores international conventions and standards.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Doug Schafer, Board Secretary.