

New Tacoma Neighborhood Council
Wednesday, February 20, 2019, 5:30 - 7:00 pm
Tacoma Municipal Building, 747 Market St., Room #248

Minutes

Call to order and introductions –

Board members present: Amber Shirk, Mae Harris, Jo Davies, Rick Jones, Tom Ebenhoh, Jordan Burman, Bill Garl. Board members absent: Liz Burris, Traci Kelly, Jori Adkins, Hally Burt. Visitor attendees – Penny Grellier, Imitaz Norling, Asia Tail, Jetta Antonakos, Mario Lorenz, Ruby Chambers, John Gainer, Preston Peck and (one other from his department that did not sign in), Gary Buchanan
Total in attendance: 17

Approval

February 20, 2019 Agenda approved (meeting was rescheduled from February 13 due to storm)
Minutes of January, 2019 approved (addendum to be approved at March 2019 Executive Board meeting.
Treasurer's report - \$1,315.20

Public Forum (10 minute limit)

Announcements:

- Mayor Woodards "State of the City", March 6, 2019. Schneebeck Hall, UPS
- Sustainability Expo, March 2, 10 - 3. Convention Center. Council volunteers are needed.
- Neighborhood Council Review Meeting, February 23, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm. Convention Center, Room 404.

Staff Reports

--Tacoma Police Department -

- CLO Norling reports that vehicle prowls increased, most common in hospital parking lots and Tacoma Dome. Don't leave stuff in your cars. Report thefts, it helps TPD establish patterns. There were 27 non-residential (business) break-ins. TPD and Safe Streets can provide CEPTED training. One suicide. CLO Cory Peyton will probably be making the TPD report in the future.

--City of Tacoma Director of HR -(Gary Buchanan) distributed the "Neighborhood Council Newsletter" and Council Forecast Schedule.

--TPU

- Property owners are responsible for clearing the sidewalks of their property.
- Tree planting program deferred until Fall when conditions are more conducive.
Re: Free Trees for the Hilltop, contact Jessie McDonald, 253-502-8156
- TPU is hiring, jobs pay\$30/hr. <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/tacoma>

-- Pierce Transit

- Regional Parking Strategy is in development. There are 2400 stalls, 200 would be reserved spots (\$80/month), available until 8:00 am, then free for all comers. HOV would have reserved spots for free.
- BRT Open Houses have commenced. Residents can participate virtually on the website. -<https://www.piercetransit.org/>.

New Business

Preston Peck, Tacoma Environmental Services, presented an overview of possible changes to the City's Recycling Program.

<https://www.cityoftacoma.org/cms/One.aspx?portalId=169&pageId=166678>

Innovative Grant Presentations

The Council heard presentations by the following applicants. Two remaining applicants will present at the March meeting after which the Council will deliberate and make its recommendation to the City.

- Indigenous Open Art Studio by Asia Tail
- Opera Alley Directory by Ruby Chambers

Old Business

- By-laws Committee and Annual Review Retreat materials - in process. Will be available for the March Executive Committee Meeting.
- Banking Changes - Amber, Jordan, Rick, and Jo will meet at Columbia Bank on Saturday, February 23, 2019 to change signators.
- Mail Chimp - still trying to resolve web site/ FB issues. Need approval of funding and to resolve administration permissions.
- Executive Committee Meetings will be held on the first Tuesday of the month at 6 pm at the Bostwick.

Next meeting, March 13th, 2019. **At Muni Bldg. 747 Market St. Rm 248, 5:30 - 7:00 pm**

Adjournment : 7:00 pm