



**Minutes of Tacoma Central Neighborhood Council Forum
November 1, 2018 • 7:00 pm**

Tacoma Nature Center | 1919 S Tyler St. | Tacoma | Washington | 98405

Board Attendees: Charles Mann, Tobias Nitzsche, Doug Schafer, Roxie Nichols,
and Luis Alonzo; Absent: Tiffany Y'vonne

Room Count: 17

At 7:00 pm, TCNC board chair, Charles Mann, convened the forum and welcomed participants. He described two virtual participation methods (GoToMeeting and Facebook) and displayed URLs for CNC's website (www.cnc-tacoma.com), Facebook page (facebook.com/cnctacoma) and new Facebook group (facebook.com/groups/tacomacnc/). Charles urged participants to verify their name and email on the attendance roster and described the purpose for the Offline Response sheet. Charles summarized the neighborhood council program, information about Tacoma Central Neighborhood Council, displayed the CNC website and called attention to selected links and pages. He invited attendees to introduce themselves and to share any concerns.

7:15 pm. Charles introduced City Councilmember Keith Blocker. He described ways he has learned to be an effective councilmember and the manner in which councilmembers can initiate council actions. Councilman Blocker responded to a question about the origin of the pending Tacoma Creates proposition funded by a 0.1% sales tax increase and discussed the epidemic homelessness crisis and the City's response.

7:36 pm. Charles introduced City Manager liaison, Rebecca Boydston, who described pending City council matters, including Tideflats Interim Regulations renewal. She brought applications for the 2019 Innovative Grant program and briefly discussed the program. Rebecca and Councilman Blocker responded to a question about the City shifting the Neighborhood Council Program from the Community & Economic Development to the Neighborhood & Community Services.

7:42 pm. Metro Parks liaison Molly Schryver discussed pending actions and projects. The agency has budget hearing coming up, and she gave the dates and times. She described a bus tour guided by a Metro Parks representative. She reminded participants about the upcoming annual Turkey Trot footrace held at Norpoint Community Center on Thanksgiving.

7:51 pm. Tacoma Fire Department liaison, Dave England, discussed Thanksgiving-related kitchen fires, including and deep fryer-caused fires. He described proper fire extinguisher usage.

8:00 pm. Tacoma Police Community Liaison Officer Imtiaz Norling discussed recent criminal activity in our district and responded to questions, including gang activity within the district. One participant thanked the police department for helping her locate a homeless individual she and her husband were wishing to help; that the person is now on the road to recovery and stability.

8:20 pm. Charles introduced Doug Schafer, chair of Community Council of Tacoma, who described the City's Neighborhood Council Program and some issues relating to that program's pending review.

8:25 pm. Charles explained many upcoming events noted in the calendar on the agenda's reverse side.

8:30 pm. Charles adjourned the forum.

Respectfully submitted,

Doug Schafer, Board Secretary