

New Tacoma Neighborhood Council
March 14, 2018
Meeting Minutes
People's Community Center, 1602 MLK Jr., Way

Call to order and Member attendance: 5:35

Board Members Attending: Hally Bert, Mae Harris, Tom Ebenhoh, Valerie Floyd, Rick Jones, Jori Adkins, Jordan Burman, Samantha Lake, Jo Davies, Elizabeth Burris, Traci Kelly

Guest Attendance: Rob Bryant (TPS), Meredith Shores, Mario Lorenz, Pennie Grellier, Rebecca Boydston, Leslie Barstow, Gretchen Aguirre (TPD), and others that may not have signed in.

Approvals – February Minutes, Board Retreat Minutes, March Agenda, and Treasurers report

Treasurers Report – \$1, 863.18.

Public Forum: Mario Lorenz, Hilltop event manager asked for sponsorship of the Cherry Blossom Festival April 28th Motion to sponsor with \$250 Sam, 2nd Val, Adopted.
<https://www.facebook.com/events/155503758483639>

Staff Reports –

TPD –Lt. Aguirre working on youth outreach, Youth Academy @ Safe St. & Boys & Girls Club /Star Center. 77 homeless encampments have been contacted by Hot Team including South 10th & 11th J Street. South 14th & 15th have been targeted for special emphasis.

TFD: No report.

City Mgr's Office - Rebecca reported that progress is being made on revision to chronic nuisance ordinance and provided brief update on key City events/issues.

Tacoma Schools - Rob Ryan, TP Schools' Finance Dept here to thank the citizens for passing bond extension and to announce new Board member Dr. Enrique Leon replacing now city council member, Ms. Catherine Ushka.

Pierce Transit - Penny, March is "Try Transit Month", High Capacity Transit (HCT) open house on March 29th, UWT Phillips Hall. Dome Parking Garages under renovation 200 spaces closed at a time. There will be Downtown to Defiance Trolley this summer.

Metro Parks: No report.

Port of Tacoma: Leslie provided brief update on Port and handouts on Port tours.

New business –

Andy Micklow, project manager of the "LINKs to Opportunity" Street Improvement Project along Division and MLK Jr. Current focus is on streetscape. Has a part time office in the Key Bank @ 1120 S. 11th St. Hilltop. Call 253.318.5626 for more information or visit the website cityoftacoma.org/links

2018 Innovative Grant Funding: Tom indicated there was more money applied for than available (\$21,677) and though these all seem to be good projects, they could not all get funded fully, if at all. The NTNC Board voted unanimously after a lively discussion and good direction from Liz on how to come to consensus

RadioTacoma – community radio program training – \$2,500
Hilltop Business Assoc. – replace banners on MLK - \$2,000

Friends of Foss – Summer concerts at amphitheater on Espalande/local talent - \$3,000
Spaceworks – mural on front entrance of MLK bldg. w/ arts orgs. - \$6,000
Downtown-On-the-Go – activate area next to transit at Pac. Ave & 11th - \$6,000
Dome Business District – Bench/log-boom art installed along 26th near Trestle - \$2,177

Old Business: Samantha provided update on UW student engagement program; Tom encouraged those that have not been to NUSA to consider going – Jordan mentioned he may attend and will follow up before next meeting; brief neighborhood updates were discussed. Sam requested funding approval to print Rack Cards for New Tacoma Neighborhood Council and have them in time for T-Town Booth Motion for \$100 Liz, 2nd Rick, Adopted.

Catherine's Place funding, as to amount, had been tabled at the Retreat. Motion to give \$250. Liz, 2nd Rick, Adopted. Abstain – Traci Kelly.

Tully's @ 9th & Broadway has closed, as has the one in Stadium. Where shall we hold our Exec Board Meetings? Red Elm was suggested with a second of Manifesto if they are open by then (last Sat. of Month). Tom will call Red Elm and check availability. Executive meetings moved to Red Elm pending any changes.

New Board Member: Hally nominated Meredith Shores. M/S/Adopted. Welcome, Meredith.

Adjourn 7:25pm