



**Minutes of Tacoma Central Neighborhood Council Forum
January 3, 2019 • 7:00 pm**

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

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

Room Count: 17

At 6:57 pm, TCNC board chair, Charles Mann, convened the forum and welcomed participants, chatting about the New Year. 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 noted that there are about 21,000 residents and businesses within CNC boundaries, but forum attendance is poor. Charles urged attendees to put their name and email on the attendance roster and described the purpose for the Offline Response sheet. Charles summarized the neighborhood council program, but suggested that technology and the "information highway," not an option in 1992, have rendered neighborhood councils less necessary as resources to inform citizens and provide input on City business and issues. He invited attendees to introduce themselves.

7:12 pm. Steve Atkinson, of the City's Planning Department, gave a presentation on land use planning. A regional objective, reflected in the 1990s Washington Growth Management Act, is to focus population in the urban areas rather than sprawling in suburban and rural areas.

7:55 pm. Charles introduced City Manager liaison, Rebecca Boydston, who informed us about upcoming City Council agenda items and meeting dates, including the Detached Accessory Dwelling Unit code changes, and public comments being received on the electric scooter and bike program.

7:59 pm. Tacoma Fire Department liaison, Lincoln Correa, encouraged blood donations as January is National Blood Donation Month. He also reminded us to change the batteries on our smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.

8:05 pm. Tacoma Police Officer and Community Liaison Officer, Imtiaz Norling, described recent crimes in our area.

8:10 pm. An attendee announced availability of "Meaningful Movies," a group presenting movies about significant public issues. Movies shown at the Center for Spiritual Living include panelists leading discussions on movie topics and themes, including endangered whales and warehoused and unprocessed rape kits.

8:16 pm. Charles discussed CNC's requirement to submit an annual report and the realization CNC may simply need to readjust expectations. Thus, he introduced his first draft of CNC's 2018 annual. He addressed our bylaws and his intention to create a policy manual and suggested our bylaws should have term limits for officers. Noting past Scott Pierson Trail clean-ups, Charles suggested clean-ups cease until either the City or WSDOT gives the trail more attention. He discussed our outreach efforts using Facebook (page and group) and possibly using NextDoor.com. An attendee suggested using Meet-Up. Charles noted that we've been using GoToMeeting to allow remote participation in our meeting, but there have been very few participants, so that will likely be curtailed. Charles suggests CNC decline the City's \$4,000 annual stipend and that routine donations "supporting" local events cease. Charles acknowledged regular collaboration with the Capital Heights' Safe Streets group for several community cleanups, including 2018. Charles expressed doubt about the value of CNC participation in TV-Tacoma's Neighborhood Moments and expressed reservations about neighborhood councils as significant

information resources given the proliferation of useful and well-organized digital access points, including Tacoma's First 311 system. He proposed forums convene bi-monthly and possibly less-frequently, e.g., quarterly.

Charles invited another board member to convene the February meeting; otherwise, the next forum would occur March 7 and subsequently bimonthly. [Subsequent to the meeting, board member Schafer agreed to lead a February 7 forum.]

8:34 pm. Charles adjourned the forum.

Respectfully submitted,

Doug Schafer, Secretary