



**Minutes of Tacoma Central Neighborhood Council Forum  
December 6, 2018 • 7:00D pm**

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

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

Room Count: 24

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](http://www.cnc-tacoma.com)), Facebook page ([facebook.com/cnctacoma](https://facebook.com/cnctacoma)) and new Facebook group ([facebook.com/groups/tacomacnc/](https://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 solicited board membership. He invited attendees to introduce themselves.

7:09 pm. Charles encouraged participants to share concerns. Several were supported by Tacoma First 311 reports. Concern highlights included

- Cubesmart commercial construction project on the north side of South 19th Street from the Allenmore Medical complex.
- Parking facility difficulties during construction.
- Drug house at 1947 South L Street.
- Hilltop garbage.
- Excessive dysfunctional cars in and around Hilltop yards and homes.
- Barking dogs.
- Out-of-control vehicles on Sprague damaging property, fencing and homes.
- Ineffective collaboration between CNC and traffic engineering to implement Sprague Avenue innovative grant project at and around Sprague and South 19th Street junction.
- Virtual participant express concerns regarding Additional Dwelling Unit (ADU) ordinance changes under consideration.

Charles complimented the Tacoma First 311 program for its generally comprehensive categories and offered several response-oriented improvement suggestions.

7:39 pm. Charles introduced City Manager, Elizabeth Pauli, who loves the challenge of the position at the completion of her second year. Pauli described a City government perpetually evaluating its efficiency and effectiveness and recommends communicating with elected representatives in order to effect change. She addressed Tacoma library staffing, police department staffing, Environmental Services tools, tree give-aways, finance, permitting and improved land-use notice mailings. Pauli offered to connect CNC with Curtis Kingsolver of Public Works to address pothole concerns. When queried about the biennial budget's divergence between income and expenses, Pauli said the divergence hasn't been resolved but she is closing the gap. She acknowledges an iterative process is essential between City government and residents.

8:02 pm. Charles elaborated on several calendar events, discussed holiday-related kitchen fires, recent criminal activity (graph), and offered several suggestions to minimize package thefts from cars and

homes.

8:09 pm. Charles noted seven (7) online participants, the highest number for 2018. He divided participants into two groups, asking for feedback about 2018 objectives and 2019 aspirations, the results of which will be presented at a future forum. In response to one query regarding the interaction of neighborhood councils, Charles explained the Community Council of Tacoma (CCoT) function.

8:34 pm. Charles adjourned the forum and invited interested attendees to listen to Tobias Nitzsche discuss the status of the Cubesmart construction project. He invited participants to enjoy special forum refreshments thoughtfully orchestrated by UW Tacoma professor, Anaid Yerena.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Mann, Chair