



Hilltop Action Coalition Monthly Community Meeting
CHC Hilltop Regional Health Care, 1202 MLK Jr Way, Tacoma, WA
Agenda – Monday, June 18th, 2018 6:00-7:30 pm

HAC Announcements – “HAC”tion

Hilltop Cleanup @ Evergreen, July 21st

- COT provides dumpsters @ Tacoma Campus of The Evergreen State College (TESC)
- Last year 25 people volunteered, looking for 40 this year
- Trying to do pickups for neighbors that can't transport
- Meet around 9, cleanup starts at 10 am
- Used to be limited only single-family residential units; **2018 clean-up is open to all unit types, single and multi-unit housing in Hilltop**

National Night Out, August 7th

- Safe Streets & HAC work together every year for registration process
- Look up Safe Streets Tacoma 2018 National Night out to get to google form

Emergency Temporary Aid and Sheltering Flyer from COT - 911, 311, and Positive Interactions

- Difference between criminalized behavior; people experiencing homelessness is not a crime
- Calling 911 isn't always the best approach; call if crime occurring, or life threatening situation
- Call Positive Interactions to report a person(s) experiencing homelessness (253) 382-2677; trained social workers, available 24 hours a day, facilitate EMS transport, provide resources, etc.
- Call 311 to report an encampment and people living in vehicles

Presenters

Links to Opportunity Project; Andy Micklow, Senior Planner

- Final design phase in the redesigning sidewalks for Tacoma Link Extension
- Complete design survey
- Officer Hours every day; sometimes on weekends, at Links Office in old Keybank
- Thursday mornings Sound Transit available 9am to 1pm
- 3 Community Open houses: June 26th, July 1st, July 10th
- Pop-up Events; working with Space Works

Minority Business Development Agency, Tacoma Business Center; Linda Lee Womack -Program Director

- A Federal program w/ COT is a fiscal agent
- Program for ethnic minority businesses with technical assistance, financing support – things for working capital
- 5-year grant, April 2021 – unless COT puts in grant again
- Helps get some HUD financing for a business on Hilltop – as well as marketing
- Help subcontractors bid to the prime to be able
- Uses resources back in DC for lending firms for accounts receivable financing firm, 4 places will lend to minorities if they have a contract in hand, \$1million entry requirement
- Hires accountants, lawyers, bid estimators
- Sole proprietor: there are opportunities if you are COT can provide you with resources

Trinity Presbyterian Church Construction Project: Harlan Shoop & Matt Robbins-Ghormely, Pastors

- HAC Community Meetings used to meet at Trinity
- 125 year old establishment
- 'Here for Good' Campaign is to build the Bryant neighborhood Center, \$4.7 million campaign and \$2.6 million dollars along the way; received grant from Cheney Foundation
- Wants to connect more deeply with folks in the neighborhood
- 3500 currently served wants to serve 4800 through education program, community support programs, partnerships
- Needs partners, bring new resources into program
- Tptacoma.org/hereforgood
- Doing community work for about 35 years started with tutoring – community based
- Current tutoring program in partnership with Peace Community Center and Jason Lee students
- Expand soup kitchen/clothing bank, in program development stage – hoping to expand
- Future of building/congregation based on community
- Breaking ground spring of 2019
- Back to school night; opens up medical clinic; gives away bikes, meals, backpacks for kids going to Jason Lee & Bryant

Grit City Food Co-op: Ariana Haidari, Board Member

Not the same as the Grit City baking company coming to neighborhood

- Group of Tacoman's looking to open a food co-op run by Tacoman's for Tacoman's
- Started meeting 1 ½ years ago
- Looking for local easily accessible food options
- In a corporate model – person owns business, has investors, make decisions about business – driving force is profit
- Cooperative model the owners are the members – the people who shop at co-op
- How it runs, how it operates are decided collectively by the people who shop there
- It's democratic – each member has 1 vote – no particularly person controls it
- After discussions with leaders, etc. – decided to be on Hilltop
- Looking for memberships
- Food option controlled by the people who shop there
- Storefront – what is sold is decided by the members
- Open to anyone, don't have to be a member to shop there but must be a member to vote
- First meeting in September – elect new board members; Pres, Sec, etc.; has a listserv specifically for members. Hasn't started advertising yet; also, on Facebook
- How to mitigate higher prices for food as is typically done with co-ops for this community – will try to use local gardens – put the money back in the neighborhood that way
- Members can decide how much products cost
- Lifetime membership \$100, or \$25/yr. for 4 years
- 6th Ave co-op was successful but then they partnered with Seattle co-op; how is your effort different from the others
- Gritcitycoop.org/join or gritcitycoop.com
- We are non-profit but not a 501c3
- Currently running a Logo contest; prize = all marketing materials & free membership. Deadline July 14th. 4 Finalists go to membership for Vote; then reveal party.

Community Reports

LT. Aguirre, CLO Sector 1 Commander, TPD

- 1501 MLK has pending liquor license new owner
- customerservicesuperisors@lbc.wa.gov License #365271 if citizens want to say something to review board
- Focusing on Ferry Park
- 13/14th S. J working on that because of drug complaints
- Summer strategies: special emphasis missions – try to get some guys out on bicycle
- School resource officers are targeting parks during the summer
- Has a mental health profession tag team with officers?
- Youth engagement – working on that - no full time service for that
- Homeless outreach June contact 2,203 homeless individuals this year
- Homeless outreach team works primarily on Hilltop
- April – aggravated between this year and last year have gone down (June no drive by incidents)
- Fireworks aren't permitted in Tacoma

Tacoma Housing Authority

- Fix it Fair at People's community center, can bring in small appliances, small furniture, toys – there will be fixers there for 3 hours
- Young Artist contest – Design the Sign

HBA - August 25th Street Fair

Henry Crochet at Red Elm \$12 classes