

New Tacoma Neighborhood Council
April 11, 2018
Meeting Minutes
People's Community Center, 1602 MLK Jr., Way

Call to order and Member attendance: 5:30

Board Members Attending: Mae Harris, Tom Ebenhoh, Valerie Floyd, Rick Jones, Elizabeth Burris, Meredith Shores, Jori Adkins, Jo Davies
Emily Roeben resigned with other commitments; will stay in touch. Wish her the best and appreciation for her time on the Board

Guest Attendance: Lauren Wheeler (ST), Austin Neilson (ST), Brian Yee, Debbiann Thompson, Jim Scott (TFD), Leslie Barstow (Port), David Nash-Mendez (COT), and others that may not have signed in.

Approvals – March Minutes, April Agenda, and Treasurers report

Treasurers Report – \$1,298.41.

Public Forum Quick announcement from Liz –Nominations for City Club's Dennis Seinfeld Emerging Leader Award due May 1 see handout at <http://www.cityclubtacoma.org/untitled>

Staff Reports –

TPD: No report.

TFD – Fires are down and car accidents are up with more I-5 traffic in city. Take care

City Mgr's Office David- Hands out newsletter introducing Justin Camarata interim Position 2 Council Member, Mayor's State of City address, and much more

Questions for David to take back-

1. Tom-Community Clean Up requirements? Concern that multi-family buildings are not eligible.
2. Tom-Need for more space when Rep. Jenkins, Fey and Councilman Camarata come to speak at our next mtg. May 9th. Debbianne will book larger room at People's Center.
3. Jo- are there any churches interested in making shelters per the new ordinance? (Liz mentioned Bethlehem Baptist is interested)

Tacoma Schools: No report.

Metro Parks Debbianne – can have larger room in People's Community Center for next meeting. Tom – great, as Rep. Laurie Jenkins, Rep. Fey, on Agenda to provide legislative updates and Q&A along with introducing Interim Councilman Justin Camarata may bring more people to meeting. Metro Parks Camp Guides are now available.

Pierce Transit: Tom briefed input notes; looking at paying for Lyft or Uber to get to a Transit Hub.

Port of Tacoma: Leslie – will have tours of 10 at a time for Circling Waters on June 13th - sign up on line. Port Commissioner Claire Petrich will attend NTNC June meeting.

New Business:

Sound Transit: Lauren Wheeler on 2.4 mile Hilltop LINK extension with a completion date of 2022 and Austin Neilson on 9.7 mile Tacoma Dome LINK Extension to Federal Way connecting to SeaTac and Seattle with a completion date estimated as 2035. Lauren shares space with Andy Micklow, City project manager of the "LINKs to Opportunity" Street Improvement Project along Division and MLK Jr. with office in the Key Bank @ 1120 S. 11th St. Hilltop. Our questions...

- why is it taking 4 years to go 2.4 miles? – Almost half that time is the City's PWD need to replace old storm and san. sewers along the route as well as other utility reroutes.
- Substations in ROW of side streets are the size of small buildings. This is the wrong place for these, why can they not be undergrounded or put into a building with a small retail front space for people vitality and interest instead of a fenced building and parked truck?

Community Clean Up – On May 12st , 10:00 – 2:00 with Dome Top neighborhood, 1st Creek and ENACT.

Motion to help with refreshments for volunteers up to \$250. Liz moved/ jo 2ds/ approved. Tom will touch base with Lynnette on volunteer recruitment, etc.

NUSA Birmingham AL – Tom attending; no one else has said they would.

Motion to award Tom with the \$500.00 stipend agreed upon at our retreat and in the budget. Lix moved/ Jo 2nds/ approved.

Old Business: IRS annual filing removed; no further action or annual reporting recommended. No further updates.

Reports from Neighborhoods

Dome District - A perennial area-of-concern is about the amount of litter and garbage that collects on the plaza/walkway from the McGanahan Locomotive sculpture south of the 13th st./A st. on-ramp, down the hill under 705 to the 15th st. loop to Dock St. This area was a focus of the NTNC 2years ago for Community Clean Up taking out 4 or 5 trailers of trash but within days was full of trash again. Since then involved citizens like Shoko Yoshikawa have hauled out many bags of trash weekly. Sometimes the City has offered to pick up the bags and sometimes they empty the trash can near the Sculpture but there is no routine to help take care of this area.

Motion to apply for the **Adopt-a-Spot program** for the plaza and walkway down to 15th. Liz moves/Val 2nds/approved. Jori will look up the correct location and fill out the form.

Adjourn - 7:05pm