Hilltop Action Coalition Community Meeting
October 15, 2018

Notes/Minutes

Brendan Nelson called the meeting to order at 6:07pm.

Board members present: Brendan Nelson, Jo Davies, Christina Blocker, Alyssa Torrez, Jennifer Schaal

Brendan Nelson: HACtion Announcements
• Community meals at Peace Lutheran Church, Monday through Friday 5:30-6:30pm
• Construction jobs fair at Evergreen College, October 24th; Sound Transit participating
• The HAC Links Office is moving to a new location, the HAC office, and there will be a job opening in conjunction with this
• Jo Davies: the HAC Luncheon on October 10th at Shiloh Baptist Church was a big success, and that donations are still being accepted on the HAC web site and Facebook; so far $2500 has been raised; grateful for Shiloh Baptist Church, Johnson’s Candy, and Mama Rosie’s Catering
• Tacoma Community House /Latasha and Bianca: Trunk or Treat event for Halloween; DJ this year; 10% off at Party City for decorations; if you are an organization or community member who wants to participate, let us know
• Tacoma Community House /Latasha and Bianca: Hiring three people right now
• Tacoma Community House /Latasha and Bianca: Has in-house day care certification training

Christina Blocker and Kit Evans: Tacoma Creates
• A similar project in Denver is now 20 years old
• State legislature permitted us to put this tax on the ballot, and last June the city council approved it unanimously: Proposition 1
• 1/10th of 1% sales tax, or a penny for every $10
• 8% is the cap for cost to administer the program
• After seven years, requires another vote
• Brings arts programming to the community, for example, Play To Learn at the Tacoma Rescue Mission, and a Before School program at the Tacoma Symphony

Lt Gretchen Aguirre: Tacoma Police Department Update
• Working with Metro Parks on the People’s Park issues
• S. 27th erosion zone
• 1900 S. L. St. drugs warrant, chronic nuisance
• Homelessness: as of October 4th, 4,044 contacts and 2,855 warnings issued
• Halloween safety: establish a curfew, no back alleys, be careful when crossing streets
• Scooters pilot project: no helmet required for electric bikes but yes for scooters
• Drug Take Back Oct 27th: Hilltop precinct station
• Car thefts are down but there’s been a spike in shoplifting and robberies
• Sex offender web site
• Western States Hospital lost their state funding, unknown where patients will go

Community Announcements
• Jennifer Schaal encouraged everyone to participate in the Great Washington Shakeout on October 18th at 10:18AM
• Chris Govella mentioned Trunk or Treat would feature hot drinks, snacks and scary stories

Brendan adjourned the meeting at 7:05pm.

Submitted by Jennifer Schaal, November 18, 2018.