

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 24<sup>th</sup>; 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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
- 1/10<sup>th</sup> 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. 27<sup>th</sup> erosion zone
- 1900 S. L. St. drugs warrant, chronic nuisance
- Homelessness: as of October 4<sup>th</sup>, 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 27<sup>th</sup>: 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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.