



Minutes of Tacoma Central Neighborhood Council Forum

October 4, 2018 • 7:00 pm

Tacoma Nature Center

1919 S. Tyler St.

Tacoma, WA 98405

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

Room Count: 34

At 7:00 pm, TCNC board member Tiffany Y'vonne convened the forum and welcomed attendees and invited participants to introduce themselves to nearby participants. She described the broadcast methods (GoToMeeting and Facebook) and displayed URLs for the Council's website (www.cnc-tacoma.com), Facebook page (facebook.com/cnctacoma/) and new Facebook group (facebook.com/groups/tacomacnc/). Tiffany described the attendance roster and Offline Response sheet, then summarized the neighborhood council program, information about Tacoma Central Neighborhood Council, displayed the CNC website and called attention to selected links and pages. Tiffany invited attendees to introduce themselves and to share concerns.

7:17 pm. Councilman Keith Blocker spoke about recent City Council matters. He reported public safety, affordable housing and homelessness are current priorities. The City Council recently passed a temporary tenant protection ordinance. Concerning affordable housing, Mr. Blocker said the City is beginning to implement a strategy to bring about more affordable housing. When questioned about the tenant protections ordinance and affordable housing strategy, Mr. Blocker said the City is installing wifi along the light rail train route and budgeting for increased library services (mobile technology stations).

7:35 pm. Tiffany introduced City Planner Lauren Flemister, who presented details about proposed municipal code changes to permit Detached Accessory Dwelling Units—free-standing small homes—on residential parcels, accompanied by PowerPoint slides. Ms. Flemister responded to several questions.

8:01 pm. Tiffany introduced Christina Blocker and Dr. Kimberly Keith, Executive Director of Hilltop Artists. Dr. Keith informed participants about City ballot issue named Proposition #1, "Tacoma Creates" (www.tacomacreates.com). If approved, Proposition #1 will increase Tacoma's sales tax rate 0.1%, collecting an assumed \$5 million annually for Tacoma Create operations to fund a variety of all-aged art programs. Dr. Keith emphasized the value of nurturing youth with art-based programs and said Denver has had a similar program for about ten years.

8:09 pm. While City liaisons usually present bimonthly, Tiffany introduced the Tacoma Schools liaison, who announced the construction of a girls' softball field at Foss High School.

8:14 pm. CNC Chair, Charles Mann, described the City's pending neighborhood council program review, highlighting a number of criticisms expressed about the existing program. Charles also mentioned Tacoma Power's flyer with tips on staying warm and reiterated the City Council's recent adoption of Chronic Nuisance Codes to address drug houses, prostitution houses and other causes. Charles displayed several flyers promoting upcoming events, including public hearings and fun events, e.g., *Touch-a-Truck* at Port of Tacoma. Some attendees also announced items-of-interest.

8:31 pm. Tiffany adjourned the forum.

Respectfully submitted,

Doug Schafer, Board Secretary