



Minutes of Tacoma Central Neighborhood Council Forum

December 7, 2017 • 7:00 pm

Tacoma Nature Center

1919 South Tyler Street

Board Attendees: Charles Mann, Claudia Riedener, Doug Schafer, Luis Alonzo and Roxie Nichols. Absent: Dan Villa and Aaron Johnsen.

Room Count: 35 (and 6 persons logged-in to our virtual meeting)

At 7:04 pm, the Chair, Charles Mann, convened the forum and welcomed attendees. He displayed the GoToMeeting logon URL, <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/518861133> and explained anyone can participate in the forum from anywhere (performance is better in a wifi environment). Virtual participants can submit comments and questions via a chat window on the GoToMeeting control panel (eventually, participants will be able to converse with the forum to ask questions or comment). He displayed slides that described the function of the City's neighborhood councils and invited persons to become members of our board. He called attendees' attention to the new TCNC phone number--253-242-3579--that reaches the Chair. At his invitation, the attendees introduced themselves. He also called attendees' attention to the events calendar on the back of tonight's agenda.

7:15 pm. The Chair introduced City Manager Elizabeth Pauli, who then gave a presentation about her new role. She initially expressed gratitude to persons who participate in the neighborhood councils. She discussed Vision 2025 that resulted in a set of City Council priorities--Housing & Homelessness, Safety, Infrastructure, and Economic Development. She fielded questions about many topics: (1) budgeting and finance, (2) police recruitment and policies, (3) billboards, (4) air quality monitoring, (5) code compliance, (6) property crimes (e.g., vehicle break-ins), and (7) proposed changes to the "citizens forum" at City Council meetings.

8:24 pm. The Chair explained several slides about City Council pending matters, fire department statistics and safety handouts, police department statistics and crime incidents. He invited attendees to express any particular concerns that they may have. One person noted the increased frequency of RVs and vans parked in his neighborhood, presuming that homeless persons are living in the vehicles.

The Chair announced recurring cleanup work parties for the Scott Pierson Trail and solicited volunteers for the January 19th taping of the second TV Tacoma 10-minute Neighborhood Moment program featuring our council.

8:34 pm. The Chair adjourned the meeting and invited attendees to remain and partake in a lovely display of breads, snacks and soups organized by Anaid Yerena, to socialize with one another and board members and choose a CNC-provided holiday gift.

Respectfully submitted,

Doug Schafer, Board Secretary