

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SOUTH
END NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL HELD AT FIRE STATION 8, 4911 SOUTH
ALASKA STREET, SUITE B, TACOMA, WA ON FEBRUARY 22, 2010 AT
7:15PM.

PRESENT:

Earl Brydson, in the Chair
Fred Brookshire
Cary Nilson
Gia Casto
Jim Borah
Tony Caldwell
Benjamin Cordy

EXCUSED:

John Pellessier
Esther Day
Kathryn Stein

IN ATTENDANCE:

Deputy Chief Davis, Tacoma Fire Dept
Lt. Elgin, TFD
Lt. Lawson, TFD
Don Williams, Tacoma Police Department
Shane Pettit, Liaison, City Manager's Office, City of Tacoma
Sally Shaw, Paint Tacoma Beautiful
Nancy Hogan, Handicap Parking Enforcement

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7:15pm. – No quorum present

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

No minutes available for approval.

LIAISON REPORTS:

Tacoma Fire Department:

Fire Fighter Ball fundraiser held at end of January. Raised money for MDA summer camp. February is Burn Prevention Month. Information handout will be handed out that talks about website and "Behind the Shield". Seasonal safety tip is about stamping out fires. Smoking in bed is the worst.

Prepare in a year – the subject this month is to make a list of our out-of-area people to contact in case of an emergency.

Lt Lawson and Lt Elgin will do extrication work and are doing training.

Tacoma Police Department:

Officer Williams provided crime stats for tonight. Call for service is going down and officers are becoming more proactive going through neighborhoods. The PD is going to

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more directed policing. The 4 Sector and 1 Sector will be pilot projects. Sector commander will be directing officers to make Zero Tolerant contacts to reduce crime.

Wednesday, the ENACT area will be rolling out the CBS program for the entire Sector 4. New sector program will have its dedication between noon and 4pm. We are having a roasted pig and other ethnic foods that will be served next to the donuts.

Joe Canion is our newest CLO and he has the newest area from 3 Sector to the Freeway. I am starting a new 6-year rotation. Available by email at Joseph.Canion@cityoftacoma.org or by phone at 253-573-2562.

Anyone interested in volunteering at the various front desks at police departments let Don Williams know and he will send an application.

City Manager Liaison:

Shane Pettit reported that there would be a study session to review the budget. That took place and the recession is much deeper than thought. Biennium budget 40 million gap. The City Manager has identified reduction areas for filling this gap. The budget will be balanced when submitted. This will all be done without reduction in services.

The city will be putting out a performance measurement brochure. I will bring copies for the citizens – this will show how the city is working.

If you want to report an unfit or unsafe sidewalk, this item provides a number to call.

Metro Park Liaison:

The substitute Metro Parks person reported that there are two new board members on the Metro Parks Board. She also reported that Metro Parks is planning on putting out a levy with lit for people to vote. With Initiative 747 that caps property increases we have been lagging behind. We had a 2million dollar shortfall this year and we hear that they are putting it on the April Ballot and it may be a mail in only and this will be the only issue on the ballot.

Wapato Park work is proceeding. There will be a new dog park, improvements to parking area.

Safe Streets:

No report

GUEST SPEAKERS:

PAINT TACOMA BEAUTIFUL -

Sally Shaw and the director for Paint Tacoma Beautiful. This will be our 26th summer and because I'm going around is that we have applications that are due April 18. Share this information with folks and let them know about the program.

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The SENCO Youth Group has done this work for several years now and they have been requested by another group to join them and be part of their team.

Nancy Hogan –

I have four of my committee members – Wayne is distributing information. Yvonne Pettit is the commissioner for the courts and handles tickets for the courts. If you park in the handicap parking and don't have the appropriate authority you will be cited.

Pam Rush, TPD and Keith Stone (Business owner) have been working with us to raise awareness of these parking problems. We will be doing parking enforcement and we have three dedicated enforcement officers that will be doing this. From January to March 2008 they issued 95 handicap parking infractions. In 2009 there were 951 parking tickets issued in a three month time only on weekend enforcement.

Nancy discussed who could use certain cards for handicap parking authority. The card and the Handicap parking tab have numbers that are identical. So you must have this card to avoid a ticket.

There is going to be full time handicap parking enforcement.

Number to call for handicap violators – call police non-emergency line – 798-4721.

Treasurer's Report:

From January to February all we paid was phone bill .

Chair:

We have a member of our board that is going to terminate his volunteer service. His business is occupying him and he will be sending his letter of resignation. If you know of anyone who would like to apply have them contact me – Earl Brydson.

Vice Chair:

Two of the bikers groups have joined forces and they are now called Gargoyles. They have a new FROM starting in Spokane.

The Fire Department gave out 800 pounds of turkey for the needy. Also 1100 gifts given out the weekend before Christmas. They were donated by three corporations who do not want us to come back. They did give a lot of toys to the kids.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

I am the mother of a kindergartner at Whitman Elementary school. I am interested in speaking to the bikers. Fred Brookshire provide two phone numbers for her to contact.

We need people to come to meetings like for WATCHDOGS – these are fathers for good students. They will provide a positive male influence. We have approximately 82% of kids who are on reduced lunch.

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If you have someone parking on the sidewalk they have a sheet that you can put part of the sheet on the car and one turned in to the police for enforcement of that issue.

A request was made to:

Form an advisory group to work on Alaska street 56-72nd I advocate that people that are going to be impacted.

Form an advisory group to deal with the Harmon Park swap. Addresses have been requested so that a mailing can be made to the people impacted.

A copy of the annual budget and annual report was requested.

A report from the SENCO youth group was requested.

Tony Caldwell reported that the youth group's report is provided regularly at board meetings after the youth meet. He invited anyone who wanted to come to the meeting.

Gia Casto reported that the Pacific Avenue Business District is having a spring event on June 12 from 9am-4pm at Stewart Middle School. If you know of any artists or crafts people who would like to come and participate, the cost of the booth is reasonable. Call Gia Casto.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned.

Chair

Date