

## Minutes of meeting Southend Neighborhood Council March 15 2010

### Present:

Kathryn Stein  
Gia Casto  
Esther Day  
Benjamin Cordy  
Cary Nilson  
Earl Brydson

### Excused

Fred Brookshire  
John Pellessier  
Tony Caldwell  
Jim Borah

### In attendance:

Shane Pettit City Mgr office  
Ron Stephens TFD Chief  
Jolene Davis, TFD Deputy Chief  
Don Williams TPD  
Kathy Sutalo Metro Parks  
Shantell Hill Boys and Girls Clubs proponent.

Chief Stephens reported 5400 calls in the city, and gave handouts for disaster preparedness and electrical safety. He noted that fires are illegal in the city except for BBQ. He announced upcoming training next summer for community response. Check the website for more information.

Don Williams of TPD announced that burglaries are down in our area, due in part to the community awareness. He also gave a report on recent shootings in our area, and addressed problems in a local apartment complex.

There will also be classes in May at Fern Hill Elementary addressing cyber safety May 13, drug awareness May 20, and gang awareness May 27. All classes will begin at 6:30 pm.

Kathy Sutalo from Metro Parks reported on the need to return census forms and requested support for an upcoming levy which will increase operations levy for the parks.

Shane Pettit City Manager office announced workshops for Economic Gardening On April 21 at Bates College, a community garden summit March 20<sup>th</sup> at Manito Community Center.

Earl Brydson announced a vacancy on the board. Applications are available from any board member. He also asked for a volunteer to take over as recording secretary while John is out. Gia Casto offered to do this until he returns.

Treasurer report: No changes in balances so no report.  
Cary Nilson will send letter quoting his rate for webmaster as \$37.00 per year.

Benjamin Colby reported on the Alaska Street and Baker St, projects. Conceptual drawings have been done for the Baker Street projects so

Gia Casto reported that Pacific Avenue Business District is now officially a business district in the city of Tacoma. She announced the need for vendors and volunteers for the Spring Festival June 12. Clean Sweep is coming June 5 and that will be the same day as PABD will be replanting the planters.

Charlotte Valbert announced Blueberry Park cleanups beginning again the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month 9-noon and requested we start a membership committee.

Chantall Hill reported on the closing of the Eastside boys and girls club and requested support for keeping it open. If interested in supporting this issue, go to [keepeastsideopen@gmail.com](mailto:keepeastsideopen@gmail.com). Board will send a letter to the City council supporting the idea to keep it open.

The board voted to donate \$100 to metro parks for Easter Baskets.

Shane Pettit will provide information regarding Habitat for Humanity