

Minutes SENCO April 19 2010

Members present:

Gia Casto

Ben Cordy

Cary Nilson

Earl Brydson

Jim Borah

Fred Brookshire

Members excused:

Ester Day

Kathleen Stein

Tony Caldwell

John Pellessier

Called to order by President Earl Brydson,

March Minutes approved.

Fire Department: Ron Stephens Chief

National Safe Digging month announced, call TPU before digging.

Gave out lists of 72 Hour comfort kits for emergency use and information on yielding to emergency vehicles.

Police Department: Don Williams CLO. Violent crime down.. Shut down of the Red Dragon due to health violations. House on 38th and B shut down for heroin sales and Section 8 violations. Tony Rendino discussed moving to left around stopped vehicles. Jim Borah questions regarding Tacoma Avenue status as arterial.

Metro Parks; Roxanne new activity guide and event calendar is available . Requested support for levy issue to benefit parks department. Saturday April 24, 2010 is Parks Appreciation day. Outdoor Challenge coming to Point Defiance Park. Wapato Parks Phase 2 set to begin late summer. Titlow lodge has been nominated as a Historic Building. Point Defiance Rose Garden nominated as a national rose garden.

TPU Judith Arnstad discussed the “get it “ campaign for energy efficiency, website will have details. Places for disposal of compact fluorescent bulbs discussed.

City Manager Office: Shane Pettit. Handouts for Tacoma Reads Together, Safe and Clean event April 29. upcoming check city of tacoma website to be a member of this team to build a website for the Safe and Clean Task Force. City of Tacoma Report to citizens handout as well.

Tacoma School district : Roseanne Fulton, asst, superintendent: Request for citizens to join in the rehiring process at the 4 middle schools. She will be our liason for Tacoma School districts.

Speaker: Maureen Fife reported a new Habitat for Humanity community where 14 homes will be built. Completion date approx. Mid 2012. Call to volunteer 627 5626.

Chair report: Meetings will begin at 7 pm beginning in May. Cambodian Buddhist Culteral Center will be adding new parking lots. Youth Group now recognized by city. The SENCO Youth Group is being awarded the City of Destiny Award for 2009. They are looking for new members.

Fallen Riders Association sent a request for approval for planting trees at Triangle Park. They will pay for the trees, Motion made by Earl and seconded by Jim passed unanimously and Jim Borah will also made a motion to donate a Rhody. Seconded by Earl passed unanimously..

Vice Chair: Starbucks is donating time, volunteers, plants and bark for a clean up at Gas Station Park. On April 30th. 10-2.

July there will be a a child safety fair. There will be child safety kits available for use by local Insurance company. There will be prizes, etc, with raffles etc. More to come. Money is needed for Gas Station Park for base coat and top coat for murals on the back walls. Mann elementary children will do the painting.

Treasurer report not available Earl gave rundown on expenses.

Ben Cordy reported that he is in contact with the city for the Alaska Street project to see what the community might have as any concerns.

Tanya Taylor from Whitman Elementary announced a carnival on May 7th public is invited. There will also be a Raffle June 4th. Donations are needed.

Gia Casto reported on Foss High School baseball night, Stafford Mann and Mc Carver schools having a baseball night. Pacific Avenue Business District will have a street fair June 12 at Stewart Middle School.

City Councilman Marty Campbell introduced himself and offered to be of any help possible for the community. Trying to get the food handlers permits processed eased. Community Gardens being recognized as a priority in Tacoma. Introductory meeting to be held May 3 4:30 pm room 248 municipal building.

Marty.campbell@cityoftacoma.org.

Tony Radeen questioned the supermarket basket stealing and stripping. Expressed concern . Don Williams is working on issues as such. Also had questions for TFD regarding the amount of vehicles sent to each alarm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.