

Minutes Southend Neighborhood Council Sept. 20 2010

Meeting called to order by Chairman Earl Brydson 7pm

In attendance: Gia Casto, Ben Cordy, Earl Brydson, Fred Brookshire, Jim Borah, Katerine Stein Cary Nilson.

Excused: John Pellessier (on medical sabbatical) Ester Day, Tony Caldwell.

No treasurer report Ester gone... temporary secretary needed

Fire Dept Report...

First week of October is Fire prevention month... several stations will have open houses. CERT training Lindsey Garrison is contact her number is 591-5955 Class will teach response training for disaster preparedness.

CPR Sunday is coming in October at Foss High School on 8, 10, 12 and 2 pm.

These classes are free of charge. Go to CPRsunday.net for more info.

Metro Parks Announced Parks Appreciation Day on Sept. 25th.

New community center opening on Sept. 23 in the old Mt. Tahoma High School building.

Tacoma Schools: Zeke Ammon (?) New principal at Giadronne Middle School reported on some changes in the middle schools and all seems to be going well with all the changes. Many new programs in place and are well received.

TPD Vehicle thefts up all over town. 3 sector up 85%. Don Williams CLO is doing research to find the reasons why. A prostitution ring was broken up at 37th an Alaska. Other calls for service are down.

Tacoma Public Utilities: Ted Coates spoke about a rate increase coming up for Tacoma power. The first increase since 2005.

City Mgr. office Gabe England: there are some upcoming safe and clean events... the new website www.tacomacrime.org is live online with much information regarding how to keep your home safe etc. Parking meters are installed downtown. Gia Casto asked if there is going to be a study done after a time to see if business improves or not. Merchants on the advisory board wanted these meters. There will be more adjustments as it goes along. At this moment there are no exceptions for volunteer workers. Handicap Stickers may park anywhere. Downtown will have workers in vests to help folks figure out the parking.

Applications for board openings will be on the website.

Guest speaker Christine Coulter addressed the group with a program on Domestic Violence. Their goal is to reduce domestic violence, raise awareness and make programs available in several languages to make it more accessible for people who do not speak English. More information can be gotten from the group office at 253 591 5164, or the city of Tacoma website.

Gia Casto reported on several safe streets meetings and some new planters being installed on Pacific Avenue. Several local schools have been nominated to be on the historic register. Two are in our district: Stewart and Whitman.

Pam Woods from the Larchmont Safe Streets requested, along with Officer Don Williams, that our extra money from the last innovative grants be used to have a speed bump installed in front of Lisa Melancon's home. The city is making a sign to designate it in her honor. Jim made a motion to do this, Gia seconded it. It passed with a note that the city and Mr. Elton Gatewood check regulations to see if this is allowed. Mrs. Woods also requested we visit a website and sign a petition to make a national Law Enforcement day.

Chairman Earl mentioned that we need to find a replacement for John Pellessier for his year of medical sabbatical. Applications on our website. In addition, he presented a draft of a flyer for a Strategic Plan of action for the coming years to send home with all elementary and middle school students. Ben Cordy offered to assist with refinement of the flyer to make it more easily understood. Flyer will also be distributed to local safe streets groups.

Vice chair Fred Brookshire reported that a group of skateboard people wants us to join a committee to look at getting additional skate parks in our area. Jim, Fred and Ben will join with them.

Tanya Taylor announced a Candidates Forum October 13 based on education.

Minutes of last meeting approved... meeting adjourned 8:30 pm.