

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 OCTOBER 18, 2010 AT 7:00 PM.

PRESENT:

Earl Brydson, in the Chair
Carl Nilson
Benjamin Cordy
Kathryn Stein
Gia Casto
Fred Brookshire
Esther Day
Jim Borah
Tamara Newton

EXCUSED:

John Pellessier, extended medical leave
Tony Caldwell

IN ATTENDANCE:

Don Williams, Tacoma Police Department
Capt. Collins, Tacoma Fire Department
Tom Haneline, Tacoma Fire Department

CALL TO ORDER:

The chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the September 20, 2010 meeting of the board were sent to members and due to the fact that some members did not receive or read their emailed minutes, the chair decided to give the board an opportunity to read them and approve them at the November 15 meeting of the board.

FIRE DEPARTMENT LIAISON:

Tom Haneline reported that Chief Stephens was unable to be at the meeting as he was feeling sick. Mr. Haneline provided a quick review of the department's activities – CPR training sessions, the number and type of calls received thru the month and year-to-date. He also provided information on the Fire Department's web site and provided a fire safety check list and encouraged folks to check their smoke detectors. After discussion, the board thanked him for his report.

POLICE LIAISON:

Officer Don Williams distributed and discussed the monthly crime reports for Sector 3 and 4. He reported on a night time venture that the police department conducted that yielded great success. He spoke about the weapons that they found in several locations and the instructions given to owners to remove the weapons from public sight. After discussion, the board thanked him for his report and his service to the council.

METRO PARKS LIAISON:

Roxanne Miles provided a quick overview of the activities scheduled for Metro Parks. She reported that the WAPATO plan was 90% reviewed and on track. Activities being planned by Metro Parks can be found on their Web site and also in the brochures she provides. After discussion the board thanked her for her report.

CITY MANAGER LIAISON:

No Report - Shane Pettit had reported that the City staff would be at a training and unable to attend the meeting this month.

SAFE STREETS:

No Report

GUEST SPEAKERS:

PIERCE COUNTY WORKERS MEMORIAL –

Bob Francis provided a quick report on the planned memorial that he and a group of folks have been working on for several years. This year holds promise as Metro Parks has expressed an interest in allowing this memorial to be placed at Wapato Park. Mr. Francis provided a picture poster of the planned memorial. They described the acquisition of a bell that will be part of the memorial.

Mr. Ramsey, from Metro Parks was available for comment. He discussed the area that the memorial could be placed and was clear that this has not yet been approved, but they are working on this with the memorial team and staff.

After discussion the chair asked what Mr. Francis wanted from the council. He suggested that a letter of support for this memorial from the board to Metro Parks would be greatly appreciated.

MOTION:

On motion made and seconded, the board will send a letter of support for the memorial to the Metro Parks Board.

CITIZEN REVIEW PANEL –

Trisha King-Stargel reported on the work of the Citizen Review Panel and reported on the various things that their group does. The panel meets the first Monday of the month at city hall from 5:30-7:30pm. After discussion, the board thanked her for her report.

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GENERAL BUSINESS:

Council reports -

Chair's report –

The chair reported that a new board representative to the “Across the Fence” project was needed. The group meets the first Friday of the month in conference room 1224 on South MLK.

Treasurer's report –

The treasurer's report encompassed the period 8/17-10 to 10/18/10. The council has spent \$307.90 and has a balance of \$3,876.08 in the checking account.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS –

Gia Casto provided a quick update on the activities of the Pacific Avenue Business District.

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

Chair

Date