



South End Neighborhood Council

4911 S. Alaska Street, Fire Station #8, Suite B
Tacoma, WA 98408

June 20, 2016
Meeting Minutes

Present: Cary Nilson, Kristin King, William King, Tony Caldwell, Antonio Rendina
Absent: Earl Brydson, John Pellesier, Brandon Jones, Janis Clark

Call to Order: 7:03pm

May Minutes approval:
Approved, provided amendment of Tony Rendina as absent

Fire Dept Battalion Chief

- Fireworks banned, with fine associated
 - Rather than calling 911 for non-emergencies, call fireworks-related number 253-798-4722.
 - Trying to prevent accidental fires and injuries
- Awareness about kids and fire, particularly in the summer time when out of school.
 - Fire Stoppers Program – work with kids individually to prevent fire-starting.
 - Have had a fire fatality related to a youth accidentally burning their home down
- How to plan for natural disasters
 - Food, water, what to do with pets
- Calls in general are up
- Audience: I had the fire dept called on me for having a dozen fish in a smoker. Does a personal smoker come under the burn ban?
 - If a neighbor complains, it is a nuisance fire.
 - If the smoker is outside, it is included in the burn ban.

Metro Parks

- Destination Point Defiance
 - check out the fun and exciting things going on at the park <http://www.metroparkstacoma.org/destinationpointdefiance/>
 - Visitor Center, have park ranger to talk about points of interest
- Mission-led Program Plan

- researching what citizens want and value, phone surveys to Tacoma residents, results on website
- Camps (lookup)

Tacoma Public Schools

- Water fixture testing – they will email details to the board
 - <http://www.tacoma.k12.wa.us/information/departments/safety-security/water-quality/Pages/testing.aspx>
 - 2part test
 - when water first comes out (after 10-18 hrs of no use)
 - if fail, then test again after has been running for a bit.
- Thursday June 23 – Classified Job Fair, 2pm, Grey Middle School

Kristi Evens – Project Manager with Metro Parks Tacoma

- Replace Wapato Lake south and east docks
 - 2.1 million project, 750k from RCO, also from the Metro Parks 2014 bond
 - focused on long-lasting, environment friendly
 - South Dock
 - shortening slightly as making the other one bigger
 - easier maintenance
 - East Dock
 - fishing dock, walking ramp down to floating dock for kayaks (rather than walking off the beach)
 - may make it larger depending on the bids
 - Materials
 - going with steel piles, larger but fewer than there are now
 - composite decks
 - allow 40% light to go through it to the water
 - metal handrails
 - handicap accessible
 - Timeline
 - have drawings, putting in for permitting next week, then find out if waiting 9 months or possibly shorter
 - Question from Tony C: worry about safety for people falling in the water?
 - Railings
 - Question regarding water quality
 - Have been studying the toxic blue algae bloom. Treatment is expensive. Looking for an affordable treatment
 - Audience: bringing in apparatus with filters to find out how much algae is in it, do an “alum” treatment on it next year.

Patrick Babbitt – Lincoln Revitalization project

- not just the business district around S 38th St.
- Wash DOT should finish up Pacific Ave bridge in Aug or Sept

- should work on project from Sept/Oct 2016 through 2017
- redoing roads, sidewalks, crossings, public artwork, greenery, trees, bike racks, benches
- Public Works got grants to support it, adding things on top of streetscape
 - loans for businesses to enhance curb appeal
 - vacancies in business district and residential
- Temporary local city office
 - 750 S 38th St, Suite C
 - Mon-Fri, 10am - 4pm
 - 253-591-5174
- “Walk, Bike, Run”
 - find friends in the area who also enjoy walking, running, biking, dog walking, etc
- Mon June 27 - feedback meeting
 - Lincoln Project Office - 750 S 38th St.
 - gathering feedback on how to use available funds and make the neighborhood more walkable
 - 6:30pm - 8:00pm
 - snacks provided, kids welcome, map out improvements/trouble spots.
- Audience comment: business owner, picks up a lot of trash around 56th and M, coordinating with his neighbors and business owners, glad of opportunity to improve the city.
 - Monday and Wednesday 10am-4pm are good times to talk to business specialists at the office
- Audience question: instead of adding crossing buttons, can we make the light automatically trigger the walking signal?
 - Not a traffic engineer, but welcoming suggestions and comments at the Monday meeting at the Lincoln office
- Community Food Space
 - working with a variety of organizations to see if there is interest in adding a community garden, orchard, food farm
 - grocery store on 38th and Pacific is closed, the S 38th Safeway is overtaxed.
 - Tues July 12 at the Lincoln Project Office
 - feedback on local food
 - 6:30pm-8:00pm

Rebecca Solverson - City Arts Program

- opportunity centered around Lincoln Revitalization, but not part of the capital project
- Public Art Project that will be a gateway feature and integrated throughout the streetscape
- Creative Community Engagement Grants
 - have set aside funds for smaller neighborhood based projects
 - July 30 10am-2pm at the Lincoln Project Office

- brainstorm, big or small projects, 1day (like a performance) - 1month projects, spacial issues, social issues
- \$500 - \$5000 grants
- must be completed by Dec 31, 2018
- "Artists" can be teachers, crafters, musicians, martial art
- Examples
 - Monkeyshines - scavenger hunt finding monkey glass orbs around Tacoma
 - GroundCover - in Arizona, make blankets, lay them out on the ground artistically, give out to those who need
 - Grow Food Where You Live - Philadelphia, create garden in recycled boats/tubs
 - Portland OR
 - Beautiful Bee Houses/Hotels
 - Poetry Reading
 - Parking Day - businesses take over the parking space in front of their business for a day and turn it into a park, sometimes with games
 - Blue Tree Project
 - Temporary Garden in traffic triangle (1yr)
 - Paint the sidewalks
 - Know your Ropes - Tacoma, painted rope on sidewalk creating walking path around the neighborhood
- Question from William: how much total is available?
 - \$20K total
- Question from Tony C: deadline?
 - Workshop is July 30, deadline is August 15.
 - Aug 1 and 4 10am-4pm Rebecca will be available to answer questions
- Question from Tony C: has it been presented to Lincoln students?
 - Have talked with teachers. Can't contract with youths < 18, but can if they have an adult to coordinate.
- Question from Tony R: is anything from the designs/drawings for the Lincoln Project at the office?
 - Yes, still have the storyboard with the visual of what Public Works is looking to do to change the streetscape. Engineers are there on Tues and Thurs.

Police Dept

- CLOs out of Eastside Substation
- use 311 for non-emergencies
 - Neighborhood Safety Numbers
 - Sector Four: 253-594-7947
- \$257 fine for fireworks
 - do have extra patrols
 - reverse 911, where 911 auto-calls residents to notify of fireworks ban
 - the number of incidents would be much worse if that law were not in

- place.
 - Question from William: are there any stats of how many people get cited?
 - Comes out in the News Tribune afterward
- Safe Streets “March Against Crime”
 - 64th and Pacific
 - 5pm, Friday June 24
- Heroine / methadone clinic
 - June 29, 7pm at Pioneer Park Pavilion, 330 S Meridian, Puyallup 98371
 - Speakers from DEA, UW, Tac/Pierce Co Health Dept, Pierce Co Prosecutor
 - community conversation
- General decrease in burglaries but increase in vehicle prowlers
- recent shootings across the city, appears drug and gang related
 - usually involves cars moving or parked, property damage
 - investigating and making arrests
- CCLEA – Commission for Law Enforcement Accreditation
 - put dept under a microscope, pass with flying colors
 - go through the process every 4 years
- Question from Cary: what was the main issue for the South Sound 911 at the health dept and dome area? The building across the street was not sufficient to house both of them?
 - Audience answer: had first levy that failed that included demolition funds for the hospital. Sound 911 included \$2.5million to demolish hospital. They decided that existing buildings across were not adequate for their growth. Holding out for a whole new project. Neighbors now in research process for how to approach Pierce Co. to get the money to demolish the asbestos-ridden building that kids and homeless are crawling all over it. City of Tacoma shouldn't allow the building to be there as a hazard just because it is owned by the County. A lot of alleys overgrown and become housing for homeless. Went through neighborhood patrol training at Safe Streets.
 - Darlington: in past dealing with derelict building, would rather have a vacant lot there instead.
 - Cary: recommend audience member talk to Priscilla of Safe Streets
- Question from Tony C: did you say property crime is up?
 - Darlington: you should talk with William (who was on the Property Crimes Reduction Task Force). Car prowls are up 20%. A lot of heroine- or other drug users wandering and looking for something they can sell for cash.
 - Audience member: had 20 cars broken into at the bar he owns. Seems this area is a magnet. Trying to be part of the solution.
- Audience member: how do you call in a vehicle drug deal that is over in less than a minute?
 - Audience member: take photos, get license plates, so that when see it again can quickly identify, gather data and send it in to non-emergency line each time so TPD can plot it.
- Tony C: Park and 56th safe streets group has a good patrol system. Maybe

get together with nearby businesses to hire a security guard.

- Audience member bar owner: but that sends the wrong message. If you put bars on the windows and security guards, it broadcasts that it is not a safe area. Feels that the answer is more in cleaning up the area like they are trying to do for the Lincoln District.
- Tony C: for trash cans, can do Adopt a Street.
 - Audience: but 6th Ave, Center St, 38th St

Chair - Earl is absent

Vice Chair - Cary, nothing to report

Corresponding Secretary - William

- Property Crimes Reduction Task Force gave its 35 recommendations to the City, will see in the next year what the City chooses to implement

Membership Committee - Tony R, nothing to report

Old Businesses

- Tony C - get the student advisory committee going in September, looking promising

Adjourned at 8:51pm