



South End Neighborhood Council

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

Senco Monthly Meeting
11/21/2016

Present:

Earl Brydson, Cary Nilson, John Pellessier, Janis Clark, William King, Kristin King, Antonio Rendina

Excused Absent:

Tony Caldwell

Approval of August, September, and October minutes with the following update:
October change: Metro Parks rep should be Tareena

Fire Dept

- Heating safety fliers to think about, including cooking fire tips
 - turkey friers
 - space heaters
 - shelter in place instructions
- Budget
 - currently before the City Council, second reading being tomorrow, Tuesday 11/22
 - www.cityoftacoma.org/budget

Metro Parks

- Working with the City and CHI Franciscan to offer the Polar Plaza downtown, not just ice skating
- Norpoint Turkey Trot on 11/24, two start times, 5k and 2mile options
- Nov 4-22 “help out for half off” at Northwest Trek
- Seymoor Conservatory at Wright Park
 - Santa
 - Victorian Holiday Festival
- Wapato Park Docks
 - starting re-install / rebuild in 2017
 - public meetings to be announced
- Zoolights
 - Nov 25 – Jan 1
- Destination Point Defiance www.destinationpointdefiance.org for latest updates
 - Thurs Dec 1, 6pm at the Pagoda open to all
- tareenaj@metroparks

Public Utilities

- Erika Tucci
- Power, water, rail, Click

City Manager Rep

- David Nash-Mendez
- tomorrow 11/22 the passing of the budget
 - expansion of police and fire, funding for Safe Streets
 - www.cityoftacoma.org/budget
- presentations on workplace standards for minimum wage increase and paid leave as it pertains to the 2017 year
 - contact mharding2@cityoftacoma.org
- TacomaFirst 311 system reminder
 - one-stop shop for anything city related
 - apps available for android and apple
- 71st Annual Tree Lighting
 - Nov 26, 2:30pm-7pm
 - by Pantages Theater
- grants for local coalitions and neighborhood groups
 - up to \$3500 to support a project, with qualifying option for additional \$500
 - application closes Fri Jan 13
 - 253 345 4516 or www.gtcf.org
 - two local information sessions, Tues Dec 13, Jan 9

Tacoma Schools

- Director in HR
- School board is one of 24 boards named WA State Board of Distinction
- goal was 85% graduation rate for 2020, got that 4 years sooner in 2016
- Stewart Middle School
 - majority of construction complete by end of the year
 - can sign up for e-newsletter www.BuildingforAchievement.com
 - or email planning@tacoma.k12.wa.us
 - starting planning committee for the grand opening by emailing the above address
- Wilson, Wainwright, Fircrest, Arlington, Sami had ground breaking, Mary Lyon beginning 2017
- Public Notice
 - unused portion at Giadrone might be sold to promote economic growth
 - the sports field will still be there
- Question from Janis regarding Arlington happenings
 - foundation is being poured, working on water
- Question from audience: any consideration to build Annex at Stafford? There is a 4 room annex that is planned, and now there are 2 portables
 - If you email planning, they can probably answer that for you.

Safe Streets

- Darren Penn
- Mobilizer for 23 years, I-5 to 96th, McKinley to Hosmer

- most of South End has been organized for the last 10-15 years
- keep meeting after problems end to keep problems from coming back
- Pacific Ave Business District work closely together
 - NtoB (neighborhood to business) and BtoN (business to neighborhood)
 - maintain communication for what happens at day and at night
 - replacing the business banners along Pacific
- Blueberry Park area things are going on actually near the school property
 - working with Metro Parks and School District to invade the park
 - community garden possible
 - Blueberry Park is a safe place to visit and “shop”
 - working with code enforcement and law enforcement
- Over 1,500 people over the summer involved
 - adopt a spot and neighborhood patrol as well as meetings and clean-up
- National Night Out?
 - 35 locations this year
- Last Saturday had over 100 people attend Fall Neighborhood Leadership Conference talking about homelessness, etc. Will do it again in 2017 Fall and Spring
 - 8:00am – 2:30pm
- Earlier, Oct 21 and 28, dedicated the mural on S 84th and Bell

Lincoln Revitalization Project guest

- Intro – Rebecca Solverson (Patrick Babbitt unable to attend)
 - Office of Arts and Cultural Vitality
 - funding 11 projects
 - Lincoln Film Festival that happened this past weekend, 10 still to come
 - did an open call, panel process, which is now closed
 - connecting art and artists with community leads
- Intersection mural – Paint the Street – Lincoln District Community Street Festival
 - Artist: Dionne Bonner
 - in 2008 painted the 6th Ave “Art on the Street” festival
 - full time graphic designer
 - street mural is a long process to start
 - has to be non-arterial, so can’t be 38th
 - will do specific touring, next steps is looking for the most optimal
 - is temporary artwork
 - hope to get people involved in the school district and neighborhood council
 - can be part of workshop
 - involved in painting day

Environmental Services – surface water, waste water, solid waste

- John Lockland
- were tax supported until the 50s, which is why they are distinct from Tacoma Public Utilities
- they manage the stuff that residents get rid of, in an environmentally sustainable manner
- 2015-2016 Accomplishments (see handout)
 - Dan Clark - National Waste and Recycling Association Driver of the Year
 - Point Defiance Stormwater Treatment Facility

- Leadership in Energy Performance
- Goals
 - Waste diversion from landfills
 - including branches etc from wind storms
 - Asset management plans for storm water and wastewater collection
 - 2018 target of video cameras in 95% of sewers
 - help keep capital costs down
 - Customer Satisfaction
- Managing debt portfolio
 - saving millions in PV
- Wastewater 100 year replacement plan
 - maintaining at \$23 million / year
 - \$83 million backlog – conservative estimate
- Eliminated 17.3 vacant FTEs
- Working with local partner to train up solid waste drivers
- Working on getting rid of glass bins so that glass can go in regular recycling bins. Requires some capital but will save money in the long run. Don't mix them in just yet!
- Not getting as much rebate for recycled materials; the market in recyclables is changing.
- Revenue Plan also contributes to Open Space fund
 - higher requirements on Phase 1 cities like Seattle, Tacoma
- Question from John: are they going to bill us by the number of times we put out our garbage?
 - They do have volume based.
 - John: the smallest can is more top-heavy than the larger ones and falls over easier. See how LeMay handles collection and sorting.
- Question from audience Patrick F: thoughts on Seattle turning garbage men into garbage police?
 - We are obligated to make sure we don't get hazardous waste in garbage and do a little bit of quality assurance. Seattle did that, but then were starting to issue fines/impacts to the customer, and turned into an invasion of privacy issue. We are more obligated to use education to help.
- Question from Janice: looks like personnel services are up, even though there is attrition but also want to train and hire drivers?
 - Management teams have a lot to say about what they want vs what they'll get as far as staff. It's an ongoing conversation. Work with HR to balance. Try to get the most important things done.
- Question from William: how often are the cities classified as Phase 1 or Phase 2?
 - It happened once in 1995ish when ecology issued the permits. Cities over 200k, counties over x. Phase 2 were supposed to eventually catch up to Phase 1 so there is one set of rules, but not yet. Phase 2s like Bellevue have lower requirements/regulations. Little chance that Phase 1s will walk down to Phase 2.

Voting

- Board seats
 - Four open positions with Antonio Rendina retiring
 - Re-election:
 - Earl Brydson

- William King
 - Kristin King
- New applicants:
 - John Shaffer
 - Eric Paulsen
 - George Trachier
- Unanimous Vote of Approval for All Applicants
- Board positions
 - Earl for Chair
 - William for Corresponding Secretary
 - Kristin for Recording Secretary
 - Unanimous Vote of Approval for responsibilities/roles
- At the January meeting, new board members will receive bylaws packets

Community Concerns

- Darren Penn
 - If you have family come or you go visit others, take things inside the home rather than leave valuables in your car. Or if shopping, if putting items in the trunk and going back in to shop, move your car to another parking separate parking spot.
 - Be careful with packages on your porch.
- Russell Miller
 - Possible Community Gardens space a block from Lincoln Park on 34th Street
 - would like to get on January agenda

General Business

- Earl – Chair
 - TV
 - January 19, 8am, Channel 12 television interview, airs in February – Janis volunteers
 - yes, brainstorm over email for talking points
 - include new board members in email thread
 - Business License needed in order to get funds from the City
 - Earl calling IRS to get Federal EIN number
 - WA UBI as non-profit
 - getting it by February
 - Received public notice for 9136 East F Street
 - want a buffer adjustment to boundary line around wetlands
 - Comments due 11/24, sbrenner@cityoftacoma.org
 - Community Council
 - working on putting up a new badge for Tacoma Neighborhood Councils for NUSA
 - will be distributing pins
 - Innovative Grant update
 - the depaving project on Thompson
- Cary – Vice Chair
 - Comment on the Tacoma pin
 - 1.75” by 1.25”
 - will be changing the design slightly but stay in the size range

- William – Corresponding Secretary
 - nothing to report today
- Janis – Treasurer
 - \$3,919.23 – Checking
 - \$6,126.18 – Savings
 - Bills
 - \$40.79 water bill, Sept 8 – Nov 4

Committee Reports

- New committees needed

Old Business

- Tony Caldwell absent but will report next time

New Business

- None

For the good of the order

- Janis' 38 yr old daughter died in October, and Janis is in process of moving. Appreciates prayers.

Adjourned at 8:40pm.