

South End Neighborhood Council (SEnCo)
Minutes of the Board Meeting held June 17, 2013

Present: Earl Brydson, Chair; Cary Nilson, Vice Chair; William King, Corresponding Secretary; Kristin King; Bill Ferrell; Brian Kilen, John Pellessier

Meeting was called to order at 7:02pm.

Approval of minutes: April, May – Motion by William King, 2nd by Bill Ferrell

Tacoma Fire Department Liaison: Jeff Chandler, Battalion Chief at Battalion 3, reminded us that fireworks are prohibited, violators to fined \$257. Calls were up from April at 614 in May.

Tacoma Police Department Liaison: Cory Darlington reiterated that fireworks are banned and that they can write tickets for sparklers. There will be special patrols a couple weeks prior to July 4th and a week or so afterwards.

On Thursday, June 13, at S 54th St and S J St, there was a 12:30am prescription drug bust resulting in evictions and board-ups. Noteworthy calls for service included an instance on 42nd and E T St where a resident was stealing washers and dryers and selling them, resulting in an arrest by Officer Ramirez. On E 38th St, a vacant house was victim to drive-by shooters, and Officer Ramirez worked to make it obvious that is not a current gang house. There has been a decrease in prostitution, the last area of street prostitution being Pacific Ave from S 84th to S 96th. The Innocence Lost Task Force is working to reach out to under-age prostitutes.

A “March Against Crime” will be held Friday, June 28th, meeting at 5pm at Stewart Middle School for sign making, and occupying street corners on Pacific Ave from S 38th to S 96th.

Officer Darlington met with Roxanne Miles to review the status of Lincoln Park, and ideas brought forward were limbing up the trees for more visibility, adding walking paths to make it more inviting, installing benches with dividers, and the neighboring school making athletic field improvements.

Metro Parks: Roxanne Miles notified us that the visitors center at Point Defiance will be open through Labor Day. The Taste of Tacoma will be held at Point Defiance as well. Outdoor pools will be opening shortly, with a date forthcoming. Construction is starting on a spray and play ground, and on Monday, June 24th from noon to 2pm, Coke is sponsoring free Subway meals. The Lincoln business district and Lincoln community steering community are discussing ideas for the area, including farmers market and dog park.

City Manager Representative: Christina Watts, who started with the City at the end of May and will be SEnCo's new liaison, brought to the board's attention that the City is in the process of recruiting individuals for committees, including the City Events and Recognitions Committee (CERC), Transportation Commission, and the Bicycle and Pedestrian Technical Advisory Group. They are receiving applications and will conduct interviews with applicants on June 24. The Fiscal Sustainability Task Force will be meeting every other Wednesday from 4pm to 6pm at the downtown library, beginning June 19th.

Guest Speaker: Jennifer Kamerzell presented information on three key transportation projects: the \$20 license fee for the transportation benefit district, the Transportation Commission, and the 6-year

Transportation Program kickoff. The license fee started in June 2013, and will generate \$4 million over the next 2 years to be used for street repair projects including pot holes, curb ramps, paving, signal repair, and signal detection. They are partnering with Tacoma Utilities to maximize effectiveness. The fee is required, though there are exemptions. The Transportation Commission will be working on the transportation master plan, looking at Tacoma's vision for the mobility master plan (biking/walking), transit, etc. The 6-year Transportation Program will be adopted at the end of this year and will have public hearings, and they are gathering feedback from neighborhoods in the process.

Community Concerns: Street Fair got great feedback. They had more cars than ever before and a few motorcycles, Safe Streets was in attendance, and Legends gave free hair cuts for kids all day.

General Business:

Mr. Brydson reported that we got a thank you card from Giadrone for our \$500 donation. He also submitted a trifold flier/survey that was created by Mr. Nilson to the board for approval, requesting feedback for which area to mail it. Mr. Brydson was contacted by resident Jay Janousek requesting a speed hump or traffic circle for S 37th and Tacoma Ave S. Mr. Janousek also brought up that Fawcett and D St was being used too heavily, but, though invited, did not attend the meeting.

Mr. Nilson presented fliers for the Lincoln 100 Year party. Events include the August 5th Rainiers game, August 8th comedy club on Market St, August 10th Stages For the Years band performing downtown with A St and 9th blocked off, and an August 11th car show, bbq, and tour of the school.

Mr. King received a few website submissions and noted increased facebook hits.

Mr. Pellessier noted that the phone bill came in at only \$0.04, as both he and Mr. Brydson had paid it the previous month.

Gia Casto, representing Across the Fence, remarked how she was on TV 12 programming as a representative and suggested SENCo have booths at upcoming street fairs and have a representative go on TV 12 when a community has a spot to help get information out about neighborhood councils. The next meeting is July 12th at 9am, usually the 1st Friday of the month, at the TV station at Martin Luther King and 13th St.

Old Business:

Mr. Pellessier requested that SENCo monthly meeting information be put up on the Firehouse sign, with a notification 2 weeks before and up to the meeting date.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm.

Minutes submitted by Kristin King, July 19, 2013.