

South End Neighborhood Council (SENC_o)
Minutes of the Board Meeting held November 18, 2013

Present: Earl Brydson, Chair; Cary Nilson, Vice Chair; William King, Corresponding Secretary; Anthony Caldwell; Kristin King; William Ferrell; Shannel Ball.

The Board discussed the resignation of Katherine Sutalo, whose last meeting would be this day, but she is out sick.

Tacoma Fire Department Liaison:

- Station 7 was broken into tonight (S. 56th and S. Puget Sound Ave.)
 - There was a loss of property
 - The department is currently securing the station, and a locksmith has been called
- With the holiday season, deep fry cookers are still a problem
 - Using them in garages and carports are a bad idea
 - Keep deep friers away from structures
- Two home fires over the last reporting period
 - 7800 S. K
 - 2800 S. Wilkeson
 - Combustibles were kept too close to heaters
 - Make sure to keep combustibles “Three feet from the heat.”

City Manager Representative

- New customer support initiative
 - Three C’s
 - Core Service
 - Credibility
 - Continuous Improvement
 - PASS – Public Access Service & Security
 - Make it easier to access the City
 - Automate service
 - More information
 - New customer support center
 - Maximize meeting space
 - Tacoma FIRST (Fast Info Resource Service Team)
 - New online system
 - Dial 311
 - Complaints
 - Requests for service
 - Trying to guarantee next day return call
 - Mobile app coming in 2014
- Final Drafts for neighborhood councils
 - Forwarded to the full council with a recommendation for approval
 - Will include:
 - New reporting requirements
 - Boundary changes (ours will not change)

Safe Streets Liason – Darren Pen

- The South end is more organized & has more neighborhood watch groups than any other part of the city (40-50 groups)
- Mr. Pen also serves as commissioner of an Asian/Pacific community organization
- Works with EMA
 - Has many resources for emergency management
 - Also collecting food for EMA
- 811 number citizens can call before digging on their property
 - Takes about 48 hours or so for utility company to locate pipes/wires/etc.
- Increased crime during holidays
 - Residents should tell visitors to remove valuables from their vehicles before parking (more car prowls)
 - When ordering something, say “Signature Needed” so packages aren’t just left on doorstep
 - Note this doesn’t always work
- Graffiti is usually worse during the summer, has instead picked up this fall
 - Seems to be a new group
 - Call in if seen, or take a picture and send through city website
- Would like members of the council to come to neighborhood watch meetings
 - If attending, please contact Mr. Pen first to be put on agenda.

Elections

- Officially Reelected
 - William King
 - Kristin King
 - Brian Killen
 - Cary Nilson (as vice-chair)
- Elected to the board – Justin VanDyke

Budget

- Needs to be approved by January
- Need a three-person committee

Motion by Bill King

- Motion to add to Bylaws the ability to have a vocal vote when someone runs unopposed
 - Not opposed or carried

Secretary

- Need either a new secretary or a recorder
- West End doesn’t use a secretary

Police

- Good news
 - The department officially received notice of their reaccreditation.

- Lincoln Business District - Raised to an elevated priority
 - More service calls
 - Narcotics/heroin
 - Car prowls
 - General disturbances
- Lincoln Steering Committee
 - Crime, aesthetics of Lincoln district
- Bad News
 - Shooting at S. 37th & Park
 - 1am – student parking lot
 - Motorcycle club
 - Were having a party, 2 kids left the club
 - 84th & Hosmer – “Latitude 84”
 - Fridays and Saturdays this has been a bad spot
 - Many calls, fights, DUIs, a shooting on Halloween
 - Business license revoked, hearing this Wednesday
 - Too many calls from this location
- “IF” Project – (“If I’d had these things, I may have turned out differently”)
 - CID – Crime investigation division
 - Instituted in Seattle
 - Targets at risk youth
 - Adults were surveyed to find out what preventative stuff would have worked
 - Aimed at 12-17 year olds
 - Quarterly meetings at Hope Center – 56th & Adams.

General Business

- Reminder – NEWSA 5/23-5/24
 - In Eugene, OR
 - Reminder for Board Members who may want to go to make a request
- Email re: True-Green
 - Estimate on killing weeds
 - Would come out and take care of the park
 - Not until end of winter to get sprayed
 - Will decide in January if we want to hire or not.
- Note: Gas Station Park also gets discussed @ Stewart’s Safe Streets meetings

Treasurer

- \$2,115.97 in checking
- Finally received bill for water/garbage
 - \$94.13 for three months
 - Earl will call city about being charged for garbage.
 - Last week garbage didn’t get picked up
 - Supposed to be weekly

Across the Fence

- New Name – Neighborhood Media
- Need someone from SENCo to come for the end of the year review
- Last year Early was given a questionnaire to follow rather than the agenda he'd brought
- Not sure what day this year. Early December, probably first thing in the AM for about 6 minutes.
- Will air several times.
- Neighborhood Minute
 - Still viable
 - Still working on it
- Want information from SENCo in advance rather than after the fact

Old Business

Tony Caldwell

- The draft letter on the youth group
- Will email to everyone
- Please comment by Thanksgiving
- If anyone wants to help, email Tony
- Will send the letter out in January
- This is to reestablish youth organizations

Question – (Tony Caldwell)

- Photos of Gas Station park
 - On website/Facebook?
 - Bill King to check