

South End Neighborhood Council (SEnCo)
Minutes of the Board Meeting held February 24, 2014

Present: Earl Brydson, Chair; Cary Nison, Vice Chair; William King, Corresponding Secretary; Kristin King; Bill Ferrell; Justin Van Dyk; Brian Kilen.

Call to Order at 7pm.

Tacoma Fire Department: Dave McRoberts, Battalion 3 Chief, relayed two safety messages: Prevention - have out of town contacts list available with change for payphones in case of local telephone and cellular failure, and Burn Awareness - keep water tanks at 120 degrees to prevent scalding. Citywide, there were 3,500 calls for service in January 2014.

Metro Parks: Kathy Suthalo brought up the bond measure coming up on the April ballot that will, if passed, provide updates for the Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium to maintain certification and contribute towards other Point Defiance projects, community parks, and neighborhood parks. Master plans for parks are available on the Metro Parks website.

The SEnCo board received binders furnished by Carol Wolfe for the purpose of holding information on the city, bylaws, budgets, community council details, and other useful council information.

The Tacoma Ave bridge project that was supposed to start in February 2014 will be pushed back with a projected start time in April due to a delay in the state's funding of \$2 million that has not yet come in.

The Neighborhoods USA (NUSA) conference in Eugene, Oregon, is coming up on May 21-24. Justin Van Dyk voiced concerns regarding neighborhood council funds going towards sponsoring a trip rather than extending community outreach. The Community Council is to decide on Thursday, February 27, on who they will be sending down and what the Community Council will pay. They are holding elections on the 27th as well.

SEnCo has supplies - utensils, cups, syrups, etc - that could go towards a community BBQ, possibly planning such an event for this spring or summer.

SEnCo may be forming a committee to make fliers/brochures for the City to mail out to different sections of the South End neighborhood at a time, with ad space for local businesses or churches to help cover costs.

Treasurer's Report: Since the SEnCo treasurer John Pellessier is out with medical issues, the report will be given at next month's meeting. Summary: paid \$38.86 for water, \$0 for phone, and have \$3,904.16 in Checking and ~\$2K in Savings.

Councilman Marty Campbell was in attendance and gave the following updates:
Each city council district has \$300K to be put towards crosswalks and other pedestrian improvements. There are several priorities for 2014: preparing the 2015/2016 Budget (last time saw \$70M in cuts, projecting \$26M short for the next cycle), maintaining police and fire, dealing with Roads Plan, business district redevelopment in the Lincoln area, repairing tribal relations particularly regarding issues with light rail, making available the Eastside Community Center and Swan Creek Food Forrest,

repairing the Tacoma Ave Bridge with Pacific Ave and McKinley improvements soon, introducing new regulation around metal theft including a "no buy list", and reminding residents to use 311 and city QA online for reporting light/sign/pothole/non-emergency issues. Recommended actions in response to the Tacoma News Tribune's bagged distribution of adds are to call or email to get your address or vacant houses off the list and be careful to keep them out of storm drains. The Lincoln Business District's extra police patrols for 5-6 weeks generated a lot of stops, and afterwards, calls for service dropped 26%. I-5 transportation plan is being held up in Olympia, though the Pacific Ave and D St bridges are already funded. The City Council members agreed during their annual retreat to work on the following for the next year: the green roads initiative, diversity and equity in practices within and without the city, providing more resources and being more welcoming and engaging towards the immigrant population in Tacoma (17%), engaging primary employers in our area (Puyallup tribe, State Farm, etc), and the redevelopment of the multi-use South Tacoma and Lincoln Business Districts.

Lincoln High School will hold a fundraiser on February 26 10:30am - 2pm for Kathleen Merryman who was diagnosed with cancer. Loren Carillo, a student attending the SENCo meeting, invited the board and Councilman Marty Campbell to attend and show support.

Metro Parks Update: Roxanne Miles reviewed the capital bond to be on the ballot in April. Part of the funding will go towards the Eastside Community Center at 56th and Portland which plans to have a swimming pool with some free services and memberships available for access to other things.

Cary Nilson, representing the Business Group, announced a takeover at Josephina's.

Street Fair will include a Car and Bike Show on Jun 8th, 10am - 4pm. They are expecting 200 cars and 250 motorcycles. A stage will be set up for local bands and a variety of vendors will be participating. Mr. Nilson will have the vendor form available on the Pacific Avenue Business District website.

Loren Carillo, a 16-yr old junior at Lincoln High School and part of the Associated Student Body, requested that SENCo become a sponsor for the June 29 Environmental Club trip to Europe. Twelve students from Lincoln High School are joining other students from around the country on this European tour. Of the \$4K required for the trip, Loren is still in need of \$2,675. Sponsors will be recognized at the banquet and receive pictures from the trip.

Minutes submitted by Kristin King, March 17th, 2014.