

March 17, 2014 Meeting

Monday, March 17, 2014

6:58 PM

- Members Present:
 - Earl Brydson, Chair
 - Cary Nilson, Vice Chair
 - Shannel N. Ball, Secretary
 - Janice
 - Kristin King
 - Brian Kilen

- January meeting minutes approved
- February meeting minutes sent to members today for review

- Fire Department
 - Safety message for the month
 - Poison Control Week
 - 1-800-222-1222 - Poison Control
 - 458 calls for the month
 - 550 calls total in our district last month
 - Total for year, 1100 in SENCO district
 - 2nd most in city after downtown
 - Asst. Chief Eddington re: reader board
 - Not showing from South direction
 - Technicians have come out, can't get it to work
 - Will have electricians come out
 - If not, will contact main company for a system upgrade
 - 253-591-5749 - Asst. Chief Eddington
 - Programmed from Headquarters for the reader board message

- Metro Parks
 - Event Guide calendar
 - 3/22 - Summer Camp fair
 - 3/29 - Mt. Bike Trails grand opening
 - This week - deadline for youth sports and adult sports
 - Teams form after this week
 - FAB Times (Fifty and Better)
 - Newsletter available for events
 - Don't Feed the Ducks signs - having any impact?
 - Have done some "educational" stings
 - HAS been helpful
 - Continuing awareness campaigns
 - Park Board this year will decide if they want to elevate beyond education
 - Bond Project
 - Resolution passed for ballot measure
 - April 22nd Election - people should receive ballots after April 4
 - "Neighborhood Parks & Zoo Improvements and Safety Upgrades"
 - \$198million measure
 - 1/3 to Pt. Defiance - \$65.4 million
 - ◆ Aquarium replacement very important to upgrade

- ◇ May lose the animals in that aquarium without replacement
 - ◆ Rocky Shores & Polar Bear exhibits need to be brought up to accreditation standards
 - 1/3 Regional parks/attractions - \$67.2 million
 - 1/3 - Neighborhood parks & recreational facilities - \$65.4 million
 - ◆ Land acquisition - mostly completing properties rather than acquiring entirely new properties
 - ◆ Lincoln park area
 - ◇ Trying to work with school district
 - ◇ TPD working on that area also to keep it cleaned up (safer, more user friendly, attractive)
 - Also looking to retire some debt to help lower some costs
 - Additional tax - Average of \$8 more per month for homeowners.
 - \$0.57 per thousand dollars in home value.
 - Neighbors for Parks Campaign kickoff 3/29 10am-noon
 - Opposition?
 - Three for statements, one against statement
 - ◆ Opposition statement only discusses this being a high cost.
 - No organized opposition group at this time
 - Wouldn't start until 2015
 - 20 year repayment period from redemption of a bond
 - Hoping to minimize interest by selling over the course of the bond period
 - Already have a clear community vision on many of these projects
 - So that can go ahead with this immediately
 - Projects spread across the city
 - **Janice King - Motion for SENCO to support Proposition 1**
 - **Seconded by Kristin King**
 - **Approved by members present**
 - **We will:**
 - ◆ **Add information to SENCO website**
 - ◆ **Present a letter to Metro Parks in Support**
 - ◇ Earl will sign as Chair
- City Manager Rep.
 - City charter review committee meeting
 - Meeting Mondays and Wednesdays at 7pm
 - Charter must be reviewed every 10 years
 - City of Destiny award nominations due 3/31
 - Adults, young persons, business who have served the community
 - Cityoftacoma.org/cityofdestinyawards
 - Pedestrian crossing priorities
 - Process still ongoing and discussing
 - Partnering UW-Tac for Women's History Month
 - 3/21 - UW - Tac - viewing of a film
 - 3/28 - UW Tacoma - Girl Rising w/community discussion
 - Tomorrow - resolution on City Council to support Prop. 1
 - Also set strategic priorities for 2014
 - Have policy priorities
 - ◆ Within those, more specific objectives
 - ◇ Make Tacoma more physically attractive
 - ◇ Marketing & Communication campaign
 - ◇ Implement community organization & equity empowerment initiative

- ◇ Focus on development of S. Tacoma and Lincoln district mixed use centers
 - ◇ Cultivate relationships with major employers in Tacoma, and use their presence to attract major investors
 - ◇ Develop a comprehensive green-roads program
 - ◇ Make Tacoma a welcoming city & cultivate immigrant-friendly environment
 - ◆ Should be approved tomorrow as well
 - Police Department
 - Lincoln Steering Committee Group
 - One of areas of emphasis
 - CLOs (community liaison officers) working collaboratively with Metro Parks & School District
 - Park looking much better
 - Want to continue level of order in the Lincoln Business District
 - Not just crime, but also aesthetics of the district
 - Did this for 9 weeks recently
 - Had a 27% drop in calls for service, 10% drop in reported crime
 - Along the way - noted 3600 Pacific Ave., found a methadone clinic servicing 500-600 people per day
 - ◆ Their goal to serve 1000 people per day
 - ◆ Methadone is for recovering opium/heroin addicts
 - ◆ Usually criminal activity associated with such a clinic
 - ◆ DEA is overseer of the clinic
 - TCCS - Tacoma Crime Control System
 - Report on hotspots, what PD will do about it, etc.
 - Using both traditional and nontraditional policing
 - 96th & Steele/Hosmer
 - ◆ Lots of car prowls, which spins off into other crimes
 - ◆ Car prowls for February and March dropping drastically
 - 38th St. to 34th and Pacific Ave to Portland Ave
 - ◆ Vehicle thefts
 - ◆ Fatal shooting last year
 - ◆ Things calming down
 - 38th and Park
 - ◆ Abandoned building (old pool hall)
 - ◆ Not sure if it will be foreclosed on or not yet
 - ◇ Either bank will own it and rip it down or city may take over
 - ◇ City owner may still come up with money to bring current and renovate.
 - 38th and G
 - ◆ Prior owner had a store, owner left all food there and everything - badly infested with rats
 - ◆ Also in foreclosure
 - Crime-Free Housing class
 - For owners to help with finding better renters
- Business District
 - Meeting on this Wednesday
 - Expecting successful street fair this year
 - At least 3 motorcycle clubs that will be involved
 - Each has a cause they're passionate about

- Stage with 6 or 7 bands playing
- Earl on behalf of Gia for Tacoma TV
 - Still trying to figure out a way to get Neighborhood Council information on there
- General Business
 - Email from Justin re: forming a committee to raise awareness of SENCO
 - Also would like some ideas on helping raise community awareness
 - Perhaps hold some community activities
 - Flyers? Go door to door?
 - Earl believes that perhaps a roadblock is that Safe Streets meetings has a lot of the same information available at their meetings that we have
 - Innovative grants - City is working on for next year, but will be a while
 - Clean Air Act business
 - Legislature focusing a lot on fireplaces
 - Want to help people get remove/replace their fireplaces
 - Want to get night vision goggles to use and be able to tell if people are burning green wood in their fireplaces
 - Majority of air pollution coming from I-5
 - Donation of money to Lincoln high school student
 - Need to decide whether to donate to the student individually or to the group as a whole.
 - Need to do soon, since their banquet is next month and trip is this summer
 - **Kristin King moved to donate \$750 to Loren individually since he came and presented before the board**
 - **Seconded by Janice**
 - **Approved by the Board**
- Treasury Report
 - Expense
 - Office Max - ink for printer - \$50.36
 - Tacoma Treasurer - \$37.70 - water bill
 - \$3,853.80 - Checking
 - Still need to pay
 - Tacoma Treasurer bill above
 - \$750 to Loren from Lincoln High School for trip
 - \$2000 something in savings (nothing has come out from savings)
 - Filled out form to receive \$4,000 grant from city
 - Should get by end of month via direct deposit
- Meeting adjourned.