

## SENCO – APRIL 21 2014 MEETING

Present: Earl Brydson, Cary Nilson, Kristin King, Tony Caldwell, Brian Kilen, John Pellessier

Call to Order: - Time: 7:05pm

Approval of minutes: February 2014, March 2014

### Liaison:

- Fire – Doug Kimball
  - Jan-Mar 577, 543, 662 = 1782
  - Fliers available with driver response to sirens, checklist for compiling a 72hr emergency kit
  - Recruited 24 new firefighters, in a 13week academy, then complete 1yr probation
- Metro Parks – Roxanne Miles
  - Ballot Capital Bond Measure:
    - 8pm Tuesday to put ballot in a drop box, auditor to release initial results at 8:15
    - Timing for spending: not all at once, every other year divided into quarters, so 8yrs in grab last amount. Prioritizing partnering/matching opportunities.
  - May – Aug event calendar available
    - May 10, 11 – special days at the zoo, half price for moms, enrichment with animals during that time
    - May 17 – star center adventure race, 2-mile run, has more obstacles
    - May 18 – pagoda celebration (Sunday), 100 year Centennial, trollie rides through the park discussing history of the center
    - June 1 – grand opening for Sara Campus Spray and Play center, largest spray/play, opening of South Tacoma Market on same day.
    - Camp guides available – ages 3 – high school, range from \$20 and up, week long, full day or half day, sports, activities
- Tacoma Public Utilities – absent
- City Manager's Rep
  - Charter Review Committee wrapping up. Final recommendations go before Council on May 6. Special meeting tonight and tomorrow at 6pm at Tacoma Municipal building North, room 16. Can submit comments via email to review committee. Last charter review in 2004, where they decided the charter would be reviewed every 10 years. Considering changing the City's form of gov't. Currently has a strong City Manager, as opposed to Seattle where the Mayor is stronger. Also cleaning up language to be gender neutral. Met more than 50 times since January.
  - 2013 year in review – cityoftacoma.org – see accomplishments by category – sustainability, education, fiscal issues
  - New: restructuring how to fill seats on committees, boards, and commissions: apply online quarterly, apply to any CBC, regardless of opening. Names kept in applicant pool so that if spot becomes available, you are on the list. Can apply for more than one.
  - 28th annual fair housing conference, May 28 – 8am-4pm, Greater Tacoma Convention and Trade Center
- Tacoma Schools District - absent
- Safe Streets – absent
- Police – Cory Darlington

- Hot spots:
  - 92nd and Steele/Hosmer – hot spot for vehicle prowls. Spike in calls for service. Identity theft, not just property. Last few weeks, there have been 0 prowls.
  - 72nd and Pacific – issue with McDonalds and Morgan Hotel. McDonalds keeping lobby open 24/7. Going the corporate level to try to persuade that McDonalds to close their lobby at 10 or midnight. Getting complaints from neighbors, 300 calls over the last year. Motel prostitution activity. Pressure on those owners in effort to fix.
- 88th and K – meth lab explosion. Neither of the 2 people killed.
- Crown Vics replaced with Ford Interceptors (suv with low-profile emergency light package). Was 25 cents/mile. New 19 cents/mile. More fuel efficient. Not replacing all at once, phasing out.
- Grand opening of Hong Kong market in Lincoln District. Working towards improving aesthetics of the district. S 39th and Yakima. Building new store. Fresh fish/lobster. Ownership group does have several properties.
- Pool hall at 38th and Park still standing, code enforcement active. Abandoned, boarded up. In and out of foreclosure.

Guest Speaker: Representative Laurie Jinkins

- Doing pre-session and post-session meetings with the neighborhood councils. Chaired the last charter review committee. With redistricting, the 27th district pushed into the 29th's area.
- 2014 being an even year, has a 60 day leg session, starting 2nd monday in January. Part time legislature, to support other jobs. Jinkins working for health dept. Odd years have 90 day because doing budget. Also even years are election years.
- Serve on 3 committees: appropriations committee (operating budget), chair on judiciary committee (landlord tenant issues, any relating to civil liability, juvenile justice), health care committee.
- Jake F. on transportation committee, environment committee, education
- Jeannie (Senate) communications, law and justice committee.
- Supplemental budget year to look/evaluate funds for the year. First year to build back the budget. Taken 7 years to recover in terms of state revenues.
- Legislative goals: at the end of high school, that every kid possible graduates, and when they get there, that they are ready for the next step, whether apprenticeship or higher education
- Big bills that passed this year:
  - 22 million dollars for mental health treatment,
  - clarity on domestic violence handling: courts can make offender give up their firearm, like most other states
  - sealed juvenile records for non-violent offenders to make non-public to help put past acts behind them and have successful adulthood. 90% of youth offenders do not offend as adults
  - financial support and respite for grandparents who are taking care of their grandchildren.
  - Extend foster care: allow kids to stay up to age 21 to help transition – some UWT students lobbied for this in Olympia on Valentine's Day
  - Invested additional \$58 million in education system
  - WA required by law to provide services to families with developmentally disabled kids, parents who do not institutionalize their kids are eligible for funding – able to provide it for 4K families
  - Authorize a more standard approach to specialty courts – veterans courts, mental health courts, etc. House passed it; Senate didn't.

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- WA a top tier state in terms of getting people to take advantage of the affordable care act. Have a whole lot of people who now have access to health care who didn't a year ago.
- Sent out last newsletter until after election day (November). Will have a hard-copy newsletter to go out to every voter in the district within the next month. Usually do one big town hall meeting per year. This year: 6 or 7 smaller community conversations. Will have info in the newsletter.
- Going to bring judiciary committee to Tacoma to look through the jails.
- Pushed this year to promote community involvement in working toward treating mental illnesses. Treatable.

#### Guest Speaker: Claudia Riedener: Letter to News Tribune Publisher

- Ms. Riedener is also secretary of Central Neighborhood Council.
- Issue: Tacoma News Tribune throwing plastic-bagged coupons since cheaper and faster than mailing. Road and pedestrian hazard. Getting caught in storm drains. Burglars targeting buildings with bags piled up outside, since residence seems vacant or home of disabled. 50K copies per week. City Manager agreed to talk with news tribune. Only option to opt-out, but vacant residences don't opt out. And distributors aren't checking address checklist when tossing them out of vehicles. City attorneys not taking up issue, as freedom of speech issue. Facebook page: citizens for tacoma not trash. 800+ likes.
- Claudia has drafted a letter for neighborhood council to sign to be sent to news tribune to urge them to stop their practice.
- First reached out to Tacoma News Tribune, but to them it wasn't an issue, not willing to use biodegradable bags or go back to mailing via post office or placing on porches. Distributed whether news subscriber or not.
- Community Council reached out to TNT as well.
- Possibility for opportunity for city code enforcement – delivery staff would need to be permitted. Perhaps a fine if opt-outs not honored.
- Getting chairs of neighborhood councils to sign letter to TNT. Phil Schroder in charge of TNT distribution. Been in the news for 3 months.

#### Community Concerns

- NONE

#### General Business

- Board:
  - Chair
    - Letter from Carol Wolfe with committees that they want 1 neighborhood council representative per group.
    - Cary to send Earl revised version of existing flier to remove content and make space for the address to be printed.
  - Vice Chair
    - Sponsorship opportunity for Pacific Avenue Business District – Sunday Jun 8 Street Fair 10am – 4pm at Stewart Middle School at 50th and Pacific. Car and Motorcycle show. Donater's name mentioned in all pertinent advertising, booth at the fair to promote.
      - Tony makes motion to donate to Street Fair \$300 – passed with Cary abstaining, and

John opposed – Tony and Kristin volunteer to man the booth

- Corresponding Secretary
  - Need to put list of current board members on website with title.
- Treasurer
  - \$4K from city came in.
  - \$7066.00 in checking, \$2117.28 in savings
- Committee:
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Old Business:

- NONE

New Business:

- Bass Fishing store going in where Lowes was on Hosmer. They want a variance in the sign height and signs on the building because want to build a clocktower type thing – 60ft up.