

SENCO MINUTES
JUNE 16, 2014

PRESENT: Earl Brydson, Tony Caldwell, Brian Kilen, William King, Kristin King, Janis Clark, Cary Nilson
ABSENT: Bill Ferrell, John, Justin Van Dyk (car accident injury)

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00pm

MINUTES to be approved next meeting

LIAISON REPORTS

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

- Fireworks are illegal in City of Tacoma, \$257 fine and confiscation of fireworks, handed over to TPD who disposes of them
- 2933 calls year to date
- Pearl building practice

METRO PARKS:

- Pools open this weekend – Super Pool Pass
- Free Open Swim July 4 and Sept 1
- Summer Playground Program – Franklin, Jefferson, Portland Ave, South Park
- Tiptoe through the Tidepool
- Volunteer Report – over 150,000 hrs of volunteer work, 6,000 people. Mostly at Zoo, NW Trek, Fort Nisqually. Retirees, eagle scouts, families

CITY MANAGER REP:

- Council Member Campbell – organizing Monday July 14 6pm Lincoln High School Town Hall Meeting, with representative from Pierce County regarding building at 35th and Pacific among other things. Feedback opportunity.
- Charter Review Process – Special Meeting Jun 17 going through recommendations and voting what moves forward to ballot. June 24 follow-up special meeting. Currently have 19 different ballot titles or groups of amendments. Can move as many or few as desired. Public meeting, but minimal public comment due to time constraints. Interviews scheduled for July 16 for selection of For and Against Committees. Watch City website for how to apply to those committees.
- 2015-2016 Budget kicking off. Presented 6-year forecast. Best case scenario \$6 million gap, does not include improvements or deferred maintenance. Community budget input meetings starting in July.
- Community Survey, statistically significant, were mailed out in May. Once completed and returned, then it will be available online for citizens.
- Tacoma Mall SubArea Plan – City was awarded a grant. Public participation beginning in the fall and continuing through 2015.
- June 24, Neighborhood and Community Services Dept presenting at City

study session will have gun safety education campaign presentation. Open to the public, but no public comment at study sessions.

GUEST SPEAKERS

Claudia Baker

with State Dept of Transportation, Tacoma/Pierce County HOV Program

- Context:
 - Finishing Sprague/SR 16 interchange
 - Completing Eastbound viaduct
 - Bridge over Nalley Valley for HOV, connecting SR 16 HOV with I5 HOV
 - \$1.6 Billion investment in Pierce County for the several pieces of Tacoma projects, paid for by gas taxes
- Discussion: M Street to Portland Avenue - HOV
 - Bridges over I5:
 - McKinley Way
 - Closing August 2015 - Spring 2017 (18 months)
 - Official detour for vehicles, bicycle, and walking
 - S 26th to S Pacific to E 34th
 - Takes longer than Pacific Bridge because of configuration of I5 underneath
 - Pacific Ave
 - Closing in September 2014- August 2015 (11 months)
 - Partially Open August 2015 - October 2015 open to 1 lane in each direction, 5ft bicycle path, walking path
 - Completely Open October 15, with 15 foot bicycle/pedestrian trail
 - Official vehicular detour
 - South Tacoma Way to M to S 38th
 - Official bicycle detour
 - S 26th to East D St to E 34th St
 - L Street will be future project
 - New Northbound I5, existing Northbound split into HOV northbound and southbound lanes concurrent with bridge building
 - As yet unfunded: bringing HOV down to 512
- Ben Han - Pierce Transit / Bus
 - Pacific Ave Bridge used by lines 1 and 53
 - Detour S 34th to S G St to S Delin St to 27th to Pacific
 - Don't use Tacoma Ave as a detour as Tacoma Ave Bridge will be closed.
 - Yakima Bridge will be open.
 - May be adding more stops, but limited by location of ADA curb ramps
 - Safety improvements at G St and S 34th
 - 5 to 10 minutes time add-on per trip
 - McKinley used by line 42

- Detour S 34th to E L St to E Wiley Ave
 - Bus times in book will reflect route changes in September
 - Considering day passes
- Communication
 - www.downtownontheho.com/about/about-dotg
 - www.wsdot.wa.gov
 - upper right corner has link for “email updates” gov delivery to subscribe to notice of construction, lane closure
 - www.piercetransit.org

Justin Mansfield – “Local Life” - City of Neighborhoods Event

- This summer will be 3rd year of City of Neighborhoods
 - June 28th – 9am – 4pm, registration opens at 8:30am, \$20 fee
 - Hosted at UPS Rotunda
 - Jim Deers speaking - neighborhood coordinator, community organizer in Seattle
 - 20+ stories with slides of neighborhood activities
 - People's choice award – voted by cheering level
 - R. R. Anderson
 - Lunch huddles – conversations
 - Former mayor Bill Barsman(sp?) to discuss the founding and future of the Neighborhood Council Program
 - Presenting award to Elton Gatewood - “Elton Gatewood Neighborhood Building Award”
 - Live music
- Previous conferences:
 - 2 years ago started/hosted at UWT
 - Last year hosted at the Downtown Post Office, 120 – 130 people
 - Tacoma Weekly did front page story
 - Downtown On The Go, Go Local, Tacoma Historical Society, and other organizations involved
- Donation
 - Recognition on website, program, blog, powerpoint presentation
 - Janis Clark made a motion to support City of Neighborhoods with donation of \$500 with 10 tickets
 - William King seconded
 - Motion approved
- Contact information
 - www.cityofneighborhoods2014.com
 - facebook event
 - justin@localifetacoma.org

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

- Cory Darlington
- Extra patrols to educate and enforce Fireworks Prohibited
- Officer Lopez and Detective Coulter made arrests connected to prostitution, drug activity, and burglary. Eastside burglary stats are going down.
- McDonalds on 72nd and Pacific continues to stay open 24hrs, but has hired off-duty officers Thursday - weekend nights 11pm - 3am, has made marked improvement.
- Arrests at Tacoma Mall for theft
- Blueberry Park - E 72nd and D St - Car prowls higher when blueberries in season while people parked to pick blueberries, popping trunks after seeing people put valuables in trunk. This year will have additional officer patrols in the area.
- Quarterly Stats
 - Citywide "crimes against society" down 7.2%
 - Sector 3 down 6.7%
 - Sector 4 down 10.5% (our sector)

BOARD BUSINESS

Earl

- Received email regarding parking lot to be extended
- Balances
 - Checking: \$7028.68, less \$500 for donation to City of Neighborhoods Event
 - Savings: \$2117.81
- John in poor health.
- Bill Ferrell withdrawing from board for work reasons. Seat will be available.

Janis

- Women Veterans June 20th event from 7pm - 10pm at Best Western Tacoma Dome Hotel for women who are veterans and veteran supportive. Have vendor booths set up.