

South End Neighborhood Council  
7/20/2015 7:05pm

In attendance: Earl Brydson, John Pellessier, Janis Clark, Brandon Jones, William King, Kristin King, Tony Rendina, Tony Caldwell, Cary Nilson

Absent: Brian Kilen, Shannel Ball

Update to Agenda:

Marie Rose withdrawing application for grant, as City put it in already. Will skip 5.2 and 5.3. City would not sponsor group applications.

David Sanders may or may not show later, as has court lawsuit engagement.

Fire Department

- 4th of July had 2x as many calls on the 4th as a normal day. Lot of fire activity from 7pm on. Able to save most structures; one property lost a roof.
- Replacement fire ship, docking in Waterway 18. Will hold police boat and fire boat eventually. Previous version didn't float properly.
- 15 recruits graduated Academy, now on the field. Work 3 months on different areas
- Seasonal spotlight:
  - Outdoor grilling in summer. Indoor grilling is a problem in winter. Make sure connections are tight for propane. Can spray with bottle containing water and soap, check for bubbles. When using charcoal, leave them in the grill for a few days, or put them in a metal container, NOT in a paper bag on a wooden deck.
  - Statewide burning ban because of fire hazard. Have had grass and brush fires, but none in the area involving homes yet. Ordinarily, you can have recreational fires, but if a neighbor calls, it is considered a nuisance fire, and the Tacoma Fire Dept comes and puts it out. Over by Mt Tahoma High School, there are grassy areas of concern, and along Tyler from 62nd to 40th a large wooded area. Fire today in Blueberry Park. Alongside the Freeway.
    - Question: fire on Ft Lewis? they are going to let burn out.
- Question for disposal of propane? can take to Dump at hazardous waste area.

Metro Parks: Roxanne Miles

- See Event calendar for highlights
- Pools open at Campbell and Stewart Heights
- This weekend Ethnic Fest in Wright Park
- 7/31 Kandle Park Sunset Cinema - Dolphin Tale 2,
- Family Hikes
  - Aug 8 Wapato Hills walk with Naturalist
  - Aug 1: Tiptoe through the tide pools
  - Aug 8: Meadow parks, first "foot golf" course open

- on William's 9, separate from other golfing area
- Boathouse Fishing Derby out of Pt Defiance Marina
- Wounded Warrior program requires military association with JBLM.

#### City Manager Rep: India Adams

- Public notice: seeking For and Against committees for the propositions in the December Ballot
  - min wage
  - change in for of gov't
  - property tax rate for street improvement
  - sales and use case for street improvement
- TPU 18-24 yr olds, Wed 2-4 at Reach Youth Center
  - Trade Occupations Learning
- Neighborhood Cleanup now through August
- Port of Tac plan for Jun 2015 - Dec 2015
- Open House at Mason Gulch requesting public feedback 7/30 6-7pm  
University of Puget Sounds

#### Community Concerns

- Anthony Blankenship with the City Neighborhood and Community Services, will be interacting with South End

#### General Business

- Chair
  - Insurance: \$382 payment due
    - covers board members in event of suit or injury, will eventually get a disc with policy info
  - Water bill: \$39.20
  - Found the \$100 discrepancy, old error.
- School Board indiv requesting donation, but bylaws do not allow Board to donate though individuals are welcome to.
- Vice Chair - nothing to report
- Treasurer
  - Balances
    - \$7572.20 - checking
    - \$2121.24 - savings
- Corresponding Secretary
  - Earl requests letter of warning to Shannel regarding absence. Sign as Neighborhood Council. If she misses 2 more meetings from the letter of warning.... no longer required by bylaws, but William will draft
- Membership committee
  - Tony R: talk to neighborhood residents and find out what is going on
  - Earl: Fire station message board is in the process of getting worked on
  - Brandon: called Pierce Co TV channel, they put the neighborhood committee meetings up there as well

- Earl: Carol is working on a flyer regarding neighborhood council times
- Audience: was referred by Safe Streets - folks from Birney and Pac West
- Audience
  - Joe Carl - problem with parks - kids and adults sleeping in parks. Behind Key Bank on 84th and Pacific, woods were demolished, so people moving to their park. Ryans Park. People putting tents up.
    - Metro Parks meet 2nd and 4th Mondays at Park Board HQ at 2nd and 19th.
    - Anthony Blankenship helping with this. Working with the school district and Metro Parks to come up with comprehensive plan for homeless encampments in Blueberry Park. Trying to “activate the space” in the 30 acres of undeveloped land. Meeting 2nd week of August with interested stakeholders, then will open it up to Community in Sept, hopefully having something in place by next summer to replace violence/drugs/etc. Trying to put in lights at Ryans Park. Metro Park bond to do more maintenance. Get people and business on Pacific Ave the tools to report crime. Want to bring in more businesses, like at 9201 Pacific, get investors to buy up properties and do something with it.
      - Brandon asks: cutting out undergrowth would be good step, no place to hide.
      - Blueberry Park, as a designated wet land, falls under federal guidelines. Not machinery, but possibly goats to clear it out.
      - Janis weighing in. Thinks it is of grave importance that citizens go to Metro Parks Board meetings and School board meetings. New people running to get on those boards. Comprehensive plan is long term. Request short term, medium plans. Talk solutions.
      - Anthony B requests volunteerism to come help clean up parks. Ramping up for physical changes in the spring time. Requests pressure from neighborhood on elected officials
    - resident lives on 80th and D St, they have cleaned up the area themselves. Remember when lady prisoners cleaned up the park. City put in shrubs, security issue. Want speed bumps or a circle on D St, crosswalk. See new bumps on Park Ave. Concern for kids at park and apt buildings. No stop sign or speed sign.
      - Make-A-Splash Grants
      - recommend talk to school boards
    - Tony C - recommend write down stuff for next 6 weeks, take it to TPD and Safe Streets. They are in contact with Darren Pen and Officer Lopez.

#### Old Business

- Tony C -
  - National Night Out Aug 4. bring a dish and get to know your neighbors. He's throwing one at 61st and G St
  - Gas Station Park - landscaper?

- Has a plan drawn up. Can do email vote. He couldn't make it tonight.
- Letter to School District about
  - South End Neighborhood Student Advisory Committee (sensac). Requests William's help as he updated his computer. In contact with the previous students on Facebook and email.
- Janis
  - part of Innovative Grant was to get part time position for youth, coming through the agency. Important to re-engage the school district, Giandrone in particular after the suicide, as school starts again in the fall.
- Janis - NUSA report
  - was disappointed by Tacoma's representation, not on the radar at all. Lack of coordination among Tacoma's neighborhoods.
  - Didn't know that cities were supposed to bring pins to exchange
  - To complete AAR.

Tacoma PD absent.

Adjourned at 8:25pm.