

SOUTH END NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Call to order - 7:04pm

No minutes to approve.

Absent: John Pellessier, Brian Kilen

Present: Earl, Tony C, William, Kristin, Janis, Tony R, Cary

Earl - Veteran's Night was on the 11th, Janis to present plaque

Janis

- started Safe Homes 20yrs ago
- 7yrs ago, Safe Homes started an award and appreciation celebration of Veterans
- saluted 100 distinguished veterans, including Earl, Tony R, Tony C, Brandon
- presented award to Tony C, who couldn't attend the event

Tony C

- joined Air Force right after high school, 12 years, went career, moved around the country with his family
- currently works for City of Seatac

Fire Dept - Ray Manglona - battalion chief

- Safety tips regarding heaters
 - check baseboards often, furniture proximity
 - make sure portable heater has automatic safety that will turn it off if it tips over. Make sure it's not propane, which causes carbon monoxide poisoning. Keep 3ft from anything. Keep on flat surfaces. Turn them off when you leave the house.
 - Fireplaces and wood stoves should be cleaned professionally. Soot that builds up can catch fire and cause an attic fire. Keep fire screens in front of fire places. Don't burn garbage or Christmas trees. When emptying ashes, make sure they are cool and put them in a metal container.
 - Have a smoke detector on every level and in every room.
 - Have a plan of where the family/housemates should meet when there is a fire. Call 911 from there. Do not go back into the house to save cat or dogs or valuables. Fire dept does have equipment and training for search and rescue.
- Have a plan for creating a safe room in the event of airborne issues, hazardous materials, volcanic ash, etc.
- Month of October in South End:
 - 55 reported fires
 - 577 ems
 - 60 calls unclassified
- October in the City 6,403 runs

Metro Parks – Terena Jovera

- Wapato Park have bids to replace docks, aiming for 2017, getting community input, make the water more usable
 - water has blue algae toxic bloom – so no swimming, but paddle-boarding would be nice
 - do not feed wildlife campaign still on-going
- Charlotte's Blueberry park – Grace Missionary Baptist Church on A street, 6pm, Tues Nov 17, vegetation management plan, discuss property south of the park looking for community input.
- Polar Plaza – ice skating rink downtown Tacoma, do have ice skates for rent. Nov 21 – Jan 10
- Giodrone after school program - “Middle School Program” started at Giodrone this year (weren't there last year). Started up with new leadership in November.

City Manager Rep – India Adams

- Project PEACE – has now completed, ended last on Oct 29, culminating in Feb 8th(tentative)
- Home ownership mediation and education – in Oct, 68 homes were up for foreclosure, program to provide resources to home owners and tenants. Starting as early as Nov, with representatives canvassing neighborhoods
- minimum wage – although results not officially certified, looks like measure 1B will pass. Employers phase in \$12.
 - \$10.
 - \$11.15 on Jan 1 2017
 - \$12 on Jan 1 2018
 - adjusted annually for rate of inflation on Jan 1 2019
 - community members may attend one of the 4 meetings at Tacoma Public Library (on the city website, under “what's happening now” section)
 - wed nov 18 2pm – 3pm
 - wed dec 8 4:30 – 5:30
 - tues dec 15 5:30 – 6:30
 - thurs dec 17 10:00 – 11am
- marijuana discussion on city study session on Nov 17
- Tony R question: tax increase for road repair? – still counting votes on that one, looking pretty close. Should be an update on that tomorrow at 4pm

Tacoma School Lisa Nolan – assistant superintendent for tacoma public schools

- New IDEA School that the school board voted to move forward
 - Industrial Design Engineering and Art (IDEA) will be held at the old Park Ave school (67th and Park), innovative school to capture that demographic, all students from across the city could attend, but more focused on South End
 - goal to start with 125 freshmen, goal of 500 capacity
- Boundary Revisions
 - opened Wainright a 4th – 8th grade, interested in an IB emphasis, could

impact Jenny Reed or Grey Middle school

- Nov 18 6pm-8pm at Fircrest Community Center, hear recommendation of the committee, community input on boundary
- Nov 1 announced that Tacoma School Board recognized with distinction, recommended and received award
- Kurt Miller served for 12 years as school board member; Andrea Cobb won election to replace him. Kathryn Ushka re-elected to her board position
- Flooding at stadium bowl, closed through February, cost for repairs TBD
- Possible updates on Mary Lion and Stewart Middle School at Senco's Jan meeting

Voting for members of the board and officers

- Janis and Tony R nominating committee
- May have 2 board openings. Applications available on the website.
- RESULTS of general ballot:
 - Cary, John, William, Tony C, Kristin re-elected
 - Brian Kilen not re-elected
- RESULTS of executive officer ballot:
 - Vice Chair - Cary Nilson
 - Secretary - Kristin King
 - Corresponding Secretary - William King
 - Treasurer - Janis Clark

Earl - January meeting discussion of ideas/plans/issues for Senco Board for 2015

- Discuss next 2 to 3 years of planning
- Gathering community input
- Discuss getting a new printer
- Tony C wrote up Suggestions and Recommendations for 2016
 1. physical signs displayed on prominent corners like 48th and Alaska, or 56th and Alaska
 2. POW flag to be flown at Fire Station on Veterans Day
 3. group photo of board members for website
 1. maybe displayed at city hall
 2. profile pictures on the About Us page
 4. offer more help to those applying for Innovative Grants
 5. make financial reports accessible to board and public
 6. include links to local food banks, shelters, organizations, park info
 1. harvest pierce county has list
 2. united way
 7. provide larger summary of speakers/meeting contents
 8. SENCo sponsor food or coat drive
 1. Mix and Mingle at the parks
 2. before and after for projects
 9. get feedback from residents on what they want to hear about, what they would like to present
 10. Youth Program - coordination

11. Yard of the Month recognition for South End
 12. Student of the Year - \$100-\$200 for South End student with excellent grades and documented volunteering x hours
 13. Reach out to and encourage teachers/students to participate
 1. Fire Station has internet, video conference
 14. Yearly Turkey give-away
 15. SENCo apparel and/or business cards
- Korbett to attend January meeting and provide guidance
 - City provided 10hrs consulting for each neighborhood council

Community Concerns

Executive Officers coordinate monthly meeting time, 1st Sat morning 11am(?)

Corresponding Secretary - Facebook at 99 likes. Get us over the edge!

Treasurer report

- Water: \$39.25
- Balances likely same as last month. Earl left checkbook at home.

Membership Committee - nothing to report

Old Business

- Brothers printer in the office not working properly. Board had approved \$500 for replacement.
 - Motion: amazon.com black and white laser printer with toner cartridge for less than \$200 - moved by William, seconded by Tony R. APPROVED.
- CCOT to be Thursday Nov 19 6pm Tacoma Municipal Building Annex, room 16, moved forward due to Thanksgiving

New Business

- Tony C requests speakers from Highway dept for updates on bridges, construction, etc. Aim for February

Adjourn at 8:42pm