



# South End Neighborhood Council

4911 S. Alaska Street, Fire Station #8, Suite B  
Tacoma, WA 98408

## Monthly Meeting Minutes March 21, 2016

Called to Order at 7:04pm

Present: Earl Brydson, Cary Nilson, Janis Clark, Kristin King

Absent: Brandon Jones, William King, Antonio Rendina, John Pellesier, Tony Caldwell

No minutes to approve yet.

### Fire Dept

- Poison prevention week, preparedness and awareness
- Electrical safety
- Fire Station sign - no budget to fix

### Metro Parks

- Sat April 2, Kids Trek opening at Northwest Trek
- Eastside Community Center
  - Site is located near First Creek Middle School
  - [www.imagineeastside.org](http://www.imagineeastside.org) - get feedback from community
- Summer Camp Go Guides available
  - ages 3 - 18
  - Summer Playgrounds to be announced in April/May

### City Manager Office

- Tacoma Fire CPR classes
  - April 7 and 16
  - 9:30am - 12:30pm at Fire Station 8
- T-Town City Services Expo
  - Sat, May 7
  - 10am - 3pm at the Tacoma Dome, Free
  - interactive, educational, how to utilize resources in upcoming budget season
  - can contact India directly for info
- Sheridan Sidewalk info
  - City in process of compiling Transportation Master Plan

Darius Thompson guest speaker absent.

### Community Concerns

- Updates on 911 Communication Center, the old Puget Sound hospital? Tribune said that part of the project was to tear down the old hospital. 3600 block on Pacific
  - Cary – possibly putting it south and across the street
  - Earl – the plan is to tear it down and rebuild. The cost was too high to renovate.
  - Janis – a gentlemen collected enough signatures for a referendum last year, and the vote is to not build it.
    - Pierce County Charter Review Commission is meeting Wednesday Mar 23 7pm at the Annex on 38th and Pine. Meets weekly.
    - Pierce County website Charter Review shows meeting scheduling and information.
- Suzanne Skaar – concern about the methanol plant
  - asking neighborhood councils to speak out on behalf of those most affected
  - concerns that big business has more say than those who live in areas that would see pollution, etc
  - request consideration to write a letter to that effect
  - Earl – CCOT has updates. It will take at least 4yrs to even start, and no permits have been granted yet. The company hasn't submitted plans or drawings to get a permit. Nine or so permits required, and if one is denied, then it is shut down.
  - They have concerns that Tacoma would be left in a bind if anything happened and the LLC is dissolved. Look at IES.
  - Other attendee: City isn't talking; port commissioners aren't very open. Don't want to wait until it's too late like Flint, Michigan. The Kaiser Aluminum plant is still polluted. The proposal has not been performed anywhere else. Concerns for air quality and healthy livelihood. Northwest Innovations withdrew after the negative community response.
  - Earl – City Council is meeting with them and asking questions. We can send a letter to the City reflecting our neighborhood's feelings.
  - Janis – requests Suzanne send an email to Earl with language.
- Don Hanson – owns senior care facilities
  - 4347 S Union Ave location. Has problem with gang warfare, drive-by shootings, drug use. Would like to resurrect neighborhood watches. Looking for South Tacoma.
- Other – living next door to a half-way house 48th and Thompson. How to get neighbors to clean up their yard? Police has come out. Garbage has come out.
  - Earl – Call 311
  - Fire Dept – municipal code enforcement, 'Tacoma Cares', police will be worried about safety/violence. Code and health inspectors.

- Kristin - 311 is 8am - 5pm. also file a code complaint online describing the issue. They send out someone and email back with status.

## General Business

- Earl
  - Tacoma Ave bridge update - received an email planning to open it up between April and June. Restore old lamp-post style.
  - League of Women Voters has released the pamphlet of elected officials.
  - Community member Benjamin Wolk - precinct captain for this area:
    - Democratic Caucus is this Saturday - 3/26 - 9am at Lincoln High School
  - received copy of a request from the development department of a request for a ramp for handicapped wife
- Cary
  - went to the community breakfast at Lincoln and heard discussion of improvements to the area
    - underground utilities, sidewalks, etc
    - raising power lines higher so more out of the way
      - G / Tacoma down to Thompson, 37th to 39th area
- Janis, Treasurer
  - Jan 29 balances
    - Savings: \$2,122.48
    - Checking: \$6,928.20
  - March 4 accounts payable to south end
    - \$4,000.00 operation funds deposit (add to checking)
  - One outstanding check - \$189.51
  - Pay water bill - \$40.76
  - when we have a quorum, vote to move from checking to savings
  - NUSA coming up in May in Memphis Tennessee
    - City might reimburse \$1K for one person to go
    - CCOT might pay registration
    - Janis volunteers

Any other concerns?

## Suzanne Skaar

- concern because a few City Councilmembers came out in support of the methanol plant.
- Board to vote on the letter next month