



# South End Neighborhood Council

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

## Monthly Meeting Minutes April 18, 2016

Call to order: 7:02pm

Present: Earl Brydson, Janis Clark, William King, Kristin King, Tony Caldwell, Cary Nilson

Absent: Antonio Rendina, Brandon Jones, John Pellesier

Rep Jenkins to attend May meeting

February and March minutes approved, to be posted on website

Fire Dept

Had a call at 6:30pm, accident on 72nd

Police Dept

to arrive later

Metro Parks - Tereena

1. Summer Event Calendar is available
  1. free events
  2. summer camps
2. Sat Apr 23 Parks Appreciation Day
  1. 9am - noon volunteer cleanup
  2. contact Richard Marks 253-202-5978
3. Docks at Wapato Park being replaced
  1. in Design/Development phase
  2. about one year's worth of permitting, hopefully completed 2017
  3. fishing pier at south end and pavilion area
4. Pt Defiance park updates/renovations
  1. Group called 'Friends of Point Defiance Park'
    1. gardening club, shore cleanup, park cleanup
    2. park rangering
5. From the audience:
  1. Compliments on the dog park. Place where dogs can swim in non-salt water?

1. Answer: toxic blue algae bloom prohibitive from anyone touching the Wapato water. Expensive clean-up. Will need to follow up.
2. Park superintendent: Furuto

#### Fire Dept

1. Handouts
  1. Move right for sirens/lights
  2. 72hr comfort kit as part of earthquake response
2. We've entered the fire season early.
  1. Sunday morning fire downtown
  2. Recommend cleaning up shrubbery/plants near structures
  3. Fires are generally up so far this year
3. Calls for the year up by 9%
4. Questions
  1. Janis: who to talk to about a huge tree with limbs close to / touching power lines?
    1. Answer: call Tacoma Power particularly if touching power lines
    2. 311 during the day

#### City Manager Rep

1. T-Town
  1. city services expo event
  2. May 7 10am - 3pm at the Tacoma Dome
  3. Activities, games, Fire truck up close, talk with TPD
  4. Share ideas and feedback about how to utilize resources
  5. contact [iadams@cityoftacoma.org](mailto:iadams@cityoftacoma.org)
  6. for questions: contact 311 for setup/takedown volunteer
2. Proposed plastic bag ordinance
  1. April 27, 4:30pm, Tacoma Municipal Building North, Room 16
  2. Infrastructure planning and sustainability
  3. agenda available next Wednesday
3. Community Cleanup Schedule
  1. Calendar with proposed times/places
  2. May 14 at Giaudrone, 9:30am
4. Darius Thompson
  1. to attend next May to discuss transportation
5. India's last meeting
  1. new representative to be expected at May's meeting

#### Tacoma Public Schools

1. Lisa Nolan
2. Kate Frasier named Principal of the Year by WA association of school principals
3. April 1 - Gov Inslee visited McKinley campus which houses McCarver, the relationship with the housing, signed a bill with a grant for finding housing for low income

4. Wainwright Elementary construction is behind schedule
  1. won't open next fall, earliest to open is October 2016, no later than Jan 2017
5. Tacoma Public Schools supporting minority and women-owned business
  1. supporting local firms and promoting career opportunities for apprenticeships
  2. encourage community partnership
6. Arlington Elementary closing ceremony on April 30
  1. next school year students will be at old McKinley site
  2. to be demolished and replaced
7. next year have 17 projects
  1. small capital bond projects and renovations
  2. ventilations, new carpets, logistical updates
8. administrative changes
  1. due to retirements
  2. some moving to other positions, new additions joining, some from Clover Park school district
  3. new innovative school 'IDEA'
9. Questions:
  1. Earl: Stewart?
    1. Will have same principal, opening fall 2017
  2. Cary: Lyon Elementary?
    1. Looking at preliminary plans, it is moving forward, will get back with the stage
  3. Janis: the number of the bill that was signed by Inslee?
    1. House Bill 1682
  4. Janis: how is the word getting out to the women/minority owned business?
    1. RFP request for proposal - one of the key ways they advertise is the TPS website, also push out to contacts they know about or advertising agencies. Contact Steve Demel because he checks the RFPs

Pat Babbitt:

1. City of Tacoma Healthy Homes Healthy Neighborhoods program
2. door to door outreach, community meeting outreach
3. partnerships to offer cost savings and benefits to environmental and human health
  1. with Lincoln Revitalization Project
4. S 43rd in the south, 35th Division, S M, Pacific Ave - door to door outreach area
5. equity focused, depend on income guidelines
  1. house weatherization, energy assistance
6. home repair
  1. city has a home rehabilitation loan program, income-qualifying residents up to 25k loan with low interest for dealing with repairs
7. with Rebuilding Together South Sound

1. yard maintenance
8. work with Seniors as well
9. gardening and natural yard care
  1. TaGrow - beauty mulches, soil and mix for gardening, yard care
    1. 8+ rating for EPA
    2. safer for kids and pets than a lot of products available at home depot
    3. have a free pile that you can shovel yourself
      1. off Portland Ave - 2301 Cleveland Way, Tacoma
10. Support for renters
  1. City has down payment assistance up to 20k for those going from renting to owning
11. Upcoming Event
  1. Urban Hike - historic walking tour of Lincoln around business district
    1. Councilman Campbell to be present
    2. talk about street scape and other parts of Lincoln Revitalization
    3. 4/23 10am - noon, start at Whitman Elementary School, 1.4mile route
12. Tree coupon discount
  1. not a great time to plant unless committed to watering
  2. but can get discounted trees 3-10 gallon
  3. available to all, not just low-income
13. Audience
  1. Has yard care forms available
  2. Janis question: doing more Urban Hikes than just Lincoln?
    1. 2012-2013 had hike at Wapato
    2. last year started Urban Hike in Dome top area on Eastside

#### Verizon - Sunny Ausink

1. Verizon proposing to modify 2 existing sites
  1. 4818 S J Street
    1. existing 80ft tower, increase to 100ft
    2. adding 6 antennas and equipment compound within the Century Link station
    3. can't modify the fence for security reasons, but can add landscaping near the gate
    4. equipment within the wooden fenced area
    5. proposing diesel generator for backup
  2. 3736 S Sheridan
    1. hoping to modify the existing 60ft tower, increase to 80ft
    2. add 3 new antennas and equipment shelter
    3. conditional use permit from city of Tacoma
    4. add wood fence instead of the existing blue vinyl
    5. too small to add generator
2. not hoping to build new facilities, as the areas are residential
3. provide e911 services to the south sound
4. timelines:
  1. trying to go into permitting at the end of May

2. public process with City of Tacoma
3. residents within 500 ft of subject site will be notified by mail
5. Question:
  1. Suzanne Skaar: property values might fall?
    1. Trying to mitigate it by making the site improvements
    2. haven't heard from residents yet
  2. Janis: process for asking residents what kind of landscaping they would want?
    1. Audience member: that is what the public comment is for
    2. Verizon is leasing the space on someone else's tower, but is increasing the height. They did a pre-application meeting with the City of Tacoma. They said one way to make a better looking site would be to remove the blue vinyl and add the wood fence.
  3. Tony:
    1. Noise of the generator for the J st location?
      1. They will do a sound analysis to make sure it is within City code
  4. Audience:
    1. What does the extra 20ft do to the radius of the tower?
      1. For a site like that, it goes about  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile to  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile radius of the facility at minimum. Don't know exactly how much.
  5. Tony:
    1. With increased height, what about lightning strikes?
      1. They were designed for code, wind-load, etc that goes into the structural plans
    2. What action for the residents, would the homeowners be covered if there were an accident to the tower?
      1. Towers in rural areas have lightening rods, but the additional height extension will meet any local and international building codes.
      2. William: the contact cards will have contact info if residents want more information from the City regarding the structure.

#### Audience regarding Methanol Plant

1. Presented a sample letter based on the Central Neighborhood Council and others stating that neighborhood council does not support the proposed methanol plant
2. Please consider taking a vote to send a letter expressing the residents' reservations.
3. Meeting Clover Park Technical School, noon, 4/25, the Port of Tacoma to take a vote
  1. William: this is for the lease
4. Suzanne Skaar - object to the secrecy of the process, want to hold city officials accountable.
5. Other residents: we use products that use methanol
6. Nurse: objects based on medical impact on children who are exposed, all plants have accidents and explosions, cited China examples. Too close to fault lines, highway, hospitals, detention center.

7. William: the April 25 meeting is to decide on the feasibility of the lease being extended, whether or not to keep at the low rate or kick it to the high rate.
8. Resident: way to soon to argue the merits of natural gas or methanol. Have two things here:
  1. Decision of do we want a methanol plant?
  2. Lack of transparency in the process? Recommend writing a letter saying, keep us in the loop or you won't get support. Hold off on writing a letter until have the report. There are a million methanol stories that can be told.
9. Suzanne:
  1. The letter does include real facts.
10. Earl:
  1. the community council has questioned the city and will be discussing writing a letter from that council.
11. Resident:
  1. as Tacoma Fire said, we are on a fault line. A lot of the community are not aware of what the plan is and what the response would be.
  2. Concern about transporting fracked oil.
12. Other Resident:
  1. They chose this location because it was more secure than other locations.
13. William: motion to defer until Community Council has a presentation regarding the issue.
  1. Tony Caldwell seconds
  2. Janis: feels that this motion is out of order. That there should be a motion to write a letter using the letter presented as a template.
  3. William: currently undecided. See some positive things, haven't had a chance to dig into the dangers. I wouldn't want to write a strongly worded letter on either side, wouldn't want to write a neutral letter then come back.
  4. The next Community Council meeting is the 28th, and the Tacoma meeting is on the 25th.
  5. Janis: the communication issue is with the Port of Tacoma. The City of Tacoma said they would do the CEPA study once the Port decides if they will give grace to the LLC. In that sense, we should wait and see.
  6. Audience: Who is giving the reports? Are both sides being presented?
    1. Went to the scoping meetings, 500 people against, 1200 people against. Only NWIW and City of Tacoma were allowed to have pamphlets to public.
    2. Know that other councils have been influenced by other City Councilmembers. Eastside chose to defer.
  7. Tony: Apologize to audience member for any miscommunication or assumption.
  8. William: at last Community Council meeting, lively debate on either side, tasked to gather information and individuals for who to present.

9. Motion passed with
  1. Cary, William, Tony in favor
  2. Kristin, Janis, Earl opposed

Janis: move that we would consider writing a letter of support to Mayor, Port, Council that we would propose not having a facility at all. Write a letter to not approve the extension of the lease.

1. Tony - seconded
2. Janis: made the motion because the residents show up
3. Friendly amendment: we represent the neighborhood, as in the residents of the South End Neighborhood Council area
4. Friendly amendment to wording: we do not support the feasibility of extending the lease.

India: NorthEast Tacoma and Tacoma Central have approved letters

Tacoma Community Council meets 4th Thursday, 4/28, 6pm, Room 16

Tacoma Police Department

1. as a resident: check out Panama Papers - regarding methanol
2. TPD: handout with recap from Sector 4
3. not 911 call responders, focus on quality of life issues, finding root of problems
4. up-tick in violence
  1. Saturday shooting at 35th and L St.
  2. mostly on Hilltop, 1400 S M
  3. Violence Reduction Task Force
    1. known gang bangers, people with warrants
5. Community outreach
  1. Project Peace
  2. Latino Town Hall at Lincoln High School in a couple weeks
  3. Cambodian New Year monastery
    1. 11:30am 44th and Portland
6. Re-accreditation at national level coming up in June 2016
7. Hiring - positions to fill
8. Neighborhood watch groups, training coming up
  1. South End and Eastside have most organized watch groups
  2. CLOs attend community meetings
9. Comment: Resident in Lincoln District - no neighborhood watch up there, Safe Streets have taken another direction. Working to get support for a neighborhood watch, which requires background check and attend a training. May 14 training by Safe Streets.
10. Methadone clinic, 3600 Pacific Ave
  1. Kitsap elected not to have a clinic, but give travel vouchers so they can come to Tacoma
  2. hundreds visit that location each day

11. Question from Janis:
  1. Did Project Peace have anything to do with awards/grants?
    1. Dept of Justice did receive a grant a couple years ago to retain positions. Just had a rep from DC who saw community outreach in Lincoln District.
  2. Did we receive awards/accolades?
    1. Didn't convert to dollars.
12. Question from Cary:
  1. Is the tagger still in jail or out again?
    1. One guy who has been arrested multiple times with 4 or 5 charges against him, is still in jail.

#### Hannah, Rebuilding Together South Sound

1. Free home repair to low income home owners, right now focusing on Lincoln District
2. Big event 4/30,
  1. 8:30am - 3pm Neighborhood Makeover Day
  2. 10am-1:45pm Neighborhood Clean Up
  3. 1pm - 3pm Neighborhood Resource Fair
3. Neighborhood Makeover Week, S 43rd St to 38th, Fawcett to Pacific
4. Workshops on Monday and Thursday at Hilltop
  1. Monday 4/25: home maintenance workshop, plumbing/electrical
  2. Thursday 4/28: rain barrels

#### Community Question/Concerns

Audience member: regarding the shooting of the woman by TPD, family in bereavement, officers back on duty.

1. Lt. Darlington: investigation is lengthy and detailed. Detectives do internal investigation; officers on leave for 2wks. Before they return to duty, officers go through psychological evaluation, meet with dept chaplain, critical incidence experts. Presentation will be made to prosecutors office on Friday for review. More details to be released in the News Tribune. The standard is that an officer is not to be used unless their life or someone else's is in imminent danger.
2. Earl: Tacoma has a deadly use of force review board made of civilians, investigators, detectives. Took about a year to go through the process and the evidence to find out if it was justified. So it may take a while.
3. Janis: shared experience as ex-wife of police officer and as a veteran.

#### General Business

1. Earl: the \$4k deposit from the City came in. Earl proposes move it to savings.
  1. William so moves to transfer \$4k to savings
  2. Janis seconds.
2. Earl: request William write letter to Brian and John to thank them for their

- service on the board, mail to their home addresses.
1. Then put up on website that we have openings.
  2. Earl give William information on when they joined the board
3. No updates from Vice Chair
  4. No updates from Corresponding Secretary
  5. Janis: treasurer
    1. will transfer \$4,000 from checking to savings
    2. Statement balances at end of March 31, 2016:
      1. \$2,122.83 - savings
        1. earned \$0.18 interest
      2. \$10,698.64 - checking
  6. Janis to go to NUSA, approved \$2k maximum reimbursement?
    1. Kristin review minutes to see if the motion was previously approved for 2016
  7. Membership Committee
    1. Kristin worked with Corey to produce the newsletter
      1. Janis and Cary said they didn't receive it
  8. Old Business
    1. William: City of Tacoma Blue Ribbon Property Crimes Reduction Task Force has held its last meeting and has prepared a 30-page report to the City. Requests a spot on the June agenda to present on it.
    2. Tony:
      1. comment on the Students Advisory Committee
        1. contacted Tacoma School District. Next month will have update on getting the Student Advisory Committee for fall 2016.
        2. Will keep Earl and William in the loop each step of the way.
      2. Janis: should she get a flyer out?
        1. Tony: prefer to work with liaisons like Amanda Scott. Will put her in the email loop. The timing would be earlier, like November. But yes, draft up a letter for future consideration.
      3. Audience: most schools draft their student body officers at the end of the year to get them now before they start their class in the fall.
        1. Tony: Not necessarily drafting student officers.
        2. Board agrees, not restricting
  9. New Business
    1. Tony:
      1. We had passionate audience members about the methanol plant, we should be careful/clear with what we say.
      2. Agree with Cary that we should know who belongs to our boundaries.
    2. Question from audience:
      1. Regarding: reviewing bylaws, who can vote / propose motions.
      2. Regarding: minutes, missing previous minutes
        1. Suggest allowing other groups to post on our website to interconnect content
    3. Tony: is it possible to get Safe Streets back on the agenda?
      1. William: possibly Priscilla

2. audience member Patrick Fischer: can work with Safe Streets to get a representative
4. Kristin: could we utilize the timer?
  1. William: recommend digital timer with dual-side display
5. Earl: executive committee email Earl with timing preferences

Meeting adjourned at 10:16pm.