



# South End Neighborhood Council

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

Monthly Board Meeting Minutes  
Feb 27, 2017

Called to order at 7:00pm

Guests: Carol Wolfe

Present: Earl Brydson, Cary Nilson, Janis Clark, Kristin King, Eric Paulsen, George Trachier, John Shaffer

Excused Absent: William King, John Pellessier

Absent: Tony Caldwell

January Minutes approved.

Updates from the Chair:

- "Hosting of your show" for television interview in studio. Give Earl contact information, and Earl will pass along to Channel 12. Raises awareness regarding neighborhood council.
- Received thank you letter from Safe St for donation

Liaison Reports

1. Fire Dept
  1. Falling asleep while smoking is leading cause of fatalities in WA. Install smoke alarms on all levels of home and in each sleeping area. Replace batteries regularly.
  2. Recent earthquake in Belfair, 4.1 magnitude. Go online to tacoma fire dept and see emergency preparedness, including how to contact people. Have a fallback number for someone 100+ miles away that you can call, and call that number to give your status and find out your loved ones' status. Have a non-power-dependent number. Texts from cell phones may go through. Payphones should still work. Can also use ham radios that are battery or solar powered.
  3. January stats
    1. 723 runs
    2. 50 fire
    3. 602 ems related
    4. 71 general
2. Metro Parks
  1. Eastside Community Center is moving forward, 56<sup>th</sup> and Portland, adjacent to First Creek Middle School, partnering with Tacoma Public Schools, housing authority,

and state level. Permits have been submitted. First work on loop for the bus routes over spring break time. Then construction. Opening late spring / early summer of 2018.

2. Oak Tree Park – parking and landscaping upgrades, partnering with City for an arts program
3. April 3-7: Public School spring break. Day camps at Titlow Park and Center at Norpoint.
3. Public Utilities – absent
4. City Manager Rep
  1. Interim City Manager, Elizabeth Pauli, community panel/interviews in May
  2. Changes on the City Council: New councilmember, Jan 31, Lauren Walker Lee; Woodards resigned; Lonergan and Campbell term limited.
  3. Merged customer support center and Tax and license in Municipal Building. Tacoma First 311 app, website, or call for same services.
  4. Point Defiance Bypass Project – Amtrak working with Sound Transit to bypass the loop that goes around Pt Defiance. Goes west of i5 from Dupont/Lakewood/South Tacoma and ending at Tacoma Dome. Will be high speed, 70-80mph and quiet, so be careful for crossings. Checkout <http://dot.wa.gov>
  5. South Sound Sustainability Expo March 4 at Convention Center and Plaza, <http://southsoundsustainabilityexpo.org>
  6. St Paddy's Day run March 11. Have 5k, 10k, and half marathon. Check for road closures on Schuster Parkway, Ruston Way.
  7. Pierce Transit increasing service hours in March. <http://piercetransit.org> and a couple stops will be changing.
5. Tacoma Public Schools
  1. Tacoma Health Dept notified Jason Lee and Stadium High has cases of the mumps. Exclude those who are diagnosed and those under-immunized. Created individual learning plan for while they are out, up to 25 days.
  2. Tues Jan 31, Superintendent Santorno sent a letter that schools are safe places, and have safe zones to talk with staff members regarding issues including citizenship.
  3. Stewart opening ahead of schedule, probably March 2017. Substantially complete, so students transition from swing site of Hunt Middle School in March. Will have a ribbon ceremony and tours.
  4. Question from Janis:
    1. Regarding mumps, how many were diagnosed? And at both schools?
      1. Yes at both schools, but don't have a number. It is small, possibly two and two.
    2. How many were under-immunized?
      1. That number is bigger. It's a two-shot series, so if you only have one, you're not immune. Believe it is under 20ish at each site.
    3. For students in both categories, how are they getting the education? Online?
      1. Tacoma Public Schools has an i-Ready assessment system this year for progress in reading and math, which gives access to online resources, to support a learning plan.
  5. Question from John S:
    1. In Tacoma Public Schools, do they still do the pledge of allegiance?
      1. Yes they do. Each school does it Monday morning; many do it every morning.

2. On the safe space issue, you don't question their citizenship but you do question their immunization?
  1. Correct. State regulations.
3. If they are going because they are concerned about their citizenship, does that not identify them?
  1. No, anyone can go for themselves or for others, or because of bullying.
4. Aren't birth certificates required to determine age?
  1. Believe the certificate is required but doesn't necessarily determine citizenship, since it could be from somewhere else but can still be a US citizen.
6. Question from Eric:
  1. For the safe space question, if ICE agents were to show up at the school, can the student hide there?
    1. We don't automatically give people access, whether CPS or law enforcement.
7. Question from George:
  1. How are the faculty and staff with the mumps? Under-immunized?
    1. A couple populations are most vulnerable: elderly and small children. So for staff members that may have not received immunization or are pregnant for instance, they have been given information but have not been asked to remove themselves. They can take sick leave. But not directed to leave by health dept.
8. Question from John S:
  1. School year still 180 days?
    1. Based on hours.
6. Safe Streets
  1. Restaurant Takeover at Round Table Pizza on Tues March 14, lunch or dinner, to network block groups together. May be a good opportunity to recruit people for the Senco board, as those will be involved individuals.
  2. Neighborhood Town Hall Meeting on Wed March 22, 6:30pm – 8pm at Birney Elementary. Recommend sponsoring a table, can provide water but not food.
  3. Neighborhood Cleanup update at March meeting.
  4. Mission/objective of neighborhood watch group is to make neighborhood safe, clean, and healthy.
7. Police Dept – absent

#### Guest Speakers

1. Joey Furuto – Wapato Lake
  1. Back in 2008, Metro Parks hired a contractor to handle the cyanobacteria and applied aluminum sulfate to push down the phosphorus that causes the bacteria and cap it at the bottom of the lake to make the lake "touchable." But they did it at the wrong time of the year and wrong amount and did a massive fish kill. Something they don't want to happen again.
  2. This year, have hired Herrera Environmental Consultants who did Seattle's Green Lake and others successfully. Did an RFQ in Dec 2016. Have done testing. Shooting for another treatment before May 12. UWT and others testing since 2008.
  3. Goal is "touchable" but not swimming. Mother nature doesn't want a lake there; it wants wetlands. Working toward youth fishing, hopefully restocking in a year or so.

4. New docks are in permitting to replace the old blocked-off docks. Built so can launch kayaks or paddle boards.
  5. Question from John S:
    1. Where does the phosphorus come from?
      1. Some from geese. Some from when runoff went into Wapato Lake before the runoff bypass. Metro Parks no longer putting down fertilizer. Now probably car oil, etc.
    2. What other uses are there for the lake other than recreation? Who would want to go swimming or kayaking?
      1. The cap pushes stuff down. Yes it is in the lake. So if swimming when water level is low, they could break the cap.
  6. Question from audience:
    1. How deep is the lake?
      1. Deepest is 11 feet, and in dry season 8 feet.
  7. Will have a public meeting possibly March 30-ish onsite at the Pavilion. Big process for ecology, lot of approval and coordination needed. Will have a presentation from Herrera.
  8. Question from John S:
    1. How much is it going to cost?
      1. Don't know just yet. Still in testing for actual application amounts. Then we will go out to bid for actual application. Was \$86k back in 2008, but didn't pay the full amount since contractor made mistakes. Have set aside \$150k; haven't paid anything yet. Will pay UWT to monitor.
2. Carol Wolfe
    1. Involved in the neighborhood council program, staffs and goes to the Community Council. The City has a contract for \$4k per year with each Neighborhood Council. With that operational money, do outreach to your community and build own capacity of civic leaders. Don't assume it has to go to NUSA, which is also great. The operational money is also for developing skill sets.
    2. TV Tacoma Hosts is providing an opportunity for neighbors to interview neighbors.
    3. City paying for trainings, like Kristin going to Social Media Training in March.
    4. The City Manager wants to know unfiltered feedback from management fellows who attend the council meetings. No other places in the City have that resource. Rotate them out every 2 years.
    5. Reported crime stats
      1. South Tacoma has gone up in crime
      2. In Lincoln, crimes against property down 37%, crimes against society down 22%
  3. Debbie Bingham
    1. Leading Lincoln Revitalization Project, work in Community and Economic Development
    2. Lincoln District Revitalization Project Open House
      1. Wed March 29, 4pm to 6pm
      2. Lincoln High School Cafeteria
      3. hear what has been done and what will be done
    3. Used a steering community of residents, business owners, high schools, parks, health, and Councilmember Campbell to bring the Business District together. At same time, City launched a team that took on the Lincoln District as their project based on the steering committee's priorities. All back in 2014. This was shown to City Council and in 2014-2015, decided to make that area a priority.

4. Revitalization Model involves several departments moving in the same direction around those goals. Meet stakeholders where they are. Want services to be equitable which does not necessarily mean equal.
  5. Created a focused target area, S 36<sup>th</sup> to S 40<sup>th</sup>, D to K Streets, surrounding the business district. If can get the Business District up, this will enhance the community. Most international business district makes it a destination for those driving in. A lot of business and property owners don't live in the area. So trying to close the gap between community and businesses.
  6. Focus: infrastructure, solid waste, housing and property conditions, code compliance, human/social services, public safety, economic development and urban design.
  7. Worked with public utilities for new taller power polls so they are out of the way, replacing 100yr old pipes under roads. Planning on trees, shrubs, grasses.
  8. Main goals:
    1. public and pedestrian safety including ADA ramps
    2. cleanliness – Innovative ways to collect garbage. Since no alleys to fit garbage trucks, stores have to put garbage out front. Working on other options.
  9. Have had 30+ public meetings at the new City office in Lincoln. Innovative Grant workshops, homebuyer howtos, information staffed by different City people like 311, streetscape, business district, community services so can get info without going downtown.
  10. In past year, there have been 4 new businesses, 2 closed and reopened, 1 corner lot sold and having permits for new development. The City invests to attract private investment.
  11. One reason for decrease in crime is community policing. TPD put extra bicycle patrol, police walking instead of driving by. Trying to show international communities that here, you can trust the police. Did a training with business owners on how to use the City language line.
  12. Housing stability – had 30+ houses touched in Neighborhood Makeover event. Doing it again this year. Big “ah-hah” is that the City can't do it on its own. Everyone working together takes it further.
  13. Three festivals put on by the Business District: Lunar New Year (2x) and Lincoln International Festival.
  14. Patrick present in audience, worked with Healthy Homes Healthy Neighborhoods Program to tell residents door-to-door what City is doing and asking what residents want.
  15. Social media was effective for First Time Homebuyer class.
  16. Public art is a cool part of the Project. All City projects have a % that goes toward public art. Will have huge gateway pieces.
  17. Streetscape construction goes out to bid next week. Hopefully starting construction in June 2017. Probably take a year to complete.
  18. Question from Cary
    1. You talked about utilities. From where to where?
      1. Along 38<sup>th</sup>, along G street, and Yakima. Not all of it, but pieces. Some parts sewer, some parts water.
    2. Would that cause issues for areas outside of there?
      1. Good question. Some businesses are upgrading their connections while it is being dug up.
4. Carol Wolfe

1. Doing temporary work as well as permanent work.
5. Dionne Bonner
  1. One of the artists as part of the project, called Paint the Streetscape
  2. Mural on the concrete of a designated intersection. Did something similar for Art on the Ave on 6<sup>th</sup> Ave.
  3. Workshops at the Lincoln District Project Office, 750 S 38<sup>th</sup> St, Ste C.
    1. April 14, 4-6pm, Friday
    2. April 29, 4-6pm, Saturday

## Community Concerns

1. Audience
  1. Hayes Alexander with Tacoma Tool Library, moved from Hilltop to Lincoln area
    1. event at March 11 at Jubilee on Sat night for fundraising 6pm-8pm
      1. will do tours of the library
    2. 754 S 38<sup>th</sup> St, between Park and Yakima
    3. go to <http://tacomatoolibrary.com>
    4. membership based organization, donation based
    5. will be at Sustainability Expo
    6. take donations, nothing gas powered
2. Board
  1. Janis question for Carol: is it possible to get a digital copy of the mailer list?
    1. It's several thousand. Anytime they provide information, has to have a discloser. But that could be a part of our strategy.

## General Business

1. Chair
  1. Community Council is having 25 year celebration of the Neighborhood Council program. Are making pins to pass out. Each neighborhood donate \$100 for 100 pins. Pass out to businesses, residents. Haven't finalized date, but should have by May. Probably in March's meeting we will make our donation. There was a 10yr pin as well.
  2. Hosts training will teach how to read off the teleprompter. If we have pictures or film of SENCo past programs, submit for background during interview.
    1. 10-minute sessions. Not a live audience.
    2. One member from each neighborhood council meet at the station, 13<sup>th</sup> and Martin Luther King Way, 9am, meet for one hour on the first Friday of each month
      1. Janis volunteers as backup for Earl
    3. Start training in March to film by May
    4. Janis volunteers to do the training
  3. Jennifer Mortensen is taking applications for Summer Youth Heritage Program in Tacoma
  4. Innovative Grants accepting applications
  5. Was contacted by resident regarding a drug house. Advised him to coordinate with neighbors to call it in multiple times a day as they see activity, get code enforcement, police, and health dept involved.
  6. SENCo has a General Business License, paid \$125 to go back and cover 4yrs. Since we have a contract with the City, needed business license. The City attorneys realized it and have fixed that. Will be \$25/yr going forward.

1. Question from George:
  1. Who do we have for error and omissions insurance?
    1. Comes up in June, ~\$500 for the year.
  2. And that covers events?
    1. Yes
7. Janis wants to go to NUSA. Earl makes motion to give \$1500 to cover hotel, transportation, and registration.
  1. Kristin seconded
  2. Discussion:
    1. When register, she will select classes to take, with council input.
    2. Presentation when return so whole board can benefit.
    3. Council needs to take more action to learn and outreach locally.
  3. For: 6
  4. Against: 1
  5. Abstained: 0
  6. Motion passes
8. Eric to spearhead special meeting.
2. Vice Chair
  1. nothing to report
3. Corresponding Secretary
  1. now up to 168 likes for the Facebook page. February posts had good reach, averaging 70ish views. Biggest hit was the post regarding the TPU Rate meeting that had links for rate change and financial assistance, which had 4 shares and 255 views.
4. Treasurer
  1. as of 1/31/17
    1. Savings: \$6,127.72
    2. Checking: \$3,478.82
    3. outstanding check: \$125 for license

No old or new business.

Adjourned at 9:23pm.