



South End Neighborhood Council

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

Monthly Board Meeting
March 20, 2017

Called to order at 7:04pm

Present: Earl Brydson, Cary Nilson, Kristin King, Eric Paulsen, George Trachier, Janis Clark, Tony Caldwell

Absent: John Shaffer, John Pellessier, William King

Agenda updates:

- Guest absent - Sauren Flemister moved to next month
- New Guest - Impact 253 Nova

February minutes approved.

Liaison Reports

- Police Dept – Debra Vause
 - Sector 3 Community Liaison Officer, will swap off and on with a Sector 4 CoL
 - Car prowls are up.
 - Will check on 4025 Tacoma Ave S.
- Metro Parks
 - Sat March 25, Star Center on S 66th St, Parent Map Summer Camp Fair to show what events are happening this summer, dozens of camps to learn about
 - Run the Parks, fun runs. Next is Mud Run, 2mi race, Sat March 25
 - 10am and 11:30am
 - <http://metroparkstacoma.org/races>
 - Meadow Park Golf Course, Hickory Golf (1920s attire), foot golf
 - Wapato Park, on Thurs March 30, 6pm, Pavilion, regarding water treatment
 - Sat April 8, Spring Fling at Portland Ave Community Center, Eggstravaganza with petting zoo, 10am - 1pm
 - Grizzly Bear Conversation Plan in Cascades, Northwest Trek is involved in the effort. <http://northwesttrek.org>
 - Baseball registration is open for elementary age kids from Tacoma Public Schools, financial aid is available
- Public Works
 - absent
- City Manager Rep

- provided hand-out for what is coming up (glean for dates)
- City Council study sessions are every Tuesday and are broadcast on TV Tacoma
- <http://cityoftacoma.org/planning> to see and propose amendments to the Comprehensive Plan
- 2017 city council elections filing period is May 15-19. Councilmembers Lonergan and Campbell are being term-limited out. Go to Pierce County elections web page.
- India Adams is doing a 3hr Family Wealth Building Through Real Estate workshop
- Amtrak trains no longer going around Pt Defiance. Watch for crossings.
- Sister Cities International Film Festival
- Check out the study session on the TPU rate proposal. <http://mytpu.org/17-18rates>
- Questions
 - From Earl regarding Innovative Grants: it says we should have 2 meetings to review proposals but didn't receive proposals yet, and it's March.
 - That should have been sent out. People can present at April, but will check on the timeline.
 - Kristin: William received the email this afternoon.
 - From Janis: will participants get certificates for attending India's workshop?
 - Will check.
 - From Tony: potholes seem to keep coming back. What is the material?
 - Not an expert, but possibly doing cheaper option to do more for the money. Will find out what the process is.
- Tacoma Public Schools
 - Update on the mumps: no cases since Feb 28th. Total of 6 cases at Stadium, Jason Lee, and McGarter. Barring any new cases, all students were returned March 10.
 - In light of the federal situation regarding transgender and immigrant students, schools are providing a safe place and working to provide for the needs of students. Main priority is to support and protect all of them. Will follow the law and will continuing to do that.
 - Stewart Middle School is open! Preserved historic features, made a larger gymnasium and courtyard. Student capacity is 750. Opened for students on March 13. Official grand opening event will be in May.
 - Other construction projects include:
 - Arlington Elementary on schedule for opening fall 2017,
 - Mary Lion contract bid should be advertised, open in April, before the board in May, construction this summer.
 - Birney has a Design Advisory Committee, construction scheduled for summer 2018 and opening in the fall of 2019.
 - Sat March 25, 10am-2pm, Birney Elementary School, bring families together with goal of helping students succeed in school
 - <https://tacomaschools.org/partnerships>
 - Questions
 - From Tony: how are the immigrant students? Grades and behavioral?
 - Don't have info on their grades, but after the election there was some confusion. Staff are working hard with all students.
 - From Cary: was there on March 13 and had mini-tour. Was a student there and saw how different everything was.

- From audience Patrick Fischer: is it safe to assume that all schools are closed campuses?
 - K through 8th, probably yes. Can find out for you.
- Fire Dept
 - Dave McRoberts
 - Disaster Preparedness – storing water
 - Electrical safety – don't overload outlets, don't run chords under carpet
 - National Poison Prevention Week. Poison helpline: 800 222 1222
 - Calls for service in last two months
 - 98 fire
 - 1071 ems / medical
 - 152 other
 - 1321 total
 - Questions
 - From Janis: when a sink overflows in an apartment complex and goes down into a neighbor's light sockets, is there a procedure they should take?
 - If electrical outlets, they turn electrical off, open and drain the outlets. Do not turn it back on until it can be inspected to make sure all is dry.
- Safe St
 - 2017 Community Cleanup Schedule is available! Next one is April 29 at Lincoln High School, starts at 10am
 - Wed March 22 6:30pm – 8:00pm. Town Hall Meeting at Birney Elementary School Cafeteria. TPD, State, Pierce County, City elected officials and more will attend. Recommend having a table.
 - Will have panels with ability to give questions
 - Stay tuned for followup meeting
 - Tips for avoiding vehicle prowl. Several cases in the business area (Applebees / Red Lobster / Winco)
 - Graffiti paint-over will resume when weather gets better.

Communities and Schools –

- at Baker in Fern Hill and Arlington (temporarily at McKinley) and Mt Tahoma High School
- have site coordinators, one at each school, for community resources. Each has a caseload of students and do student-wide services.
- 253 Impact Zone initiative – coalition to expand to additional school sites and provide new services.
 - Focused on the South End
 - March 29th is the first meeting at Elmers on Hosmer
- have applied for an Innovative Grant for Fern Hill students art projects
- Wed June 7 Annual Luncheon at Hotel Murano, 11:30am – 1pm

Rebecca Solverson

- Lincoln Revitalization Project
- March 29, 4pm-6pm, Lincoln High School Cafeteria
 - speaking to public works on S 38th, Puget Sound Hospital and Methadone Clinic

- open house format
- speaking at the first part then tables to go around to
- one stop shop
- Deone Bonner working on intersection mural
 - workshops in the Lincoln office
 - Apr 14 and 29th , 4pm-6pm for feedback on the mural design

Lt. Darlington

- Eastside commander
- Hosmer corridor experiencing vehicle prowls and theft, from 72nd to 96th. Approx 26k people living in that area. So it's a focus area.
- Citizen driven: 94th and Park grow-op was a concern. 500+ plants in whole bottom floor. The smell was encompassing the neighborhood. Worked with liquor control and cannabis personnel. Code violations. Ultimately boarded up.
- Transient and homeless, hotspot at 34th and East M, heavily wooded area. Has been cleaned up, getting good results from homeless services personnel, providing services before clean up starts.
- Puget Sound Hospital was a problem spot for a decade or so, at 35th and Pacific Ave. Old part was filled with asbestos. Providing services for the homeless and transients. Next phase is demolition.
 - 6pm March 21 in Health Dept auditorium. Quiz the contractor, City of Tacoma, Pierce Co. Project managers will be there.
- Abandoned Taco place at 40th and Pacific, graffiti magnet, should be being taken down soon.
- Questions
 - From Tony: have you done any stings, with fake/bait cars? Is it organized groups or individuals?
 - Sting was successful to a certain point. Yes, seems like group. Older model Hondas seem to be biggest target.

Community Concerns none

General Business

- Chair
 - Grant proposals need to be reviewed. Digital copies going out.
- Vice Chair
 - none
- Corresponding Secretary
 - absent
- Treasurer
 - As of Feb 28
 - Savings: \$6,128.19
 - Checking: \$1,853.95
 - TPU bill of \$40.76
- Chair
 - Regarding NUSA, John Shaffer requested a 15pg report be required.

- Janis: Last month, we discussed having people send recommendations for workshops. She appreciated Cary's email regarding trusting her to make the ultimate decision on which to attend. She did not appreciate the out-of-line addition of a 15page report.
- Earl: Bringing it up because it was sent out and it was out of line.

Committee Reports

- Tony
 - Had been working with Tacoma Community Partners for the schools to get a youth group together for the South End. In past, school selected 15 students and SENCo elected 10 of them to a neighborhood youth group to interview officials, get involved with EPA, etc. Still in touch with the students from that group.
 - This time around was short notice and the schools wanted us to have a table and recruit students that way. So we need to start from the beginning again.
 - Targeting Stewart, Giaudrone, and Grey
 - Janis recommend that she, Tony, and whoever else is on the committee knows timelines, guidelines. Tony to send those out.
 - Background checks school specific?
 - Comment from Tareena: Each school has an after-school club provider, and has a liaison to facilitate the process. "I am a community member trying to do good work; how do I make myself available?" and they should know the drill and help.
 - Comment from audience: All background checks are done through the district security office and tell them which schools you will be at and why. They may be able to accommodate.
 - Recommendation from George: add Baker to the list.

New Business

- Audubon request to to sign in support of solar
 - request more information
 - maybe have them present?
- Wed March 21 Town Hall meeting?
 - Eric and Tony
 - consider 2ft x 6ft banner with logo, bring agendas / handouts to show who we hear from and when we listen to community concerns
 - Bring South End map and sample agenda

Adjourned at 9:17pm