



# South End Neighborhood Council

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

South End Neighborhood Council Monthly Board Meeting Minutes  
April 17, 2017

Present: Earl Brydson, Cary Nilson, Janis Clark, Kristin King, Tony Caldwell, Eric Paulsen, George Trachier  
Absent: William King  
Excused Absent: John Shaffer, John Pellessier

Called to order at 7:04pm

March 2017 minutes approved.

## Fire

- 72hr comfort kits
- Move right for sirens
- Moving to South Sound 911, same dispatch as police and rest of county

## Metro Parks

- Wapato Lake will be getting the algae treatment. The goal is to not repeat the 2008 occurrence.
- Pt Defiance Zoo and Aquarium new exhibit "Washed to Shore" to draw attention to problems with plastics and particulates in the ocean. Ten large works of art. Opening festivities April 22 and 23.
- Summer Camp brochures available, from art to zoo, ages 3-18, financial aid available for children who qualify for free or reduced lunch.
- Go Guides available for all ages, 0-105, some things free, some with fee.
- May 6, 9am – 2pm, Nature Center offering native plant sale

## Public Utilities

Absent

## City Manager Representative – David Nash-Mendez

- 2017 Elections coming up, a number of council seats open including mayoral seat. May 15-19 is the filing period through Pierce Co auditors office.
- Search for new City Manager. Mayor and director of human resources are narrowing down candidates. May 10-12 expect final interviews, opportunity for members of public to ask questions.
- Sister Cities International Film Festival, March 5 - May 29, every Monday.
- City Council Forecast is available and includes action items for study sessions and city council hearings. Correctional Facilities regulations public hearing on April 25, will have opportunity for public comment.
- Every Tues 5pm at Municipal Building, public can comment on agenda items. Every other Tues can comment on items not on agenda but in city jurisdiction.
- Study sessions do not have opportunity for public comment, but no action is taken. All are on TV Tacoma.
- Human Services Commission interviews underway.
- Residential Infill Pilot Program – looking at accessory dwelling units
  - April 27 1pm-4pm Review Committee
- Comment from Janis
  - publicly thanking David for his work with the Neighborhood Moments

#### Tacoma Public Schools

- Out of 200+ high schools, Wilson High School principal is named WA Principal of the Year.
- Job Fair May 17, 6pm, partnering with and hosted at Asia Pacific Cultural Center
  - Transportation Directory, oversees bus
  - Chief Operating Officer, maintenance and construction

#### Port of Tacoma – Leslie Barstow

- First ever Nature Walk this Friday, Earth Day, April 21, starting at 10am, ten people per group, will conduct through the day as needed
- Port of Tacoma Free Bus Tours available, one or two per month, next one booking for is in August (fill up quickly)

#### Safe St

- Thanks to Tony and Eric for showing up for the Town Hall meeting
- 98% of the South End is organized in groups
- April 29, Lincoln High School parking lot, neighborhood cleanup
- They want to expand the AIA to include 72<sup>nd</sup> to 96<sup>th</sup>.
- Comment from Janis
  - Special thanks to Darren for being a guest on the TV interview and for the work he does in mobilizing the community. (To air on May 1.)

#### Earl:

Next CCoT meeting: April 27, 6pm, Room 16 in the Annex 737 Market St (enter on St Helens). All neighborhood council board members invited to meet and greet.

#### Innovative Grants

1. Tacoma Sings - \$8k requested
  1. in talks with Tacoma School District to waive the \$1k budgeted for facilities
  2. have \$5k grant from Tacoma Arts
  3. King 5 already giving coverage, expecting national news for the November event.
  4. Fiscally sponsored by Tacoma Community House. Tacoma Refugee Choir began February 17. Have 50+ people in the choir. Doing a big fundraiser next month.
  5. Grant will go towards November 4<sup>th</sup> event, to have 500 people sing together.
  6. Just now moving into the outreach aspect, going to farmers markets, churches, neighborhood councils. Seven events currently on the calendar.
2. Cambodian Refugee Exhibit - \$5k requested
  1. On South Tacoma Way, and applying to South Tacoma and South End
  2. After the show, return photos to the families, but ask if can keep copies, then plan to bring the materials to schools and use them to educate the community.
  3. Recommendation from Eric
    1. help them present at South Tacoma's April 19 6:30pm meeting at the STAR Center?
3. 2018 Tet Festival/Vietnamese New Year - \$10k requested
  1. Question from Eric: in years past you've been able to get funding privately. What makes this year different?
    1. Restarted the festival as it died out for a while. Last year the city made 50% contribution, but now that officially a neighborhood district again, taking more reins in applying for grants and managing funding.
  2. Question from Tony: in a crunch, what would be the minimum you would accept?
    1. Trying to expand from last year, but if lower budget, then maybe not close off 38<sup>th</sup> St, but would be asking more from local community and businesses.
  3. Question from Tony: weather?
    1. Last year put a 40x40 tent for vendors, PA system, keep community together
  4. Question from Tony: annual event?
    1. Started in 1995 and stopped as the business district faded. Has been annual since 2016.
  5. Question from Eric: as far as sustainability, how do you foresee maintaining this for 2019?
    1. Are now 501c6, will be involving more businesses in order to grow.
4. Lincoln Multi-Group Neighborhood Beautification - \$7k NOW AT \$2.6k

1. Roundabout upgrades. Want to engage people that live in the community. Bring upgrades to the neighborhoods/housing and not just business areas. Promotes resource stewardship.
2. Question from George: how many will be involved in maintaining them?
  1. There are 12 available, 5 actively adopted. There are stakeholders in the Safe St groups willing to maintain, using rain barrels.
5. Student Community Art Project - \$5,944
  1. Question from Eric: While like the idea of students doing art, why are businesses not covering as much?
    1. FabLab instructor works at the school site for several weeks to help design the 3'x4' piece of artwork. For the 12 students and their families, though more than 12 students cooperating. After school programs with art classes, so 15-40 to start talking about designs and etching them on paper. Cost is for instructor and materials largely.
  2. Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade, ethnic diversity, 85% free and reduced lunch.
  3. Question from Eric: how would a resident know that these exist and where to go see the artwork?
    1. School district, social networking, signs
  4. Question from George: are the businesses ok if people just come in to look at their art?
    1. Could be banks or restaurants.
  5. Eight week long event, then one full day at the FabLab to see the pieces come together.
  6. Doing the same project the South Tacoma district.
6. Tacoma Tool Library - \$4,360
  1. Facility to come and borrow tools, open Sat and Wed nights, borrow tools for 1wk, don't do bits and blades. Have garden tools, saws, hammers, flooring rollers, laminate splitters, sewing machines. Electrical tools only, no gas. Do have pneumatic nail guns.
  2. The workshop series would be on power tools and other of interest, 4 one-day workshops.
  3. Borrowers have to sign the waiver saying they know how to use the tool.
  4. Did workshops last summer relying on social media but only had one person show up, so including publication cost. Going to neighborhood councils, farmers markets, doing press releases, signs.
  5. Issues from Janis: paying for staff time of the organization itself, and facility rental. How would the project change if those two pieces weren't funded by grants?
    1. That would be a board decision. If no facilities, then we would scale back to host it. The "staff" is currently all volunteers, four people on the board.
  6. Goal is 10 people per workshop. Hoping to tell everyone in Pierce Co and RSVP them, rather than waiting to see who shows up.
7. Lincoln Community Garden - \$10k, NOW AT \$6k
  1. Were able to cut design costs. Have an intern that can do that for them. And have potential source for in-kind fence posts.
  2. Four vacant lots on top of water main, so can't do construction, but can do community garden. Potential to expand if goes well.
  3. Tacoma Water supports the project. Rebuilding Together South Sound said ready to help.
  4. Question from George: have you worked with the Tool Library for how to build shed, etc?
    1. Working with local groups, want to be good stewards and use opportunities to build community and save money.
  5. Question from Eric: how does one join the community garden association?
    1. Assigning plots has a procedure. Open to anyone, fill out the form online, they send it to the leadership team, then either get plot or get on waiting list. They are almost done with the bylaws and the Harvest rules. Working on defining what is a stakeholder. If you have a paid lot in the middle vs lots on the outside that can be gleaned by the community.

#### Board Discussion of Innovative Grants

1. Tacoma Sings – board approves
2. Cambodian Refugee Photo Exhibit – can't give money if not in our neighborhood, but can follow through to make sure they heard by South Tacoma
3. 2018 Tet Festival, Vietnamese New Year (dropped to \$8,652) – board approves
4. Neighborhood Beautification (dropped to \$2.6k) – board approves
5. Student Community Art Project – board approves
6. Tacoma Tool Library – board dis-approved
7. Lincoln Community Garden (dropped to \$6k) – board approves

#### Money to Allocate

Full amounts:

8,000.00 – Tacoma Sings

8,652.00 – Tet Festival

2,600.00 – Beautification

5,944.00 – Student Art

6,003.00 – Lincoln Community Garden

\$31,199.00 for full amounts

Board approves \$8,000.00 for Tacoma Sings.

Board approves \$8,000.00 for 2018 Tet Festival / Vietnamese New Year

Board approves \$2,600.00 for Neighborhood Multi-Group Neighborhood Beautification

Board approves \$5,944.00 for Student Community Art Project

Board approves \$6,000.00 for Lincoln Community Garden

\$30,544.00 for adjusted amounts

so \$5,456 remaining for next year.

Community Concerns

- 711 at 38<sup>th</sup> and J St has significant litter. If it is trash coming from those purchases, what can citizens do?
  - Call 311 for code enforcement

Treasurer's Report

- as of March 31, 2017
- \$5,353.96 – checking
- \$6,120.71 – savings

Adjourned at 9:47pm.