



South End Neighborhood Council

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Tacoma, WA 98408

South End Neighborhood Council Monthly Board Meeting Minutes
August 21, 2017

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

Call to order at 7:04pm.

June and July Minutes approved. To be posted on the website.

Chair moved Athena Brewer from 3rd Guest Speaker on schedule to top of agenda. Athena heard about the neighborhood council through community gardening.

Athena Brewer unanimously approved to join board.

Liaison Reports

- Fire Dept
 - Preparedness handouts for natural disasters, focus on Utility Safety – turning off natural gas, water, power, etc.
 - Run totals for July, generally up on average.
 - 65 Fire calls
 - 517 Medical aid
 - 42 Other
 - YTD 4500 calls to 911
 - Question from George: on the city website, there is a form to give contact info, which includes questions on if anyone in the home is disabled, does that info go to the Fire Dept so they know when responding to calls? It seemed to be on the fire dept's page that the city linked to for disaster.
 - Not sure how the city's website would interact with the county-wide dispatch system. Will look it up and get back.
 - Question from Earl: any update on fixing the reader board?
 - Last heard, the parts are obsolete, so won't fix it.
 - Earl: our meeting time hasn't been posted on the side that's working.
 - Will check.
 - Question from Tony: any extra eclipse-related calls?
 - No more than normal.

- Metro Parks
 - Construction underway on Portland and 56th for Eastside Center.
 - Sept 23, formal construction celebration
 - Surveys have gone out for deciding next phase for Portland Ave park. The green space at the park is going to stay. Deciding future plans for the Center itself.
 - New Metro Parks strategic plans
 - Email surveys should be going out
 - Point Defiance changes
 - <http://metroparkstacoma.org>
 - Naming process for the peninsula park area. Historic figures? Local features like seals?
 - Wapato Park
 - Docks being replaced, finished by end of 2017.
 - Water treatment happened successfully. Now “touchable.”

- City Manager Rep – Chris Bell
 - Management fellow in the office of management and budget, and the city manager’s office.
 - Tomorrow, Aug 22, is City Council meeting at 5pm.
 - Discussing homeless phase 3, one of the mitigation phases.
 - Monthly flyer available on information booth.
 - Question from Tony: Elton Gatewood had produced a newspaper article back when he was in Carol Wolfe’s position, called The Grapevine, that covered stuff going on with neighborhood councils, possibly monthly or quarterly. Was a paper publication, possibly came with the utility bill, possibly 5yrs ago. If you could find out if we can do that again?
 - Will look into it.
 - Question from George: There was a 3-4 pg document that listed City committees and agenda items for the upcoming month. Could we get copies of that again?
 - We have committee calendars, so Chris can send those out. It has the date, the committee, the topics to be covered. Can email that out.
 - Question from Tony: I understand the C.A.R.E. program is no longer there or has changed names. Could you find out about that organization? Wants to send information to it. It was an Adopt-A-[Street|Circle|Park] program.
 - Will check on that and get an answer.

- Port of Tacoma – Leslie B.
 - Stickers and buttons available, cut-out paper trolleys for kids.
 - Walking waterfront map
 - Community Economic Development Fund to invest in infrastructure, rail, etc, and tourism that brings folks from out of Pierce Co into the area. Check out the trolley that runs along Ruston Way, \$1 to ride or \$5 for all day.
 - Last Thursday had a Port of Tacoma Commission meeting. Announced 13 pages worth of greenhouse gas emission goals. Now that priorities are set, working on the plan of how to get there. Working with tenants and neighbors, since only own so much of the land. Working with trucking companies, docks and their equipment. Big plan of outreach to those in the tideflat area.
 - Port of Tacoma boat tours on the one day in July went well. Had over 1000 people come out and do it. Do have bus tours going on every month.

- Sat Oct 21 tour is full. The rest have available seats.
- Question from George: at one point there was a Tacoma Rail provided tour out to Northwest Trek. Are they bringing that back? It left out of Lakewood.
 - Very cool. Totally asking about that.

Police, Public Schools, Safe St's not represented.

Special Guest

- Penny from Pierce Transit.
 - Have a couple more weeks of service on the aforementioned trolley. Doing surveys the last two weeks, and rider response is good. Everyone wants more stops along Ruston Way.
 - Express service from 3 locations to the Puyallup Fair, starting Sept 1.
 - Doing a study for how to provide high capacity transit along Pacific Ave.
 - Pay at stations platform prior to boarding so people can board faster, on front and back.
 - Higher capacity.
 - Doesn't stop as often, similar to Seattle's RapidRide.
 - Number of open houses in September.
 - Question from Kristin: would buses be electric or hybrid?
 - Still in survey mode, so figuring out if train or bus. If bus, then double decker?
 - Question from Tony: what about disabled?
 - Buses will have special zones marked on sidewalk so know where to line up. Doors and height of floor of buses designed appropriately. ADA compliant.

Folk running for City Council at our meeting. They can introduce themselves.

- Lilian Hunter, lives at 52nd and Park.
 - Question for Metro Parks: Gas Station park, is that Metro Parks or a private park?
 - Earl: it is a City park, but we maintain it. The Gargoyles are in charge of cutting and watering the grass. The City takes out the trash.
- Brian Arnold, running for position 5.
 - Lived in South End for 11 years.
- Kevin Grossman, running for position 4.
 - developer, like to fix old buildings, working with community groups.

Earl: Tacoma Neighborhood Council pins available in the foyer.

Community Concerns

- Community cleanup applications are available online. Where are those for this community?
 - Just had one recently. Safe St posts information for where they are located.
- Kevin: down on 35th and Tacoma, an RV pulled up to a church, set up camp. After neighbors expressed concerns, they moved 200ft for a few days, now moved over to 35th and Pacific.
 - George: didn't City Council pass an ordinance change where they have to move 1.5 mi?
 - Chris: yes. The no-camp ordinance. If they are caught camping, there are more legal requirements.
 - Kevin: It moved a few blocks. The police have the make and model and pictures, so can identify it.
 - Chris: You can call 311, but this could be a 911.

- Kevin: They called their police CLO's number.

General Business

- Chair – Earl Brydson
 - tshirts available from the Lincoln High School student's France trip
 - Need to get an election committee going because in October we need the list, so we can vote in November. A member of the board needs to chair the committee.
 - Cary Nilson, John Pellessier, Janis Clark
 - Earl printed up the agreement that we have with the City regarding Gas Station Park maintenance and insurance, "Memorandum of Agreement" from February 2004.
 - NUSA 2018 will be May 23-26 in Birmingham, Alabama. Information and applications available on nusa.org.
 - Carol Wolfe said that another neighborhood council survey was going out regarding ordinance 1.45. Earl printed out the ordinance and will leave it in the office for board member to look over.
- Treasurer – Earl Brydson for Janis
 - Savings: \$6,122.75
 - Checking: \$4,513.63 (subtracting \$514.67 CCOT insurance, \$35.34 for Gas Station Park water)
 - State of WA needs our \$10 for non-profit status by Sept.
- Vice Chair – Cary Nilson
 - nothing to report
- School committee – Tony Caldwell
 - Tony needs applications for background checks from members of the board. Will send out a reminder.
- Corresponding Secretary – Kristin King for William
 - Facebook page up to 195 likes, with 200 follows
 - Received a message on Facebook regarding a vacant property just inside our boundary near 72nd and McKinley.
 - George: E, F, G is a public right-of-way. Looks like overgrown blackberry bushes.
 - Earl: find out who owns it, city or county.
 - Tony: invite them to next meeting, prepare the new City Manager rep for answering questions.

Business

- Tony:
 - Regarding the fire dept sign, we can put signs in traffic circles and community boards at parks and centers. Tony will look into it.
 - Would like to throw a party to recruit new members, possibly at Gas Station Park. Possibly working with Safe St in October. Possibly tell Tacoma Weekly.
 - George: would need food handlers permit
 - Athena has a permit.
 - Audience Lilian: Bates Tech College might have a food truck that would be willing to bring food for a small fee.
 - Penciling in for October 21, 2017

- Audience Kevin: Partnering with Safe St is a good idea. In his experience, the city has a lot of permits for events. For instance, not a restroom there, so may need a port-a-potty or two. Kala Dralle in community economic development, in charge of permits.
- TODOs:
 - Tony check with Lilian on food truck
 - Kristin check with Carol Wolfe on permits
- Athena
 - Who to talk to about putting speed bumps in the alley?
 - George/Tony: streets department, but since it's an alley, then not sure.
 - Earl: can put in a grant request in April.
 - Kristin: think Innovative Grants are shifting more towards community/art things like the recent Lincoln festival, the J St intersection painting., and the choir thing, leaving traffic projects for the traffic fund.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm

Kristin King
Secretary