



South End Neighborhood Council

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Tacoma, WA 98408

South End Neighborhood Council Monthly Meeting Minutes
November 20, 2017

Call to order at 7:08.

Present: Earl Brydson, Janis Clark, Kristin King, Tony Caldwell, Athena Brewer, Suzanne Skaar
Absent: John Pellessier, William King, George Trachier, Cary Nilson, Eric Paulsen

October minutes approved.

Liaison Reports

- Fire – David Roberts
 - Thanksgiving turkey protocol:
 - don't deep fry in the house, if deep frying, don't toss wet turkey into hot oil.
 - if cooking in the oven, cook it in a pan not directly on the rack. Grease fires.
 - Stats
 - 49 fires
 - 565 medical aid
 - 500 fires and 5k aid calls YTD
 - Prepare for year
 - "Shelter in place" - earthquake preparedness, have a radio, be able to shut down gas and power, have food and water for three days.
 - Read up on chemical agents
- Metro Parks – Tareena Joubert
 - Whole Child Pass partnership with Tacoma Public Schools
 - Goal to get youth registered with Whole Access Pass. Streamlined entry based on school system, automatically show info on registration – Name, email, and maybe school – discounts for classes, zoo, swimming, etc.
 - metroparkstacoma.org/wholechild – take release form from website to child's school, school releases info to Metro Parks
 - Nov 25 Work Parties
 - Wapato Volunteer 9am
 - Charlotte Blueberry Park 9am
 - Annual Community Impact Report available
 - how many visitors at Pt Defiance, how many miles of trails/trees/beachside paths, program participants, etc
 - Fort Nisqually Living History Museum - 19th Century Christmas
 - Dec 2 11-4pm
 - Seymour Conservatory
 - Lavish Grand Floral Display
 - Dec 1 – Jan 7
 - Santa on Dec 2
 - Victorian Holiday Festival, cocoa and caroling
 - Question from audience: is Portland Ave park still being liquidated?

- In the move to open the Eastside Community Center, the park and green space will not go. Will keep green space. Park Board meetings are 2nd and 4th Mondays, 6pm at 4702 S 19th. Imagineeastside.org has a place for comments. Landline: 2533051073
- City Manager Rep – Chris Bell
 - New info related to Tacoma recycling.
 - In July 2017, China moved from 3%-5% contaminant, moving to 0.3%.
 - Question from audience: if China won't accept our recycling, where will it go?
 - Conversations happening.
 - Working with Kristin on finalizing info for the youth outlet on E G St.
- Tacoma Public Schools – Steven Dietrich
 - School board meeting, pulling Lisa Nolan away
 - Decision to make levies on the ballot: end result, no additional taxes
 - prop1 Replacement programs and operations levy
 - second proposition: technology levy to provide resources regardless of where they live
 - Question from Tony: what does that look like?
 - Each currently receives a laptop at a specific grade and up, but a lot depends on money collected and roll-out plan. May be more focused on the resources in the classes initially. Exposing to the 21st century, leveling the opportunity so they can compete in work and college.
 - both due to expire in 2018
 - Environmental Learning Center, opened in Oct at the zoo
 - Introducing a Preschool space, open to all Tacoma residents, at the Grand Opening in January
 - Discovered a large % of students applying to SAMI haven't been to the zoo, aquarium, or park
 - 4day chunk rotated throughout the schools
 - Looking into the capacity, first come first serve
 - Choice Enrollment Open Houses for Middle and High Schools
 - opportunity for best fit rather than assigning based on where you live
 - options up on website
 - Question from Janis: is it per year, or does it carry over?
 - Currently on a yearly basis, but may consider more forward looking
 - Question from audience: what happens if all the kids want to go to one school?
 - First look at those zoned to go to that school and base it on availability/capacity. When there is a waiting list, it's first come first serve.
 - Question from Suzanne: How does this affect the South End? Mann Elementary for example has had lower test schools.
 - New principal at Mann that is working to turn that around. Do keep in consideration the requests. Can get the written process and get back to us.
 - November video series
 - tacomaschools.org or on Facebook
 - Micah at Reed Elementary School, Tacoma North Rotary sponsored ipads at Reed, have found that some autistic students communicate more effectively with ipads.
 - Blueberry Park - voted in Oct, permission to advertise 5 acres of it for sale.
- Safe St – Darren Pen
 - Have 18 neighborhood group meetings in South End alone. In November, have 12 due to the holidays
 - Nov 4 Safe St hosted a neighborhood fall conference at Stewart Middle School.
 - Want to see if SENCo can be partnership in 2018.
 - Kristin attended the 2017 partnership appreciation, and hoping that SENCo can be involved in the 2018.
 - Audience members tonight include folk from neighborhood watch groups.
 - Recommend SENCo put \$25 per clean up site to provide food/water for residents refreshment when cleaning up the neighborhood, as a form of engagement.
 - Usually from 9pm – 2pm, 8:30am – 3pm
 - Question from Janis: if you could look out at 2018, particularly monetary things, put an itemized ballpark budget together so we can look at it and see if it is something we want to set aside, for cleanup, etc.

- This past years 222 tons of cleanup, 5000 hrs put in.
- Comment from Janis: our chairman is setting aside a strategic planning meeting so we can prepare for the coming year.

Voting for Board Members

- Quick word from the present candidates
- Results of Board Member elections:
 - Janis Clark re-elected with 12 votes
 - Cary Nilson re-elected with 9 votes
 - Daniel Thomasson elected with 12 votes
 - John Pellessier not re-elected with 1 vote
 - one illegible ballot
- Results of Executive Board election
 - Janis Clark running for Treasurer – unanimous to continue
 - Cary Nilson running for Vice Chair – unanimous to continue

Earl: at next meeting in January 22, the board will hold strategic planning for 2018 committees, what we want to do in the community, audience members are welcome. Meeting on the 4th Monday in January because of the holiday on the 3rd Monday. Will have liaison reports but not guest speakers. Come make suggestions – potholes, streets, signs, etc. Innovative Grants are available to fill out. Applications are up on our website, due to the City by Dec 15.

- Questions from the audience: can we get the written strategic plan from last year?
 - Earl: It was not written. We were working to get people on the board and to increase audience attendance. We'd like to get two to three projects for next year that we can get behind. Suzanne will be bringing up some ideas for discussion.
- Question from the audience: What can the innovative grant be used for, and how much money is there?
 - We have \$5k left over from last year. In years past, grants have been used for speed bumps and stop signs, but now for more community involvement. cityoftacoma.org/neighborhoodcouncils
- Questions regarding the strategic planning meeting: 2hrs won't be enough. What types of goals would be appropriate for the neighborhood council to set.
 - Could streamline if board members come with 3 to 4 committee ideas.

Community Concerns

- Paul Cromey
 - Lived in Tacoma all his life, grew up in Eastside, has been more active within the last year. Recommend the board get involved with the new incoming Mayor and Council Members. Recommend partnering with Eastside. At the town hall meeting last March, the council members recognized that the South End and Eastside are neglected. Safety is the biggest concern. Police Dept officers are doing a great job, but they're exhausted. Sector 4 has only two community liaison officers. Work out when and what the new council members can do for us. Senior citizens are scared and are buying guns for safety. Please keep in mind at the Jan 22 meeting: safety and crime in our area. One of the biggest headaches are nuisance ordinances. Latitude 84. Morgan Motel. Get them to present on proposed changes. Make a coalition between South End and Eastside. Need community liaison officers and code enforcement officers.

General Business

- Chair
 - Distributed budget for board to review – email any comments or corrections
 - Suzanne - Outreach and Marketing Strategy
 - paper surveyors for meeting attendees and on website with contact info
 - update monthly mailing list by January meeting
 - distribute monthly newsletter with timely updates
 - may get money from Carol for mailing newsletters
 - youtube channel for interviews to give a face to the story. Kristin has created the account and channel.
 - Audience member interested in participating.

- For TV Tacoma, feed stories to Janis so we can support.
- Personalized business cards
- Volunteer list and coordinator
- Web hosting on godaddy or wordpress, in the neighborhood of \$8-\$15/mo
- Collaborate with other neighborhood councils to hear their strategies
 - CCOT, 4th Thurs, 6pm, Room 16 Tacoma Municipal Building
 - and/or as guests to our meeting
- Maintain a list of organization, city, and sponsor contacts/resources
- Corresponding Secretary
 - Got an email from local scouts for quarterly cleanup of Gas Station Park
 - Coordinate with Gargoyles
 - The facebook event for the meeting got a lot of visibility. Suzanne shared it. We got more Likes.
- Earl:
 - any special meeting of the board need 3 weeks advance notification, can meet at Fire Dept or in Libraries
 - Tony: we should contact the Fire Dept to see what they have scheduled for this meeting room for the next 3-6mo so we don't overlap with Fire Dept trainings
- Treasurer
 - as of Oct 31, 2017
 - Savings: \$6,124.29
 - Checking: \$1,730.74

Adjourned at 9:28pm