

South End Neighborhood Council  
Monthly Meeting  
January 22, 2018

Executive Committee approved survey for attendees.

Call to order at 7:02pm

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

November meetings approved, and to be posted.

Fire Dept – absent  
TPD – absent

Metro Parks - Tareena Joubert

- Volunteer work parties
  - Charlottes Blueberry and Wapato, Sat 9am – noon
    - [chipin.tacomaparks.com](http://chipin.tacomaparks.com)
  - Ryan's park on Feb 3
- Point Defiance Park
  - Roundabout in the works. Closing down that entrance for 4 months. Use the Mildred St entrance. There will be signage out. All park open.
  - Open House talking about traffic study, circulation of the park, designed for walking visitors. Looking for input on that as well as updates to Owens Beach.
  - Waterfront Park, Wilson Way Bridge, should be open late 2018.
  - Boat elevators at marina being renovated. Aquarium expecting certificate of occupancy later this summer, with open to public in July 2018.
  - Wapato Park docks are almost done. Still on schedule to open later this spring.
  - Question from Audience: where can you go to look at the water quality of Wapato?
    - Just did a treatment to the water to make it touchable. Hoping to put non-motorized craft. Not recommending swimming or ingesting.
  - Check out website for Valentine's park activities.

Public Utilities – absent

City Manager Rep – Chris Bell

- City did a community survey call over Dec – Jan for how City is delivering services. Now analyzing data.
- Innovative Grants
  - Total awarded to the South End \$8.5k roughly
    - Harmony Beach - park updates and benches
    - Summer Mural Circle at Moore Library - \$1.6k
- City Council, TMB 5pm
  - youth positions on committees
  - Click
- Jan 31, film showing at 6:30pm at STAR Center, "Wasted" a story of how much food is actually wasted in America. Doors open at 6pm, starts at 6:30pm.
- <https://www.cityoftacoma.org> go to calendar events
- If there are things the City is doing well that you want to pass along, tell Chris in person or send him an email.
- Comment from Janis: a job well done to Metro Parks for their low income student program, where students can sign up and take advantage of programs and classes.
- Comment from Tony: appreciate utilities work with lights
- Question from Eric: commission meeting to determine if the detention facility was changed to correctional facility?

- Checking with City
- Question from Athena: list of current commissions, etc?
  - Emailing out
- Comment from audience: Kudos to utilities for their social media person and reporting on outages. Also stick with Click.

#### Tacoma Public Schools – Lisa Nolan

- In November, school board voted to promote the motion to extend levies and put them back on the ballot.
  - Released the mantra of “Every Student. Every Day.”
  - Feb 13 ballot
  - Prop 1: funding day to day operations not funded by the state
    - includes special education support, teachers, liaisons, nurses, and more
    - expanded preschool programs, early learning sites
    - art programs, musics, athletics, expanded middle and elementary sports programs, educational material including textbooks
    - support safety and security, instruction, investigations of harassment and bullying, upkeep of schools and grounds – students learn better when barriers to safety are removed
  - Prop 2: replacement levy for technology, expand access to technology equitably in all neighborhood schools
    - Technology is an ever changing vessel, duty to be responsive to that.
    - Technology doesn’t take the place of an outstanding educator and the relationship with teachers, but it can enhance the experience and promotes/supports the home access center, so families can check grades and performance online.
- Community Hearings on Blueberry Park at Grace Missionary Baptist Church, 7615 A St.
  - Feb 2, 10-11am, 5:30-6:30pm
  - Feb 6, 6:30pm – 7:30pm
- Question from Suzanne: is there a document or online source for what resources are being dedicated to the South End.

#### Safe St – Darren Pen

- Thank you to the neighborhood watch groups present and to Chris Beale Council Member present.
- 17 clean up locations, 7 in the South End. Recommend supporting the cleanup efforts, not directly to Safe St, but to the groups, \$25 per group would be appreciated. Good promotion and engagement opportunity.
  - See handout for schedule. South End’s seven below:
    - April 28, Lincoln High School, 701 S 37<sup>th</sup> St; Groups: Lincoln South, LAWGs, East Abes
    - April 28, Jennie Reed Elementary (1802 S 36<sup>th</sup> St); Groups: Jennie Reed, Tacoma Mall Neighbor
    - June 16, Mann Elementary (1002 S 52<sup>nd</sup> St); Groups: Stewart, Spring Hill, Mann
    - June 23, Larchmont Elementary (8601 East B St); Groups: Spooner’s Tract, Fern Hill, Blueberry Park, Larchmont
    - June 30, St Anne’s Church (7025 S Park); Groups: Park Ave, Pak Yak, Hillsdale
    - July 14, South Lakeshore Christian Church (1740 S 84<sup>th</sup> St); Groups: Birney Baker, Pac West, Shaska, Sheri Yak
    - July 28, Giaudrone Middle School (4902 S Alaska St); Groups: Giaudrone, HAWCs, N&S Wapato
- 2 New Year celebrations
  - Feb 10, 11am-6pm, Asia Pacific Cultural Event, Free, will have food, performances.
  - Feb 18, Lincoln 38<sup>th</sup> St business district, Lunar New Year, 38<sup>th</sup> - 40<sup>th</sup> on Yakima.
- Wed is South Wapato Group
- Question from Athena: how do we go about donating money and funds?
  - Chair: make it in a motion.

#### Pierce Transit – Penny Grellier

- If you utilize the Tacoma Dome Station, note that in Feb, that facility will start mid-life maintenance. Finally have the budget to spruce it up, get it in good form. It is going to be a year’s worth of work, as it

will happen in stages. Segments of 200 parking spaces at a time closed off for renovation. Adjacent parking areas will be made available.

- <https://piercetransit.org>
- Question from Tony: parking is free now yes? And will there be a fee afterward?
  - Free now, has been studied, no activity yet. Gets crowded as there are some using it that aren't using transit.
- Question from Eric: will the extra parking spaces be free? Most of the lots are paid around there.
  - One near the Tacoma Dome has a monthly fee, a lettered lot, may have a fee. Check the website for locations.
- Question from audience: will they open the 2-3hr parking at the Tacoma Dome that nobody uses?
  - Not sure about those spaces. We do parking studies in different park and ride lots.
- Question from Cary: Monday through Friday or weekends?
  - Weekends too most likely for speedy renovation
- Question from Tony: what about security?
  - Security guards on site

#### Ideas from Audience for comments and suggestions for 2018

1. City Council has closed up their city forum. There are 3 essential problem spots in the city that are coalescing. The Dreamers are being tossed under the bus. The Deportation Center. The City, the Port, and PFC.
  1. Want financial security for the city by way of liability insurance for the LNG tank to be nearby the deportation center, both of which are moral affronts. The Port and City should insure against life-threatening accidents.
  2. Suzanne recap: concern over how immigrants in our City are affected, since Tacoma wants to be a sanctuary city. Environmental security. Immigrant concern. Communication to the City by way of the City Council since the City Council forum is closed to citizens.
2. Neighborhood Council, Safe St, Next Door, different apps. People are putting in concerns in a random, disjointed way. Is there something that could be developed to unite different inputs? Right now, you can call non-emergency for something actually happening. Want to help the police workloads. Police not showing up to Safe St meetings or to neighborhood council meeting as well. What if there is a way to communicate between groups.
  1. Tony comment: call it in, to non-emergency and to emergency, since the emergency line records it.
  2. Daniel: 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month, Police Advisory Committee
  3. Suzanne recap: if the Police doesn't come to us? We come out to them, at the Citizens Police Advisory Boards.
  4. Kristin: but then, if we send someone there, what do we say? The question is how to consolidate the data.
  5. Janis: work with Safe St, not reinvent the wheel.
3. Resident who moved out 1.5 years ago, lives on 64<sup>th</sup> between Yakima and Pacific. The crosswalk at Stewart Middle school is not lit at 52<sup>nd</sup> and Pacific. The orange lights don't brighten things up. Other parts of the city get work, but the South End area seems to need more work.
  1. Eric: recommends calling 311
  2. 64<sup>th</sup> from Pacific to McKinley one bag road.
  3. Crosswalks in general are not lit. Yakima is not lit – 4 lane road with 35mi limit.
    1. 80% of lights are being replaced with LEDs, starting in South End
4. Homelessness Pacific and 72<sup>nd</sup>. A lot of intoxication all along Pacific. I saw flags go up on the flag posts for Pacific Avenue business district, but have seen more businesses close than open. Need more restaurants. Human trafficking ring taken out. Motels have been shut down.
5. Prostitution.
6. Master Transportation Plan has nothing for South End. Overflow from Pacific is going through the neighborhoods. The buses on Pacific back up traffic, so they go through the neighborhoods.
  1. Comment from Penny: doing a study for high capacity non-stop transit to help reduce the stop and start.

7. In December we have 150 open code enforcement cases, where north end has 21. Down to 2 police Community Liaison Officers. Down to 9 narcotics officers.
  1. Kristin summary: look at resources distributed throughout the City and get more allocated to the South End.
  2. Eric: TPD has 19 vacancies.
8. See more community education about dangers of the LNG.
9. Sidewalks are terrible. Spotty, and where they are, they're not in good shape. Kids walking in the streets. Big safety concern.
10. Janis: in this city, the City Manager has the power. We want to highlight to the City Manager Rep that there are outstanding issues. The Rep to the meeting changes, but nothing seems to change. Please make sure to report up to your boss what the citizen's, not just the neighborhood council's, concerns are.
  1. Chris Bell: Absolutely. Here to gather concerns and report. There are a lot of concerns that have stuff in the works, but the effect hasn't been felt yet.
  2. Chris Beale: just in 3<sup>rd</sup> week of City Council. Will be focusing on these issues this year. Nuisance laws and code enforcement. Pacific Ave. We could make the citizen GIS map, a crime map that residents can put pins in. District 5 includes 3 neighborhoods. Trying to be here as often as possible.
    1. Suzanne: thank you for showing up.
11. Suzanne: representation from SENCo going to the different agencies. Advocacy for our students. Playgrounds open to kids, not having chains closing them on weekends.
12. Advocate City transparency: city website says 4 CLOs, South End only has 2. Tacoma Police Dept needs to have accurate listings so residents can contact for community safety purposes.
13. Janis: TV Tacoma's Neighborhood Moments program. Use the television to get our point across, to showcase our neighborhood. City Line is a new program where we can highlight and talk about what's going on.
14. Marketing efforts and council outreach.
  1. Advocacy.
  2. "Come and Go" - come to us, we will go to you
15. Athena reviewed bylaws for Neighborhood Council purpose
  1. Earl: to fulfill our mission, we can send letters but we cannot address the City Council at their meetings speaking on behalf of the Neighborhood Council. We can comment as individuals.
    1. Chris Beale: if there is a topic, email him and he can help get it on the agenda.
16. Geographic Information System – map that individuals have access to, with layers for police business, education, with time element, city would be able to see at a glance.
  1. <https://esri.com>
  2. Richard Lovering [loverr@uw.edu](mailto:loverr@uw.edu)
17. Suzanne: monthly report of incidents/location concerns, maybe more formal than a newsletter, possibly built off the minutes.
18. Audience: do you have members go to other neighborhood council meetings?
  1. No, but the Community Council of Tacoma (CCOT) meets every 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday at Room 16 in the north annex, 6pm, 737 Market St, Tacoma, WA 98402. Has representatives of all the neighborhood councils. Audience members encouraged.
19. Athena: updating our agenda to close with a thanking the audience and challenging to tell 2 people about the meeting.
20. Now have survey monkey, twitter, instagram, youtube – share the handles so folks can tag
21. Janis: target military service members, veterans, and their families
22. Tony:
  1. reach out to businesses to get meeting notifications up on their electronic message boards.
  2. Seek input for park 61<sup>st</sup> and Sheridan, Ailing Park
  3. take photos of places and events
  4. seek grants for projects
  5. Yard of the Month – may help with code enforcement as people take pride in building their houses up. Houses get nominated, board members check them out, do 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

1. Audience: budgetary concerns, since can't afford to hire a landscaper
6. Ways to represent – windbreakers, ID, banners, business cards
7. SENCOSAC – south end neighborhood council student advisory committee
8. Summer party / bbq for education and awareness
23. Eric: we are the 2<sup>nd</sup> most populated, with highest density along 96<sup>th</sup>. We don't have a real grocery store south of 72<sup>nd</sup>. Accessibility. Spending time on the bus to get groceries.
  1. Audience: Sprouts Farmers Market isn't around here. That could be a draw.
  2. Audience: Zoning issue – a lot of multi-use
    1. Recommend positive feedback for Linda, the new manager at the McDonalds of 72<sup>nd</sup> and Pacific, has done a great job.
    2. Recommend positive feedback for Troy Grey at Fred Meyer. Corporate has agreed to look at the area outside.
24. Chris Beale: Recommend make a table, define what success looks like, short term goal / long term goal, form groups to do it.

#### Treasurers Report

- Savings: \$6,125.31
- Checking: \$905.66 (get the \$4k from the City in March)
  - TPU bi-monthly water, solid waste, and recycling: \$125.37

Adjourned at 9:12pm

#### ADDENDUM:

List from the whiteboard. Ideas written down in real-time at the meeting.

1. Communication and transparency issues
2. Immigration – Sanctuary City – DACA
3. Financial liability by private companies
4. LNG – Environmental Safety \* Communication Re: LNG
5. Getting police back at councils
6. Safety / neighborhood groups data collection
7. Representation to and from different agencies
8. Crosswalk at 52<sup>nd</sup> and Pacific (Stewart) and Crosswalks in general
9. Pot holes
10. Homelessness around 72<sup>nd</sup> (and Pacific) – related to #12
11. Pacific Ave revitalization
12. Intoxication on Pacific – related to #10
13. South End resources vs North End, etc...
14. Need to fill TPD positions
15. Sidewalks around fire house here
16. Advocacy for South End kids and schools
17. Update agency and TPD accuracy with community information and website
18. Outreach and marketing for council – Next door?
  1. Target military, vets, and their families
19. Update membership lists and add roles (board member)
20. Update manuals, Tab #s 2, 3, 4
21. Update bylaws? (last update in 2012)
22. Liaison to work, with police for participation in meetings
23. Ms Joubert from Metro Parks – please bring community calendars, parks

24. Close meetings thanking all for coming and encourage to tell 2 neighbors/friends and board alert our neighbors
25. Geographic Information System (GIS, <https://esri.com> )
26. Data collection
27. Update marketing strategy
28. Input and Grants Ailling Park
29. Photos of our problems and events
30. Address crime/gangs
31. Seek other grants
32. Yard of the Month
33. Business cards!
34. Student advisory board – reassemble
35. Grocery store development south of 72<sup>nd</sup> – accessibility – rezoning
36. Party! (Education and awareness)