



South End Neighborhood Council (SENC) regular meeting

April 16, 2018

Members present: Earl Brydson, Tony Caldwell, Janis Clark, Athena Brewer, Penny Grellier, Suzanne Skaar, Daniel Thomasson, Cary Nilson

Order 7:02pm Quorum

Chair announces we will use a modified Robert's Rules of Order and institute time limits as listed on agenda. Conversations may be continued in foyer.

A special meeting will be held after the regular meeting.

18 guests attending

Athena moves to approve March minutes, Cary seconds, no discussion, approved

Treasurer's report: article 13, section 2 was read by Recording Secretary as well as section 6. No financial report due to it not being end of month; balance based upon March end of month (savings balance \$6126.06) minus checks drawn on account in April, including a check for \$2000 written by Chair. April 3 balance \$322.65. Treasurer explained her approach to creating a reliable budget. Audit shall be performed based on existing financial records in order to remain transparent.

Athena raises question of privilege: who will perform audit? Chair explains it must be performed by two people, Chair and one other, financials to be turned over to them.

Committee reports: Suzanne reports that *Outreach and Marketing Committee* will meet Saturday April 20 at 11am, TBD location, to brainstorm outreach ideas. Help is needed to keep notes at that meeting. Volunteers invited to participate. Janis asks who is hosting website; currently it's SENC's former secretary but will transfer by next meeting.

Next meeting, Chair will present list of all committees and who is on each.

Athena is Chair of *Bylaws committee*, needs volunteers to join.

Tacoma Fire Dept.

Dave England for Fire Dept reports at midnight tonight they will have 12 firefighters moving from probation to full-time staff. Recruit class of 19 is ongoing, will start in field in mid-May. TFD is accepting applications, closing date is June 29 for entry-level position, see City website.

Question: who would a person contact to find out if a business is in fire code compliance? Inspection division will respond. 591-5737.

Metro Parks Tacoma

Tareena Joubert reports on Pt. Defiance construction, specifically roundabout on track for completion in late June. All parts of park are open, see Metro Parks' website for weekly schedule of which entrances and exits are

open. This Saturday is Parks Appreciation Day, this is the day to volunteer (Charlotte's Blueberry Park is closest in this area), 9am to noon, call 253-202-5978 or see MPT website to sign up.

Question: when is fish stocking of Wapato Lake? Mid-June fishing derby, celebration of new docks. What is water quality? It is touchable, but the fishing derby is for fish catching (aimed at kids) but not eating.

City Manager/City staff

David Nash Mendez, making reports to us for rest of year. City report is available tonight for all. It lists council meetings and standing committees. April 24 Tacoma Mall Neighborhood subarea plan; May 15 interviews for TPU Director, future of Click! report. Study session on Tuesday at noon in north building, Council of the whole at 3pm, at 5pm in Council Chambers there is a regular Council meeting. Second Tuesday is Citizens' Forum. Feel free to email David with questions. Edison cleanup April 21, Lincoln cleanup April 28. Encampment removal information is available at the table.

Tammy Liddle Lobban from 311 explained what this resource is for and encouraged everyone to use the 311 app. or call 311 or 253-591-5000. Report potholes, abandoned vehicles, encampments, garbage removal needs, noise complaints, etc.

Community member reports there is confusion at 311 over her repeated report of graffiti on 56th. Could someone clear that up, please? Tammy will follow up.

Question: Is there a work order number given when you call in? Yes, a reference number is given, with date taken as part of number.

Tacoma Public Schools

Lisa Nolan, Asst Superintendent of HR for TPS. "See Something, Say Something" program is underway, handouts available. It concerns reporting any school-based threats/violence directly to law enforcement. Students can also report to 911 or go to school admin. team. She gave follow-up on recent cases at Lincoln and Truman (charges filed in both). Can be anonymous reports.

April 21, College-Bound Saturday to prepare graduating seniors for college. Saturday April 28 10am to 2pm, 5th Annual Family Community Leadership Academy, learn to lead together to respond to family and community needs. MSM will provide sandwiches!

Burney Elementary construction is underway and old building will be replaced. Boze will also be rebuilt. Contractors approved. Browns Point Elementary is 30% finished. Grant Center for Expressive Arts construction has begun. RFQ released in March for Hunt Middle School replacement analysis project. Mary Lyon project is 27% complete. SOTA will finish year at Post Office but next year, 9th & Broadway will become their building (2nd floor will be leased to commercial tenants).

Follow-up from last time... Blueberry Park: who will maintain wetlands? Answer: the buyer, Green Harbor Communities. District leadership response to student walk-out on guns in schools: respect student rights to peacefully protest if in compliance with applicable policies. If assemble on campus, each admin team should ensure campus safety and supervision. Teachers can participate but must maintain obligations to students and get permission from supervisor.

Safe Streets

Darren Pen thanks several neighborhood watch groups here tonight. There are 17 cleanups across the city, we have 7 of them. We have 25 neighborhood watch groups in the South End. Asks Council for \$25 donation and thanks Council for our support. Goal of neighborhood watch groups is to keep our community safe, clean and healthy. Darren encourages all of us to attend the local cleanups and to visit local neighborhood watch meetings. Many thousands of hours are donated by volunteers. Darren was on TV Tacoma to showcase the committed community support evident in the South End. He will send current project notifications to Suzanne.

Question: can we get neighborhood watch group online map updated? Darren has been working on that.

Question: has Darren addressed the City Council on our successes in the South End? Not so far this year but there are a lot of projects going on.

Port of Tacoma

No report

Guest speaker Representative Laurie Jenkins (business cards made available). Legislative session ended on time, got a lot done. This is a supplemental budget year, additional revenue flowed in so basic education was funded.

Invested in mental health at Western State Hospital and paying community-based providers better reimbursement rates to help retain their services. Developed plan and invested in State Need Grant: young people who qualified will now actually get services rather than staying on waitlist.

Capital budget was passed early on in session, which included some of the construction funding for TPS as mentioned above. Mental health beds also received funding. Eastside Community Center received funding, Tacoma Community House also, Pantages seismic retrofitting/upgrading.

Opioid treatment services, peer support programs for recovery will get Medicaid reimbursement.

Net neutrality bill passed (first in country).

Effective government work, including passage of voting rights act and several acts to increase ease of access to voting.

Ban on bump stocks (firearms), allowed people to put themselves on Do Not Purchase list (for guns). Other gun-related issues were addressed in related bills.

May 1 at 6pm at Bay Terrace, community conversation with Representatives. May 8 from 6-7pm, TeleTown Hall (may receive a phone call).

Question: any updates on homeless resource/program funding? Answer: passed permanent document recording fee; funds go to housing and homelessness issues. Also prohibited discrimination of renting based on source of income, landlord mitigation fund which can increase quality of housing so they can become Section 8.

Tacoma Police Dept.

Lt. Darlington shared special bulletin on felony hit and run on April 1 about 8pm at 1200 E. 64th St involving car and child. Gloomy weather seems to have contributed to wrecks this last couple of weeks. Reports on house board-ups: 6800 E. I St., drug house with stolen utilities; 2200 E. Fairbanks with 16 occupants, deplorable conditions; 6300 S. Thompson, stealing of utilities, suspected drug activity. Please contact police if you have something similar in your neighborhood. Morgan Motel on Pacific Avenue complied with re-opening conditions and is now open. Will be closely monitored. Temple at 82nd has added another weekend of celebration for Cambodian New Year.

Compliment from community member for new officer Schmidt (sp?) who has cleaned up 38th Street Safeway.

Community Concerns:

Mark Lindquist, County Prosecutor, spoke to school safety. His office will go out to any school in Pierce County to speak about laws around threats to schools. This lends gravitas to the issue with students. Also, they have a team that prevents and prosecutes elder abuse. Voter fraud doesn't occur too often in Pierce County.

Questions: can we have contact information? Yes, on way out. What is his office doing about criminalization of poverty in our County? Will address when he returns to SENCo for a longer conversation, but know it's being worked on by his team. Is there any recourse for when kids post fight details online? In partnership with police,

they monitor social media and, when possible, break up fights and criminal activity. What is his office doing to combat school to prison pipeline? Will cover next time.

Paul Cromey (sp?) thanks Tony and Eric for coming to last month's meeting with Morgan Motel, and thanks Lt. Darlington for his work on it too. So far the motel is doing an adequate job. Suggests everyone here go to Citizens' Forum at City Council to express our concerns about South End neglect. Being there and speaking is encouraged by Council. Council members Beale, Ushka and Hunter are a South End asset on the Council. New businesses at 72nd and Pacific might help things improve and contribute to the conversation. 311 is good but it seems very slow, especially on graffiti response. Blueberry Park had a great community event with free bushes distributed. Pierce Transit BRT Open House was good; will improve traffic on Pacific Avenue. Sound Transit: no relief given on car tabs. We need more CLOs on the beat.

Janis clarified how resolutions pass through City Council and how we might best speak to a resolution (the timing of our comments is critical given the process). She appreciated the explanation given by the Center for Dialogue and Conflict Resolution, which is now moderating Citizens' Forums.

General Business

Vice Chair: Any comments on the screen showing this evening's agenda? Idea is to provide the agenda to audience and scroll down as we progress through it.

Corresponding Secretary: still deciding on whether it's practical to record meeting audio.

Recording Secretary: Timekeeping is great!

New Business

Suzanne asks about giving Darren \$25 for the cleanups. Treasurer reminds the Board that there is a line item in our budget for cleanups, two checks are written out for \$25 each (Jennie Reed and Lincoln), need Chair signature. Further discussion to be held at special meeting.

Adjourned 8:32pm.

Respectfully submitted by

Penny Grellier, Recording Secretary