

NEW TACOMA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

November 8, 2006

ATTENDANCE: Board Members Present: Marty Campbell, Denny Faker, Bill Garl, Dalton Gittens, Mae Harris, Rollie Herman, Juanita McBride, Pam Orazem, Nick Schuder, Mar-Le Wendt. **Excused:** Pam Brewer. **Absent:** Max Messman, Darion Reese. **Staff:** Elton Gatewood. **Guests:** Larry Steiner, Chris Karnes, Brett Santhuff, Drew Ebersole, Kanda Patton, Tracy Kelly, Susan Eidschink, Mary Gale, Clara Cheeves, and Corey Darlington.

Meeting Called to Order at 5:39 PM by Bill Garl. Motion approved to accept the October NTNC Minutes.

City: Ryan Petty had a meeting concerning Prium and the Winthrop. They have until November 15th to exercise their options. The deal has to close on December 15th if they accept. One goal is to move current residents into new construction. **Elton Gatewood** distributed brochures from the Public Utilities Department regarding One Time Money Applications, Graffiti Removal and Resource Tip Sheets, and the October 26, 2006 Public Policy Calendar.

Police Department: Corey Darlington went on a tour of the “Jungle” with Denny Faker and City Council member Jake Fey. Robert Luke is the TPD lead for Sector 1. They are using CPTED principles and site hardening with fencing. There was a robbery at the D-Town Market (the perpetrator was arrested by a TPD Officer while on the way out of the store). There have been several busts in a sting operation around the 15th and MLK. It’s been requested that the Mini-Mart loose its license for 30 days.

Fire Department: Larry Steiner said the department had 561 water-related calls and had to open their emergency operation center. Part of their job was to kill rumors of the breach of Mud Mountain Dam. He noted that the 11th Street Bridge was being dug out from debris.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

This is the 5th year for the Art at Work Month. There will be studio tours this weekend. Next weekend there will be a forum on how to start a non-profit.

CITIZENS FORUM:

Marty Campbell reminded everyone of the tree lighting ceremony on November 30th at 6:00 pm. The City partnered with Ft. Lewis for the tree which will again be placed at the Broadway Center. On November 16th, 2006, there will be a celebration in the Theater District, in conjunction with the Art Walk.

Jake Fey urged constituents to let him know their priorities for the City’s upcoming budget. What would be considered good and bad choices for the City spending, as well as what’s not being considered that should be added to the list for consideration? Discussion revolved around adding police officer positions (including evening bicycle patrols), additional land-use staff, urban planners, inter-governmental activities, additional money for the contingency funds, CPTED issues, youth initiatives, additional money for neighborhood councils, seed money for nuisance code enforcement, money for repair of art work around the city. There will be a public hearing on 11-28-06. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to form a budget committee.

Kanda Patton, World Vision, indicated the Wired Café was now offering free delivery, and Club Friday was in the process of hiring new staff under the guidance of World vision. Youth Build would be open to the public from 9:45 am – 11:45 am, Monday through Friday, for GED classes.

Tracy Kelly, Arts Commission, would like to see the 1% construction costs for Art be expanded to include 1% of the entire project.

PRESENTATIONS:

Jim Merritt and Forest German talked about the 150th Anniversary of the AIA, and their wish to give back to the community. Their project revolved around coming up with an alternative approach for community rail lines as they cross Pacific Avenue and 26th Street. Numerous businesses were not happy with the Sounder solution to closing "A" Street. Julie Anderson had thanked the City Council for their interest and continued review of the Sounder transit options. The big question was whether the designs had any "fatal flaws". Goals to be achieved by the alternative designs included not putting any business out of business. It was noted that Brown and Haley was excited about, and supported, concept "F". Concept "B" was another option that many people saw as a viable alternative. The Transit Board is to meet on December 7, 2006, and needs to make a Go-No Go decision by January, 2007. A motion to support continued investigation of the AIA proposal was made, seconded, and approved to support concept "F". Of benefit would be the lack of trains stopping traffic and the minimal impact on business. It was noted that any solution to this project should embrace the following community goals:

- Preserve Historic Highway 99 as a community asset
- Minimize business closures and relocations
- Minimize train and vehicle conflicts
- Create new commercial development opportunities
- Improve arterial traffic flow and linkages
- Improve the sense of entry to Downtown Tacoma and the Dome District
- Future opportunities for Tacoma should not be compromised

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Rollie Herman led the NTNC Council election. A motion was made, seconded and approved to suspend the secret ballot, as well as the requirement for a majority of members to be residents. Both motions passed. A motion was made, seconded to accept the slate of candidates for the board. The board will take office in January and will consist of the following people: Term ending 12-31-08 (Marty Campbell, Denny Faker, Bill Garl, Dalton Gittens, Rollie Herman, Darion Reese, and Nick Schuder. Term ending 12-31-2007 would be Pam Brewer, Mae Harris, Juanita McBride, Pam Orazem, Mar-Le Wendt, Kate Rose, Tracy Kelly, and Chris Karnes. A motion was made to accept the following slate of officers for the Executive Committee, as nominated by the nominating committee: Marty Campbell (Chair), Bill Garl (Vice-Chair), Nick Schuder (Secretary), and Mar-Le Wendt (Treasurer).

REPORTS:

Community Council Meeting: October's meeting focused on a presentation by Leo Monnett and Chris Otton on Streets and Grounds, with a perspective of the City from 1910 to the present.

Across The Fence: November's program will focus on Eric Anderson's Annual Report, with December meeting centered around Transient Encampments.

Treasurer's Report: Account Balance = \$ 8,950.92.

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MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:07 PM.