

# NEW TACOMA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

December 14, 2005

**ATTENDANCE: Board Members Present:** Marty Campbell, Denny Faker, Bill Garl, Forest German, Dalton Gittens, Mae Harris, Rollie Herman, Juanita McBride, Pam Orazem, Darion Reese, Kirsten Reynolds, Nick Schuder, Terrie Vestal, Mar-Le Wendt. **Excused:** Max Messman, Ruth Swanson. **Absent:** Pam Brewer, Sherry Bockwinkel. **Staff:** Elton Gatewood. **Guests:** Larry Steiner, Jonathan Phillips, Dan Wolch, Ron Stephens, Florentine Hamm, Susan Eidenschink, Steve Smith, Steve Pfeifer, Bob Overton, Alex McLain, Scott Gruber, Bob Levin.

## Meeting Called to Order at 5:45 PM by Bill Garl.

**STAFF REPORTS: City (Elton Gatewood):** Distributed nomination forms and information for the 2006 City of Destiny Awards, Metro Parks Today newsletters, and The Government Leadership Institute Urban Studies Program calendar of events.

**PRESENTATIONS:** Elton Gatewood distributed background information on the neighborhood council ordinance, bylaws, and guidelines. He also provided historical information on the goals, mission, vision, organizational structure and strategies and priorities of the NTNC.

A motion was approved to accept the current mission, as is represented on the NTNC web site. It is as follows: "The New Tacoma Neighborhood Council exists to assist in creating a safe, dynamic and livable community within the heart of the city. We partner with city leaders, businesses, residents and the community in promoting economic prosperity, the arts and maintaining healthy neighborhoods."

The following suggestions and recommended visions were expressed as the meeting:

- Look at ways of further engaging the Community.
- Create a team of Board members to recruit other citizens and organizations to become involved in the New Tacoma Neighborhood Council.
- Support and collaborate with other organizations and agencies to co-sponsor neighborhood events and activities. This will lend additional creditability to the New Tacoma Neighborhood Council, and provide greater public exposure.
- Utilize the New Tacoma Neighborhood Council's "logo" on all printed and other material and information to enhance public exposure.
- Develop criteria on what and who the New Tacoma Neighborhood Council will offer support financially.
- When tasks are identified, a committee and/or group(s) from the organization should move forward on implementing and completing the task.
- Illegal dumping on streets and in alleys, litter, and general clean-up of the neighborhood was mentioned as a priority.
- New Tacoma Neighborhood Council should act as a resource and clearinghouse for other groups and agencies in the neighborhood. It should consider hosting quarterly meetings with other groups.
- Explore a variety of different ways of marketing itself to the public.
- Develop a gateway entry to the neighborhood and city.
- Create community forums.
- Enhance broader communication with its residents through internet/web communication, direct mail, and other avenues.

- Develop and conduct a survey/questionnaire to assess the needs and interest of residents, business, etc. in the neighborhood.
- Look at approaching the NTNC 's vision as a Business Plan.

It was acknowledged that the NTNC would have a goal of deciding how to distribute newly allocated funds from the City.

A motion was approved to begin immediately on litter and illegal dumping and be prepared to discuss at the next NTNC meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS: NTNC Officer Elections:** A motion was made and approved to waive the secret ballot and approve Bill Garl, Chair; Mary Campbell, Vice-Chair; Nick Schuder, Secretary; and Mar-Le Wendt, Treasurer.

**CORRESPONDANCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Scott Gruber said the Dickens Christmas Festival was a success, and thanked the NTNC for its contribution. He distributed flyers of the event, which included the NTNC advertisement. Scott reminded us that the event was a feature story in the Sunday TNT and held out hope that this would be an annual event.

Bill Garl stated that Sherry Bockwinkel had resigned from the NTNC board.

Bill Garl indicated a need to establish a finance committee.

Bill Garl noted the need to establish a selection process for delegates to NUSA.

Mar-Le Wendt thanked Mae Harris for her guidance and perseverance in getting changes made to her neighborhood. A ribbon-cutting ceremony on 11-21-05 celebrated the decrease in traffic and crime, increase in residential lighting, and the wonderful changes made in the street routing and tree plantings.

*MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:00 PM.*