

NEW TACOMA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

February 14, 2007

ATTENDANCE: Board Members Present: Marty Campbell, Bill Garl, Mae Harris, Rollie Herman, Tracy Kelly, Juanita McBride, Kate Rose, Nick Schuder, Mar-Le Wendt. **Excused:** Pam Brewer, Denny Faker, Dalton Gittens, Chris Karnes, Pam Orazem. **Absent:** Darion Reese. **Staff:** Elton Gatewood. **Guests:** Larry Steiner, Erica Valley, Dale Repmand, Chris Clegg, Brett Santhuff, Amanda Knowles, Erik Bjornson.

Meeting Called to Order at 5:30 PM by Marty Campbell. Motion approved to accept the corrected January NTNC Minutes.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Marty Campbell talked about Multicare's plan to put a steam plant near the west side of Wright Park. He indicated they are scheduled to make a presentation at our next meeting.

Marty Campbell stated the Tacoma Lawn and Tennis Club wants to put a large bubble over their playing fields. They have national historic designation, but not city historic designation. Additional information will follow.

City: Ryan Petty noted that there would be a series of meetings to work on crafting an ordinance/policy regarding downtown housing.

Elton Gatewood reminded us of continuing UWT classes (Government Leadership Institute program), which are open to the public as well as students. He distributed information on the 2007 Innovative Grant Program, which has application workshops scheduled as early as February 27, 2007. The deadline for applications is April 13, 2007. Mr. Gatewood also distributed fliers on the Neighborhood Summit, which will take place at Evergreen College, Tacoma, on February 22, 2007 and will focus on Basic Gang Recognition. At a recent Neighborhood and Housing Committee meeting Martha Anderson spoke on the post office relocation issues. She may be available should we want her to give us an update.

Police Department: Wayne Beals talked about the recent homicide at 20th & MLK, Housing First issues, and working with the Winthrop. Undercover operations have resulted in arrests for cocaine and possession of drug paraphernalia. They are also working on evictions of clients at the Olympus. Transit concerns and graffiti issues are still being addressed. There are also concerns being raised surrounding Rogers Elementary School, Crossing Church and homeless services (ENACT is working on these issues).

Fire Department: Larry Steiner mentioned they had over 1,000 runs in January, 70 of which were fire related. Mr. Steiner handed out Disaster Preparedness Handbooks, Kids Safety & Health Fair fliers and CERT Training information (next class is March 13, 2007). The Fire Dept. will be on the City Web Site and will have brochures available on-line. He also noted that there was a chlorine leak at the Pioneer Plan. HAZMAT teams stopped the leak although some members were hospitalized.

CITIZENS FORUM:

Rollie Herman distributed a flier on cleaning up the Tacoma Avenue Corridor on March 10th.

Chris Clegg indicated the public meetings have started regarding downtown parking and transit. **Contact Jimmie Lee** at 591-5372 regarding the Pierce County Futures Program.

Eric Bjorinson talked about the City needing input on the St. Helens traffic flow patterns. Options are posted on the NTNC's web site and construction sites are noted on the City of Tacoma web site. The Miller Amendment has been posted on the NTNC web site.

PRESENTATIONS:

Winthrop Update: Doug Repman, new Quantum Management President, has implemented the following steps: nighttime surveillance, followed up with evictions, met personally with residents to provide verbal warnings for those bringing a criminal element into the Winthrop, and replaced a security guard, and instituted a guest sign-in process. Mr. Repman said that police support and commitment is exceptional. He is also interested in applying for a lighting grant.

St. Helen's Neighborhood: Brett Santhuff brought our attention to the Mueller-Harkins Buick dealership and the auto-row history of downtown Tacoma. He is concerned about what is being called the mixed-use development that would replace the current USA of Yesterday building with a possible grocery store, over 150 residential units and additional commercial space, which could include a hotel. Mr. Santhuff noted the Mueller-Harkings Buick building is on the national historic register, but would like to see it on the City's historic register. When the LeMay car museum becomes a reality, he'd like to see Tacoma take advantage of this event by showcasing an auto row section of downtown that could preserve history through retail shops and restaurants which embraces automotive themes.

Paint Tacoma-Pierce Beautiful: Sallie Shawl handed out brochures and fliers for the upcoming Paint Tacoma-Pierce Beautiful campaign and noted the applications are due back by April 15, 2007.

NUSA: Elton Gatewood gave a brief overview of NUSA and its ability to provide a holistic approach to neighborhoods. It is comprised of over 1200 members creating one of the largest grass roots organizations. This year there will be over 30 workshops. Bill Garl indicated it was a way to send delegates to a convention and get back warriors (activists for the community).

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS: A motion was made, seconded and passed for the NTNC to form a NUSA Committee to select a slate of delegates to NUSA to present at next month's NTNC meeting. A suggestion regarding a funding amount was not passed at this time.

Marty Campbell will call the NUSA Committee together.

Marty Campbell will distribute the budget via e-mail.

REPORTS:

Community Council Meeting: January's meeting focused on Eric Anderson's presentation regarding the Housing Moratorium, City budget, changes in the EEO staffing, boundaries for the City's core, success of CBS project, and on preserving the character of the City's neighborhoods.

Across The Fence: The Year in Review is being aired in January. February's program will focus on Innovative Grants.

Treasurer's Report: Account Balance = \$ 7,831.00.

Web Site: www.newtacoma.org.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:55 PM.