

# NEW TACOMA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

May 9, 2007

## ATTENDANCE:

Board members present: Marty Campbell, Bill Garl, Dalton Gittens, Mae Harris, Rollie Herman, Pam Orazem, Darion Reese, Mar-Le Wendt, Clara Cheeves, Chris Karnes, Denny Faker

Board members excused: Pam Brewer, Juanita McBride

Board members absent: Traci Kelly, Kate Rose

Guests: Walter Zisette, Larry Steiner, Brett Santhuff, Nancy Davis, Amanda Knowles, Erik Bjornson, John Wright, Donna Stenger, John Larson, Steve Pfeifer, Joel Bunker, Jake Fey

Marty Campbell called the meeting to order at 1739. Motions were made and passed to accept the April minutes and May agenda.

## CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Copies of letters requested at the April meeting to the Planning Department were provided to the board members. An email from Dee Margeson regarding a property issue at Snake Lake was circulated for all to read.

## STAFF REPORTS:

- Greg Hopkins, TPD reminded us that the First Sector was providing assistance to the Fourth Sector on a new AIA area. There have also been 24 arrests for prostitution, 12 on Puyallup Avenue within the last month. The Acme Tavern has reopened under new ownership and is attempting to gain a more upscale clientèle. The management of the Winthrop and Olympus are still working with TPD to eliminate drug dealers from their properties. Von Narcisse is retiring and his CLO position will be filled by Terry Munson.
- Larry Steiner, TFD stated that the Fire Department was going to win the annual basketball game with TPD scheduled for June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 15:00.
- Elton Gatewood advised that the Public Works Projects approved last year are all underway and should be completed by September 2007. An additional \$50,000 would be available for new Public Works Projects with applications due in September. Innovative Grant recommendations will be due after our June meeting. The City has instituted a street sweeping program.

## CITIZENS FORUM:

- Amanda Knowles: First United Methodist Church will be having an open house June 3<sup>rd</sup> from 12:15 until 13:00.
- Brett Santhuff: Historic Tacoma is in the middle of their May lecture series and would be hosting a tour of historic auto row this summer on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of July.

## PRESENTATIONS:

- Donna Stenger from the City of Tacoma presented an overview of mixed use centers within the NTNC boundaries. The Planning Commission will be reviewing these centers (with the exception of downtown) with regards to how they are performing. The review will include regulatory changes, zoning and tax incentives. The MLK center will receive intense review which will additionally include if more mixed use zoning is warranted, height restrictions and parking requirements. Public review will be in August. The Planning Commission will vote in September and the City Council in November. The NTNC Planning Subcommittee was asked to review this issue.

- Jake Fey suggested that we pay close attention to the mixed use center review. He also stated that he supports our position on the Needle Exchange Van.
- Sandy Burgess reported on three new projects being developed in our area.
  1. 23<sup>rd</sup> & I, 64 condo's with 16 affordable units. Tom O'Connor & MDC
  2. 13<sup>th</sup> & G, 50 units with 50% for formerly homeless. Catholic Community Services & St. Leo's
  3. 13<sup>th</sup> & I, Associated Ministries is looking at moving their offices and providing low income housing in the new facility.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Denny Faker reported on the Needle Exchange Van. At the May meeting of the Tacoma/Pierce County Health Board, the board voted to provide the Van with an additional 6 months to perform a survey. No action was taken per the discussions we had at our April meeting with Rick Talbert and Connie Ladenburg.  
Bill Garl made a motion to send a letter to the Health Board and Newspapers asking for the action promised NTNC at our April meeting be carried out. The motion was seconded by Denny Faker and passed unanimously.  
Darion Reese made a motion to fund coffee and water for a signature gathering campaign, both pro and con, regarding the Needle Exchange Van. Bill Garl seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- NUSA: NTNC is funding Mae Harris and Denny Faker. Bill Garl and Mar Le Wendt are attending and their funding is provide by the Community Council.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Bill Garl made a motion to fund the meeting space for the Tacoma Avenue Coalition at \$25.00 per month for up to 10 months. Payment to be disbursed monthly. Mar Le Wendt seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

#### **REPORTS:**

- Treasurer: Account balance \$14,000.37

The meeting was adjourned at 1910