

NEW TACOMA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

June 13, 2007

ATTENDANCE:

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

Board members excused: Pam Brewer, Juanita McBride

Board members absent: Clara Cheeves

Guests: Bill Powell, Mar Corpuz, Mario Lorenz, Brett Santhuff, Nancy Davis, Launa Wolch, Jeanie Peterson, Vince Young, K. Havnaer, Todd Kelly, Corey Darlington, John Larson, Dan Wolch, Marie Nelson, Erik Bjornson, Dari, Thara Smith

Minutes approved

Agenda approved with corrections

No needle van update

Announcements: Rollie posed info on the Irma Gary House

Staff Reports:

Elton--Innovative Grant Recommendations are due June 22 to be reviewed by the City Council for approval.

Larry--401 fires last month, 3548 calls. Still offering free classes for fire extinguishers and fire safety. There is a new fine for people misusing fireworks: \$257.

Cory--Hard Rock, prostitution and gang missions (Puyallup Ave & E25th) are getting better. Hilltop on 8th & I there is an increase in drugs and graffiti. Misuse of fireworks is now a civil infraction, thus the fine. On the 600 block of South Ainsworth there were arrests at a boarded up house. The last day of school is Monday, June 18th. A new Christian nightclub has opened at 1200 MLK, called the Corridor.

Christian--Police will be doing education and knocking on doors of previous violators. Bike lanes on Center St are still under debate, there will be a meeting to consider public input on traffic, safety, etc on Center June 20, 6-8pm in Room 16 of the city building.

Jake Fey--Stadium Business District improve CS notification. 90% of citizen complaints concern Public Works, he has spoken to the city manager and would like to work something out with PW so that there can be more consideration and forethought. TPU does talk to people, the onus for getting info out should be on the city, not on the citizen to go to the website & look up when construction will be in their area.

Citizen Forum:

Launa Walsh--8th & I Neighbors last infrastructure closed off I St, \$38,000 final installation of art and garden. October 20th 10am there will be a celebration & thank you ceremony we are invited to attend. Mario Lorenz--concerts in Wright Park, 260 was the last attendance count. Metro Parks, the Children's Museum and Victory Music are jointly putting on this event. Would like to ask us to support with as much funds as possible.

Bill with Verizon--La Quinta on S Portland East side neighbors are concerned (Kimberly Lily) that they are not being included on everything in that area, please consult since their view is effected by this change. Current building is @ 75ft, architectural detailing is higher, equipment will be put at 75. The company is applying for a conditional use permit application. Damion Reese motions to write letter of support for proposal, Katie Rose seconds, approved.

Jeanie Peterson--Open house for Von Narcisse who is leaving the force, please donate \$50 to show support. Chris motions, Katie 2nd, approved. Gang Recognition Summit June 19th 7pm at HAC, 13th and Yakima. June 26th Herman Deers is retiring, there will be a BBQ @ 1224 South I st, Associated Ministries, please bring a side dish. Hilltop Challenge \$14,000 for after 1st two full times on North End writing tickets. Wright Pjark will have free lunch for kids all summer with activities, funded by a federal grant for Metro Parks.

Todd Kelly--CoT funding partner for kids advocates of Pierce, multicare support, part of that is report

Denny called & wants more info on boiler Monday, June 25th, 5pm at the Stadium Bistro. Garbage problem on Tacoma Ave has been solved; an extra can has been added, moved to the back of the building, and garbage is now picked up daily.

Brett--Historic Tacoma Lecture Series in May was great, the next event is July 19th, where there will be an auto walk on historic auto row, talking about architecture, classic cars and the development of Tacoma. There will also be a tour of craftsman homes sometime in September.

Innovative Grants:

5 applications, \$20,000 plus \$6,126 left over from last year

Blueberry Hill: Vince Young of Guadalupe Land Trust--there are other community gardens in Tacoma, the goal is to beautify, create worm bins and compost, and provide a place for the public to garden.

Anyone can apply to have a plot--19 adult & kids too. Darion motions, Traci 2nd, approved, \$5,000.

Vandalism in Reverse: Mar Corpus--project is designed to control litter, the majority of people directly served by this project have no income. Participants receive a monthly bus pass in exchange for volunteer hours. Denny moved, Chris 2nd, approved, \$5000.

Yakima Ave trees: Brett--Wright Park neighbors partnered with Comprehensive Health to plant trees, strengthening the neighborhood, and bringing the park to the street. Maintenance will be provided by the homeowners along the street. Denny moved, Dalton 2nd, approved.

Stadium Historic District Signing--old signs look bad, need id for the district. PCF architects donated the design and consultation, residents feel better if the district looks good. Chris moved, Katy 2nd, Rollie opposed, Denny and Marty abstain, approved \$5000.

Neighbors Park: Tara Smith--Community Gardens Wall needs repair. Denny moved, Darion 2nd, approved \$5000.

Mae--National Night Out on Aug 7th, 200 people last year, please give \$200 to help provide buns. Denny moved, Katy 2nd, Darion abstained, approved.

Downtown Subcommittee: meeting fri 1pm at Simpson Room in Chamber building on 11th and Pacific.

Executive Board will advertise on exit 133 for their discussion next month.

Planning Committee: Chris--Planning Committee Donna Stinger, changes to comprehensive plan:

What does Tacoma need to do to accommodate growth management and be an urban village?

Planning Committee's off street parking recommendation was to eliminate requirements in Central Business District, which is 6th to 25th Aves from Pacific to Tacoma in order to do this. Chris motioned to send a letter to the City Manager and Council to recommend this action as part of the downtown parking and transportation plan, Darion 2nd. In discussion Chris stated that our downtown parking requirements are an aberration in a city our size. Eric Bjorenson added that with parking the way it is our downtown would grow like Federal Way, rather than like Seattle. Jeanie stated that the biggest problem currently downtown is the lack of parking, so taking away the requirement would be a mistake. Chris replied that removing the requirement doesn't entirely eliminate more parking, only encourages use of transit. Denny proposed to hear the City Manager's opinion on this subject before voting. Clara agreed, saying the subject needed clarifying. Elton suggested looking at it for a month, and then making an informed decision. Rollie suggested a review rather than a removal of the requirement, asking if any development had not come to Tacoma based on the requirement. Katy said yes, that there was a specific development in 2005 who had refused to build based on the parking requirement. Clara suggested a tabling of the discussion till next meeting. Marty suggested that in the meantime we look at pedestrian, bicycling, car/van pooling, bus and rail, flexcar, etc. Traci motioned to table discussion, Marlee 2nd, Chris opposed, approved.

NUSA also tabled till next meeting.

Treasurer's report--\$13,383.40

Community Council didn't meet.

Across the Fence: David Gordon is the new person in charge of Across the Fence and is talking about changing the format of City arts to be more inclusive.

Website nothing.

Rollie motions to adjourn, Marlee 2nd, approved at 7:23pm.