

NEW TACOMA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

July 11, 2007

ATTENDANCE:

Board members present: Marty Campbell, Denny Faker, Bill Garl, Mae Harris, Rollie Herman, Tracy Kelly, Kate Rose, Mar-Le Wendt

Board members excused: Pam Brewer, Chris Karnes, Juanita McBride, Darion Reese

Board members absent: Clara Cheeves, Dalton Gittens, Pam Orazem

Guests: Larry Steiner, Derek Young, Ann Meersman, Steve Pfeifer, Mario

Lorenz, Eric Crittenden, Erik Bjornson, Brett Santhuff, Cheryl Jones,

Justin Mayfield

Minutes approved

Agenda approved with corrections--the Executive Board meetings are moving to Tully's coffee, since it is a more quiet location.

Announcements: Marty informed the board of a letter to the Health Department about the needle van. The needle van will no longer be in service on Wednesdays at 14th and G after August 1st. Transitional locations are also being looked into for October.

Staff Reports:

Elton--Innovative Grant Recommendations are moving forward and will be listed in the newspaper in July. The final decision by the City Council will be announced on September 1st. The 2007 budget has been reviewed and received a \$50,000 reallocation for Capitol Funding to each of the Neighborhood Councils.

Christian--Introduction for Allison, who will serve as a management intern for the city for the next two years. Christian is currently in his second year of the same internship. Both of the two will be at the next several meetings, after which Allison will take over for Christian.

The South Park Garage Proposal will put forward financing to City Council next week. There will be a study session on redevelopment of the Foss Waterway to look at sedimentation and a toxic substance, called phalalates, found in a study last year.

Cory--The Zina Linnik investigation is ongoing, Tiger Mountain has been searched with no results, there will be a community meeting tomorrow night at Peace Church. There is an emergency operation system set up at the Tacoma police headquarters, the FBI center for missing and abused children is involved. Last night in the Vintage apartments a 40 year old man shot his ten year old son and then himself, apparently in relation to an ongoing custody battle. Darren Kelly, the officer who was beaten badly several weeks ago while confronting some underage graffiti artists, is now back to work and four arrests have been made in that case. Puyallup Ave is making good progress, the alley behind the Pegasus has been closed off. A person of interest in the Zina Linnik case is being held at the Northwest Retention Center on E15th and J, where there is a protest on every second Saturday of the month. The 4th of July did go much more smoothly this year, with less calls and unpleasantness.

Larry--380 fires last month, 2600 EMS, 3249 calls. 4th went well, 850 kids through the fire safety classes at engine house 5. CPR supervisor Patty McQuillion will be retiring on the 26th of this month, there will be a going away party from 2:30-5:30 for those who would like to attend.

Citizen Forum:

Teresa Owens and Anne Meersman of Tacoma Arts Community--Glass Roots Arts Festival will be on August 19th in Court D between 11th and 13th Streets, with local art and live music.

Currently raising money to pay for advertizing, attract live glassblowing, request for \$200.

Brett--The Auto Walk is July 19th, which will be 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.

Old Business:

Mario Lorenz of Playground Express--concerts in Wright Park, 150 was the attendance count for last night. 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. Rollie expressed concerns about the appropriateness of funding this event. Elton quotes ordinance as saying "promote pride and responsibility in the neighborhood", which is open to interpretation. The executive committee must make the determination of if this is an appropriate use of funds. Denny suggested looking at the board's history of supporting the community, suggesting that it functions as a form of outreach. Christian suggested that generally when there is a change in policy it is traditional to set a date to have the change take effect, such as, 'on and after January 1, 2008 NTNC will no longer disseminate funds to festivals', so that people have an appropriate expectation of the policy change. Kate moved that the board give \$300 for assistance with printing costs for advertising, Traci seconded, motion passed 5:2.

Todd --The meeting at Stadium Bistro went very well, 30 people came to talk about the boiler, including leaders at MultiCare. So much discussion took place another session is currently being planned to include architects, landscapers and planners, as well as the neighborhood. Todd will bring the results of that meeting back to the board in August.

The Tacoma Narrows Bridge will be opening on July 15th, pre-register for the Bridge run early that morning, which benefits the neo-natal care unit at MultiCare, \$30 to participate. Denny appreciates MultiCare's willingness to cooperate, and encouraged todd to come again to the next board meeting.

Denny moves, Claire seconds to fund the Glass Roots Arts Festival \$200, and Claire offers to sit a booth for the NTNC at the festival on August 19th. Motion passes unanimously.

Planning Committee: Katy--Planning Committee met on July 4th at the Chamber to look at downtown Tacoma parking, and drafted a recommendation letter to send to the advisory group. Bill motioned to send the letter, Katy 2nd, approved unanimously. Downtown Tacoma housing is still working on their plan, and will meet tomorrow at 4pm at the Chamber.

Outreach: Derek from 133 was approached by the Executive Board and presented information on the local website and also sponsorship/advertising possibilities for NTNC.

Treasurer's report--\$11,383.40

Community Council didn't meet.

Across the Fence: Back to School Night will be in August, September will be Public Art, and October will have the City Manager. There is now no list on TV Tacoma of the Neighborhood Councils because of Jonathan Phillips.

Website nothing.

Rollie motions to adjourn, Kate 2nd, approved at 6:55pm.