

NEW TACOMA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

September 12, 2007

ATTENDANCE:

Board members present: Marty Campbell, Clara Cheeves, Denny Faker, Bill Garl, Dalton Gittens, Pam Orazem, Mar-Le Wendt, Kate Rose, Chris Karnes, Traci Kelly

Board members excused: Darion Reese, Rollie Herman, Pam Brewer

Board members absent: Mae Harris

Guests: Sandy Burgess, Nancy Davis, Eric Crittendon, Brett Santhuff, Walter Zisette, Elisabeth Burris, Richard C. Toth, Justin Mayfield, Monique Grandon, Corey Darlington, Larry Steiner

Call to Order 5:30 pm

Minutes approved

Agenda approved

Announcements:

Hillside Development Meeting, Sept 26th from 9-11 at Commencement Bay Coffee

Sound Transit Integrated Plan Meeting, October 24th from 9-10 at Commencement Bay Coffee

Historic Churches of Tacoma Fall Lecture and Discussion Series; Sept 25th 7pm at the Center for Spiritual Living, October 30th 7pm at the First Congregational Church, Nov 27th 7pm at the First Presbyterian Church. Contact Sharon Winters at swinters@nventure.com for more info.

The Hanforth Gallery at the Main Tacoma Library has a show of historical MLK photographs on display.

Staff Reports:

Elton - Tues Sept 18th the City Council will entertain Innovative Grants proposals. Sept 26th they will look at workshop handouts. October 1st the Neighborhood and Housing Committee will meet in the Tacoma Municipal Building, Room 248 to deliver the State of the Neighborhood Message at 4:30pm. October 5th the one time \$50,000 fund proposals are due to the Neighborhood Councils. November 9th the proposals will be submitted to City Staff and Nov 26th there will be a final review by staff. The president of the New Tacoma Neighborhood Council is available for assistance with this application.

Allison - The City is requesting that citizens take a look around the neighborhood for violations of the Nuisance Code, and has a handout on the subject. They are interested in changing from 2D to 3D for the Google GIS and have a training for interested parties all day October 11th, location to be announced. September 17th there will be a Noise Abatement Meeting in the Municipal Building Room 248 at 4:30pm.

Corey--There is ongoing illegal activity (drugs, noise, prostitution) going on between 9th & 11th on Court E and Tacoma Ave. Stings are being made short-term and the district is also formulating long term plans for a solution. The bar Syren has been closed due to serving to minors, and will be closed from mid Sept for a month.

Nancy - the Maritime Festival is this weekend, and unlike last year the tour boats will be leaving from Dock Street.

Larry - Ruston Sept 11th Memorial went well last night. Community Emergency Response 20 people goes till Oct 20th. Oct 7-13th is Safety week, and there will be an open house Oct 13. 3175 runs last month.

Citizen Forum:

Bill - Historic Tour Sat Sept 15th

Elton- Tour of Urban Living Oct 13-14th

Presentation:

Eric Anderson - Downtown Parking and Transit has had 16 of 18 community meetings. The first 6 meetings were to gather information from citizens and research the complex issue. City Council has received preliminary recommendations which include 1. a comprehensive/flexible plan developed in collaboration with the community 2. integrating issues like parking by nesting them inside the greater transportation plan. Any plan developed must be self sustained and adaptable to the changing needs of our growing metropolis. It should be based on market price parking, getting visitors to use convenient parking while commuters use less expensive periphery and transit options. The Task Force also recommends streetcars and a broader bicycle system be included to increase flexibility in the plan. Next is implementation planning with stakeholders made up of the various participants in downtown transportation. The goal in this is to balance general and specific issues while focusing on maintaining individuality of our neighborhoods. For more information on this topic visit the city website at www.cityoftacoma.org

Old Business:

Kristen - Community Gardens will be having a tour/open house on Sept 29th from 10am-2pm with passports that can be stamped at each garden. The tour will end at Stadium Bistro, with a free party from 1-3 (you must call ahead to RSVP at the Bistro)

Walter - Intercity Housing Development's newest complex would be on 17th & G, currently a vacant lot. The plan is for middle income (30-50% of median) workforce housing. Previously there had been a discussion of commercial space, however they were not able to acquire the real estate necessary for that venture. Walter requested a letter of support, and said he would be reporting as the plans develop. Bill motioned, Chris seconded, motion passed.

Committee Reports:

Nominating Committee - Board members appointed to the committee include; Bill Garl, Rollie Herman, Clara Cheeves. Eric Crittendon, who was proposed as a replacement Board member for Juanita McBride at the last meeting was unanimously appointed.

Planning Committee - Kate is working on a document, currently height limits, parking and density are the focus. The next meeting will be Sept 19th at 9am.

Downtown Housing - The committee is developing a white paper which will be published within the next month & 1/2.

Treasurer's report--\$10,654.65

Community Council - discussion about cross neighborhood communication and how decisions can impact other councils.

Across the Fence: discussed the Music and Murals Festival, visual artists on the show.

Bill motions to adjourn, Denny 2nd, approved at 7:30pm.