

New Tacoma Neighborhood Council
Wednesday, September 9, 2009 at 5:30-7:00PM
747 Market Street RM 708

Meeting Minutes

Attendance:

Board Members present: Dalton Gittens, Mae Harris, Justin Mayfield, Traci Kelly, Elizabeth Burris, Kate Rose, Brett Santhuff, Bill Garl, Deanna Rankos, Beth Rushing, Marty Campbell, and Eric Crittendon

Board Members excused: Mar-Le Wendt, Ian Morrison, Jon Morrone,

Guests: Shane Pettit (City Manager's Office), Nancy Davis (Metro Parks), Jeff Jensen (TFD) Officer Rob Jepson (TPD), Jennifer Dean (Urban Grace), Diane Walkup, Nathan George

Call to Order: 5:35pm

Minutes & Agenda: September agenda approved (Garl motions, Kelly 2nd) August minutes approved (Garl motions, Santhuff 2nd)

Secretary/Correspondence Report: Seabury Middle School announcement

Treasurer Report: \$7005.35 in account

Community Council: 52 people were in attendance for City-Wide Fall conference

Across the Fence: City Manager will present in October also NE Tacoma

Staff Reports:

Economic Development: Elton reported that Innovative grants will be voted on September 22.

City Manager's Office: Shane Pettit reported on the Safe and Clean project, crime levels are down 17% during April-June time frame

Fire Department: Deputy Chief Jeff Jensen reported on the arrest in the Winthrop Hotel arson investigation. This was due mainly to the joint cooperation between TFD and TPD.

Deputy Chief Jensen also spoke about contingency planning for the Flu and provided handouts on reducing exposure to the Flu virus. 9/11 ceremony scheduled for 8:45am at Fireman's memorial-Ruston Way

Police Department: Officer Jepson spoke about proposed changes to the Alcohol impact area. Police representation will continue at Neighborhood council meetings. Policing is impact driven, email complaints to the sector LT's.

Metro Parks: Nancy Davis provided handouts on upcoming Metro Park Activities, reported on upcoming Pooch Pool Party September 12th. Nancy also spoke about the League of Women Voters survey and invited NTNC members to participate.

Citizen Forum: Eric Crittendon reported on the Safe Routes conference in Portland Oregon, he also thanked the Board for their financial support. Brett Santhuff gave dates for Historic Tacoma walking tour (12 September) and Tour of Sacred spaces (25 October).

New Business: Julie Arnsteadt and Chris McMeen from the Tacoma Water Department presented a synopsis of the changes in Federal Law treatment of drinking water. These changes will incur facility upgrades, which in turn will raise rates. Several options were mentioned in the presentation.

Jennifer Dean and associates from Urban Grace presented the proposal for the mural on the rear of the Rialto building. A motion was made by Campbell and 2nd by Rose to accept proposal approach #3 for innovative grant funding. Motion approved.

Diane Evans from the Tacoma Pierce County Health Department presented the "Pierce County Community Action Plan for Active Living and Healthy Eating 2009".

Old Business: Shane Pettit gave an update on the status of the Luzon Building.

Future Business: Nominations for expiring Board Positions will occur during the October meeting. Dates for the Board retreat will be explored via email to all Board members

Good of the Order:

Garl motions to adjourn, Rushing 2nd, approved @ 7:40

Dalton Gittens, Chair

Elizabeth Burris Secretary