



South End Neighborhood Council

Fire Station #8, 4911 South Alaska St., Tacoma, WA 98408

South End Neighborhood Council (SEnCo) regular meeting

April 15, 2019

Members present: Athena Brewer, Suzanne Skaar, Penny Grellier, Cary Nilson, Tyler Whitemarsh, Christina Rupp, Daniel Thomasson, Tony Caldwell, Christopher Winters, Eric Paulsen, Melissa Dunbar

Absent: none

Meeting recorded for audio; audio will be posted for transparency

Called to order at 7:00pm

Welcome & Roll call

Approval of last meeting's minutes: motion made by Tyler, Christina seconds, passes

Agenda approval: motion by Daniel, Tyler seconds, passes

New guest speaker added to agenda, vote to include passes

Guest speakers

1. Carly Nations, Glotel re: Sheridan Ave cell tower proposal

Carly presented proposal to increase cell coverage in Central/South Tacoma area by adding antennas and 20' extension to an existing tower. She shared photos with views of the proposed tower location.
Cnations@glotel.com

2. Linda Stewart, City of Tacoma re: approaching homelessness

Director for Neighborhood and Community Services, presentation given by Erica and Allison from her department. City awards grant funds to service agencies in our community to provide direct service; \$8 million in total. We are encouraged to report encampments or trash left behind to 311; Erica and Allison described the process of encampment cleanup, how to prevent future encampments. Councilmember Ushka updated the group on legislative support for cleanups in conjunction with WSDOT and their rights-of-way.

Lstewart@ci.tacoma.wa.us or 253-591-5225

3. Julie Anderson, Pierce County Auditor

Update on election laws that take effect June 30, 2019. Future voters act allows 16- and 17-year-olds to pre-register to vote when they go in for state ID or learners permit. Automatic voter registration means when you access state services that require proof of citizenship, you are registered to vote unless you opt out. Same-day voter registration that allows someone to register to vote until 8pm on election day.

Getting ready for the 2020 Census: 60% responses done by self-service online, all community members required to participate.

Download the Pierce County Civic app or on your desktop for more resources and information.

4. Community Concerns:

Morgan Motel raided today, new owners not held accountable for former owner agreement/terms.

Grand Pacific Apartments coming to South Tacoma, community has been active working with City and developers, 134 units where bowling alley is today, neighborhood meeting was held, concern over increased traffic, construction equipment driving through neighborhoods. Asked developer to put in crosswalks, speed bumps, bike lanes even though not required. No positive response to that. Public has 21 days to comment on development (no public hearing). Codes for apartment buildings should be updated to preserve neighborhoods.

5. Liaison Reports

City Manager: Bucoda, City will negotiate with Rainier Connect to replace Click; TPU digital monitors for power and water usage; Mayor had first coffee hours last week, more to come around community; Tideflats plan moving along; Comprehensive Plan also being worked on; new rental housing codes coming soon. Tacoma Creates community conversation April 30 from 5:30-7:30pm at Asia Pacific Cultural Center; Human Rights Commission conversation on race April 27 from 3-5pm at Swasey Library.

Fire: (rep called away for service)

MetroParks: Craig, April is Pacific Seas aquarium celebration, new animals added; new Heidelberg Sports Village being studied (public/private partnership), proposes 5,000 seat USL stadium, covert 10 acres into mixed use retail, and mixed-used sports complex at TCC. Park improvements described. Charlotte's Blueberry Park construction of trails complete, bidding open for children's play area.

TPU: John sent update, info on electric vehicle workshops, hiring natural resources team intern

TPS: Forest, budget shortfall of \$30 million, reduction in force authorized as needed, public budget discussion on April 18 at 6pm at Lincoln HS auditorium, preschool registration begins June 3, family leadership academy is on April 27 from 11am to 3pm at Lister Elementary.

Safe Streets: Darren, provided general information on neighborhood watch groups and preventing car break-ins. All encouraged to attend their Safe Streets neighborhood meetings and community cleanups. List can be found on City website and our SENCo website.

TPD: Lt. Darlington, 911 can now be reached by text as well as voice for hearing impaired or if coverage is spotty. Morgan Motel historic activity summarized and today's actions described, narcotic search warrant served, 3 arrests made including one of the owners. Summary suspension of business license issued. Council and City to follow up on terms of ownership being carried over to any new owners.

Port of Tacoma: none

6. Committee Reports

Treasurer: \$2963.81 checking, paid utilities \$113.22 and \$96.00 website (annual); \$4118.86 savings

Outreach: kids table to make it easier for families to attend; 'parking lot board' for public to submit ideas for future meeting topics; website and Facebook are being updated; Nourish Pierce County partnership continues, please bring non-perishable food donations; local author John Gaines (TPU rep) has released a book about his childhood on Hilltop. June 1st is our first resource fair, if you know of an agency that would like to participate, please contact SENCo.

Bylaws: no updates

7. New/Old Business

Rollover issues: featured photo of the month contest going on, send pictures into SENCo email address, this month's winner is Gerri Foreman (Starbuck's gift card given).

Neighborhood Association meeting on April 20 at 9am at Wapato substation, for residents of South Tacoma south of 56th street

Suzanne makes motion to remove Cary Nilson for failure to fulfill member job description and unprofessional behavior. Chair motions to allow two comments in favor, two comments against, two minutes each. Eric moves, Melissa seconds. None to speak against, Cary speaks for himself. He does not agree with statement that he co-signed check for former Board member. Discussion followed. Three votes for removal, two votes to remain, six votes abstaining. Must have a 2/3 majority to pass so motion does not pass.

Adjourned 8:41pm

Submitted by Penny Grellier, Recording Secretary