



## South End Neighborhood Council

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

South End Neighborhood Council (SENC) regular meeting

May 20, 2019

Members present: Athena Brewer, Penny Grellier, Cary Nilson, Christina Rupp, Daniel Thomasson, Christopher Winters, Eric Paulsen

Absent: Suzanne Skaar, Tyler Whitemarsh, Tony Caldwell, Melissa Dunbar

Called to order at 7:00pm

Welcome & Roll call

City Councilmembers Chris Beale and Catherine Ushka present

Approval of last meeting's minutes: motion made by Christopher, Daniel seconds, passes

Agenda (amended) approval: motion by Daniel, Eric seconds, passes

Thanks to Larissa from local Starbucks for donating hot beverages to meeting and photo contest prizes

[Liaison reports early by request]

TFD: Dale Vaughn, please see the website for details on call volume and type; May is national arson prevention month, please report any related suspicious activity esp. at new construction sites. Recently replaced Chief (retired). New class of recruits have graduated. Fireworks hotline number will be released at June meeting.

TPD: Lt. Darlington, Morgan Motel shut down, summary suspension of business license (one year), handouts given on related news; applications now available for Citizens Academy (see TPD website); transient camp update, cleanup at Blueberry Park last week but occupation continues. Concerns about drug houses, garbage/litter was also addressed.

Guest speakers

1. Shirley Schultz (COT Planning Dept.): works with development services, 140-unit apt complex to be built where Pacific Lanes was located (Grand Pacific), zoning handouts given, density and mixed use center designation described (70<sup>th</sup> to 80<sup>th</sup> along Pacific). Public can get involved during the Design Review phase. Councilmember Beale added City Council perspective on private projects built on public land.

2. Jennifer Kamerzol (COT Engineering, Safe Routes to School): due to incidents of youth peds and cyclists being hit by cars, prioritize youth safety using Safe Routes to Schools curriculum in areas with students of color and low income communities (where most crashes occur), also infrastructure improvements, educate drivers and students on rules of the road, enforce speed zones. Two schools at a time, half a million dollars each biennium (COT). Improvements include bulb outs, push-button beacons and other safety tools; when developers

submit projects, Jennifer evaluates them for these features. Public is encouraged to host a walking event at schools, volunteer as crossing guard. Report current areas of concern to 311 with closest intersection(s).

3. Community Concerns: Susanne Martin, Trading Trails project SENCo funded is complete, go to Moore Library and look at the mural panels and plaque, film camp for students is now taking applications, juried art show encouraging youth to submit their work (info handed out)

Catherine Ushka gives update on Gas Station Park, she approached MetroParks for co-funding and action with COT

Mann SafeStreets rep seeing more helicopters going overhead, concerned about fuel and air quality especially with children walking to and from schools; how can we contact JBLM about changing that?

#### 4. Remaining Liaison Reports

City Manager: Bucoda, sign-up sheet made available for email-based COT newsletter (no more hard copies being printed), City Manager reappointed for 2 more years, advanced metering program will roll out via TPU, renaming Puyallup River Bridge being considered, new ADU rules now in effect, new translation services at City Council meetings and online, Grit City Trees applications open now for free trees, Paint Tacoma-Pierce Co. Beautiful applications now open, program for senior/disabled yard care assistance is available, June 15 is Youth Commission elections with bylaws voted upon

MetroParks: Craig, 8 red wolf pups were born, NW Trek also had some red wolf births recently, beaver kit was born, Arlington Elementary will have free camp program for its students, June 1 at 10am dedication of Judge Jack Tanner Park next to Les Davis Pier, question about safety of blueberries at Blueberry Park: wash before eating! Check out zoo website for discount days information.

TPU: not present

TPS: legislation passed that supports ability to collect full levy in 2020, staff cuts made during the gap

Safe Streets: recognizes that reps from 9 Safe Streets groups are present tonight, community cleanups ongoing, check COT website for dates and locations, thanks to SENCo for funding several of these

Port of Tacoma: not present

#### 5. Committee Reports

Treasurer: \$2704.59 checking, \$50 per cleanup, \$113.22 Gas Station Park utilities payment still being paid utilities; \$4119.20 savings

Outreach: recognize efforts of all SENCo members in the community, monthly food and hygiene product drive for Nourish is conducted here at SENCo, Community Connections forum June 1 (see below), check out our website for more information

Bylaws: nothing to report, considering changing meeting day of SENCo (stay tuned)

#### 6. New/Old Business

Old:

Vote on logo contest: shall we include outside entry? Motion to exclude any entries not from Lincoln HS student made by Christopher, Daniel seconds, passes

Logo choice vote **moved to next month**

Update from Julie Anderson who spoke last month, regarding military ID clarification

Quarterly primary (community cleanup volunteer sign-ups for SENCo) and secondary goals in Q2 (community forum June 1 from 10:30am to 12:30pm at Moore library)

New:

CCOT update: it is traditional to send a rep to NUSA, no one from SENCo attended this year, Athena requested that we be able to use the funding provided to attend relevant training but request was not approved. COT is looking for additional funding we may use for relevant training.

8<sup>th</sup> Annual Safe Streets Partnership Appreciation Dinner on May 30 from 6 to 8pm, requesting \$250 donation from SENCo to help with food costs, motion to approve donation of \$250 to this event (Darren Pen to provide receipt), Christopher moves, Daniel seconds, passes

May photo contest winner: Amber Elbon (Starbucks provided prizes)

Next mtng June 17

Correction: CCOT is on Thursday

Adjourned 8:54pm

Submitted by Penny Grellier, Recording Secretary