



## South End Neighborhood Council

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

South End Neighborhood Council (SENC) regular meeting

August 19, 2019

Members present: Athena Brewer, Penny Grellier, Cary Nilson, Tyler Whitmarsh, Christina Rupp, Christopher Winters, Daniel Thomasson, Eric Paulsen, Tony Caldwell, Melissa Dunbar (arrived after roll call)

Absent: none

Note that office keys were received from former member Suzanne Skaar

Called to order at 7:00pm

Welcome & Roll call

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

Agenda (amended) approval: motion by Tyler, Christina seconds, passes

Thanks again to Larissa from local Starbucks for donating beverages to meeting

Guest speakers (10 minutes):

27<sup>th</sup> District Representative Laurie Jenkins: recently elected as Speaker of the House, during this last session created Long Term Care Trust Act for all workers in the State, public option for health care, passed Workforce Investment Act, clean energy bills, behavioral health improvements (mental health and substance use disorder), orca protection measures.

Dan Enbysk, Earth Corps South Sound Senior Project Manager: non-profit that focuses on environmental restoration, trains Americorps members to become environmental leaders, partnering with COT on Open Space Program volunteer component of environmental restoration work on passive open spaces. Saturday mornings from 10am to 1pm. Several events in September to lead up to Green Tacoma Day, which is October 12; planting trees and plants at 14 different sites around Tacoma.

Councilmember Chris Beale: Grand Pacific project update, many community concerns have been expressed with dust suppression, noise, access issues, parking. Property located at 7015 S. D St. Invites Paul Chromey, community organizer, to contribute to discussion.

Corey Newton, Grand Pacific Site and Building Division Manager and Steve Taylor, Grand Pacific Special Projects Inspector: gave construction timeline and presented a rendering, trying to engage community with preconstruction meetings (with developer) if possible. Community members expressed frustration with lack of notification, seeming gap in communication between COT and other agencies such as EPA and Clean Air Agency, difficulty accessing clear information via website, feel concerns have gone unheard. Plans are underway for dust suppression for grading portion of timeline. There is not opposition to the building of the facility, but rather that

the developer has not been a good neighbor and has not adhered to rules, and it appears that the COT is slow to penalize them for these issues.

Community Concerns (3 minutes):

Hayes Alexander III from Tacoma Tool Library, now located in Lincoln District, loan a variety of tools to members, left some materials about resources available and upcoming workshops.

Mary Jane Bostwick distributed opinion sheet on BRT and spoke about perceived increases in taxes and utility costs because of project. Seeming disregard by Pierce Transit for subterranean infrastructure that will be impacted. Asked attendees to contact elected officials and sign petition against BRT. "BRT is not a done deal as they will require a transit levy to be passed."

Morgan Motel: did it sell? Linda Stewart reports it did sell to a new owner.

Linda Stewart and Bucoda Warren, City of Tacoma: invitation to sign up for digital newsletter, MetroParks will be at Gas Station Park on August 26 from 2-4pm to gather user input and ideas, Neighborhood Council program review is occurring now. Open meeting on Monday August 26 from 5:30-7:30pm at Center for Urban Waters. There were 256 nuisance cases closed, 28 derelict buildings dealt with, and several graffiti cleanups in past month. Community cleanups wrapped up this month. City is looking for derelict structures, to acquire them, clean them up and turn them into housing.

TFD: Chris Brink, National Night Out received many invitations to parties, had a good time, grass fires due to weed burners, keep your brush 10 feet from house, CPR Sunday (now a weekend) will be in October. Department is now fully staffed.

TPD: none

MetroParks: none

TPU: none

TPS: Derek Keith, first day of school is Thursday Sept. 5, new online student registration system is live, 10 schools have free summer meal program that's wrapping up August 22, new principal announcements for Mann and Sheridan. Breakfast and lunch prices are increasing by 25 cents for the first time in 6 years (no change for those on reduced/free lunch program). Mary Lyon playground is open to the public.

Safe Streets: Darren Pen, thank you to all members who helped with community cleanups, National Night Out parties, encourages all to attend a local Safe Streets meeting in their own neighborhoods. October 19 is Safe Streets conference. Group t-shirts will be supplied to Safe Streets groups. September 26 is Neighborhood Appreciation Day (with hosted dinner for South End participants).

Port of Tacoma: none

Pierce Transit: Penny Grellier, express service to WA State Fair from 3 local malls. Hiring several positions.

Committee Reports

Treasurer: \$2142.46 previous checking balance, \$50 to Giadrone cleanup, \$75.80 for Roberts Rules books for members, \$621.41 for insurance, \$14.31 office supplies

\$4119.89 savings balance.

Outreach: Christina and Melissa will share duties going forward. Neighborhood Moment taping soon.

Bylaws: awaiting new polices from City.

New/Old Business

Old: thanks to all liaisons for reporting. Community cleanups in our area resulted in 260 tons of waste collected.

How long should meetings go? Audience and Board invited to let us know what they think!

New: Suzanne Skaar, former Vice Chair, has stepped down, so need to elect Vice Chair. Tyler and Cary running, all Board members vote. City staff to tally results. Back to school supply drive going on for Giadrone.

Paul Chromey wins this month's photo contest (thanks to Starbucks for donation of prize bag)!

September 12 is Hawks Neighborhood Safe Streets mtng 6:30pm, here at fire station, will be discussing increase in violent crimes in our area. Also discussing Safe Routes to Schools in our area.

Tyler is elected Vice Chair.

Adjourned 9:00pm (Christopher, Daniel seconds, passes)

Submitted by Penny Grellier, Recording Secretary

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