



South End Neighborhood Council

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

South End Neighborhood Council (SENC) regular meeting

October 21, 2019

Members present: Athena Brewer, Penny Grellier, Cary Nilson, Christopher Winters, Melissa Dunbar, Daniel Thomasson, David Thompson, Tony Caldwell

Absent: Christina Rupp, Tyler Whitmarsh, Eric Paulsen

Called to order at 7:00pm

Welcome & Roll call (with descriptions of our favorite Halloween costumes)

Agenda and last meeting's Minutes approval: Minutes motion by Christopher, Cary seconds, passes; Agenda motion by Daniel, Christopher seconds, passes)

Thanks to Meghan Reynolds from local Starbucks for donating beverages to meeting

Guest speakers (10 minutes):

Palmer Scholars: not present

Parker Lange & Bill Fortunato, 76th & Hosmer Redevelopment Project: to be Flor & Décor, at former LA Fitness near Bass Pro Shop, demolition of existing buildings at location. New business in this area, hard surface flooring retailer to contractors and do-it-yourselfers. Still need City process for review, not yet sure when building will begin, opening perhaps in early 2021.

Mary Robnett, Pierce County Prosecuting Attorney: took office in January of this year. In the office: family support (enforces child support), civil (represents county) and criminal divisions. Criminal division is the largest. Pierce County has the highest crime rate in the State. Have a strong diversionary program; helpful to those whose crimes were addiction-related. Athena asks where the public can find data on shootings and homicides (especially gang-related crimes) that occurred in Tacoma by neighborhood. Linda Stewart from COT can get that info from TPD and send along to SENC. TPD suggests Results253 website for general information. Mary described how recent shootings have been processed through her criminal division, including new technology to be used by TPD that can detect patterns on shell casings to help identify criminals. Governor's office will be handling cases of those with marijuana crimes that no longer justify prison time. McNeil Island prison: has been mostly shut down, their former prisoners are sent to other State Penitentiaries.

Community Concerns (3 minutes): none

Linda Stewart, City of Tacoma:

Open code compliance cases (month): 118 nuisance, 21 derelict, 18 graffiti

Cases closed (month): 258 nuisance, 24 derelict and 17 graffiti.

Community cleanups: submit applications through November 20 at cityoftacoma.org/clean

Update to Neighborhood Council rules and regulations goes to City Council study session November 19 at noon at TMB North room 16, first and second (final) readings at Council will be December 3 at 5pm.

TFD: Battalion Chief Chandler, over 2000 people trained during CPR Weekend; check your furnace and space heaters as you start using them this season, check your fireplace too.

TPD: Lt. Eric Scripps, property crime weekly data flyers will be put out front including increased vehicle prowls on Saturdays especially midnight to 1am; Tip of the Month program starting, October's concerns Halloween safety. Contact sheet for Community Liaison Officers will be provided, too. Special team of officers available for outreach at youth-based events. Violence reduction plans include expanding gang unit. Around 35 new officers hired this year. The Lieutenant gave a detailed description of Project Peace activities and goals.

MetroParks: Craig sent an email update including youth councils being created at each Community Center (for ages 13 to 18), park code update on prohibition on tents in parks won't take effect until December 1 to allow local shelters and resource programs to prepare for need, microlibrary to be hosted at Eastside Community Center, MPT received award for best park & rec district in USA.

TPU: none

TPS: Derek, following up on last meeting's questions... safety in schools is supported by TPD, especially in morning and afternoon, hosted training on active shooter response, TPS Board is asking for bond funding for physical security improvements to existing schools. Summer Meals program served 31,588 breakfast and lunch meals to children in community. Vaccination religious exemptions: 85 in 2018, 77 of those were for MMR. This year: 117. Parking concern at iDEA School will be addressed at school/neighbor meeting tonight. School climate survey is taking place: how to make schools more welcoming. Choice open enrollment is available now (first come, first served). Free/reduced lunch enrollment is still open. School calendar survey results showed preference to start after Labor Day, set Spring Break for first week of April, Wednesday for late-start day for students. State law now mandates immunizations. Cary mentions signage at temporary location of Mary Lyon is still posted. David hasn't been invited to neighbor meeting by iDEA school; would like to be included due to student driver speeding concerns.

Safe Streets: Darren, opioid town hall on November 13th at 6pm at Mt. Tahoma auditorium; remember to keep drains clear of leaves to avoid flooding.

Pierce Transit: Penny Grellier, BRT public outreach coming soon; free two-week bus passes out on the table.

Port of Tacoma: none

Committee Reports

Treasurer: beginning balance \$2281.91, \$100 donated to Nourish, \$10 business license, \$4000 annual COT funds received for operations, \$2000 marketing funds received, ending balances \$8170.91 checking, \$4115.93 savings

Outreach: Melissa had no news to report

Bylaws: Athena described progress on rewriting the Bylaws, just over 50% complete

New/Old Business

Old: Grand Pacific development update, a group convenes weekly with project supervisor, developer and city personnel to stay current and voice/address concerns, COT has pledged to be more engaged on future projects. SENCo funding highlights include \$2000 capacity-building funds that are being used to market this council, draw more attention to our work and make more connections with community. Ideas welcome!

New: SENCo general election/candidate questions at November 18 meeting (applications -- on our website -- due 10 days prior to meeting)

First litter pickup on Saturday October 26 from 9am to 1pm citywide. We will have supplies here at fire station starting at 7:30am and a plastic bin for collection.

Darren Pen wins September Photo Contest, with Starbucks prize bag (thanks to Starbucks!)

Adjourned 8:29pm

Submitted by Penny Grellier, Recording Secretary