



South End Neighborhood Council

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

South End Neighborhood Council (SENC) regular meeting

September 16, 2019

Members present: Athena Brewer, Penny Grellier, Cary Nilson, Tyler Whitemarsh, Christina Rupp, Christopher Winters, , Eric Paulsen, Melissa Dunbar

Absent: Tony Caldwell Daniel Thomasson

Called to order at 7:01pm

Welcome & Roll call

It is Latinx Heritage month!

Note that Centro Latino reps expected could not make it tonight

Agenda and last meeting's Minutes (amended) approval: motion by Christina, Tyler seconds, passes

Thanks to Larissa from local Starbucks for donating beverages to meeting

Guest speakers (10 minutes):

Noel Hagens, League of Women Voters, congratulates us on coverage in Sunday Sept. 15 TNT re: tree issue at Jennie Reed, invites us to upcoming candidate forums Saturdays in October at three community centers, requests us to post on Facebook page

Naveed Badri, Tacoma Creates Initiative, consulting arm of the Health department, one part of the initiative focuses on the neighborhoods of South Tacoma and East Tacoma (\$100,000 each) for science, arts, culture and heritage. Ideas are shared, proposals made, budgets voted on by community members. Decisions made February/March. Specifically 98409 and 98404. Handouts and an information sign-up sheet passed around.

Mesa Sherriff, Urban Design Program, City's long range planning department, program input includes city staff, community members and Planning Commission, work began in 2005 and is now being summarized. Improving buildings as they relate to the public realm and the activities and communities surrounding them. Focusing on pedestrian corridors (not single family home streets), multi-modal transportation, rapid urban growth. Design standards and guidelines. Also using the Tacoma Comprehensive Plan.

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Community Concerns (3 minutes):

Erin, Tacoma Refuge Choir, thanking us for funding their efforts last Spring. Several shows coming up in our community starting this Friday. A poster was provided.

Christina on behalf of Andrea Haug, regarding Grand Pacific project, thanks us for supporting the community efforts around project contamination issues and gave update on interactions with City and developers. Requests letter from SENCo on behalf of the community to PSCAA. Motion Penny, second Tyler, Christina to draft letter. Motion passed.

Penny on behalf of Suzanne, a neighbor on S. G St., concerned about students parking in front of houses and driving fast along G street at the back of Park Ave (IDEA) school. TPS rep will take this back to his team.

Chris Beale, City Council, the possibility of creation of a new neighborhood group called SETNA, initial meetings have been held with Safe Streets and Neighborhood Council members and others. Shared values, concerns and vision discussed. Hilltop Action Coalition advised. How would it function? Re-engage now, joint meeting with SENCo, with lunch sponsored by SENCo. Motion made by Christopher \$300 for lunch, second Eric, motion passes. One abstention. Date TBD.

Linda Stewart and Bucoda Warren, City of Tacoma: email sent on Neighborhood Council Board training schedule, first up will be Map Your Neighborhood training class Sept. 23 and 25. Sign up for monthly newsletter neighborhoodcouncils@cityoftacoma.org. Linda and team will be presenting on changes to Neighborhood Council program Sept. 26.

TFD: Battalion Chief Manglona, South Sound 911 building groundbreaking Sept. 19, firefighters memorial gathering on Sept. 11 to honor first responders, CPR Saturday/Sunday free classes October 12 and 13, 2.5 hours with card given at the conclusion. Question about expired fire extinguishers, ABC means covers most household fires, look for the date (usually lasts 10 years). Suggests keeping one under your bed for convenience. Also consider CERT class.

TPD: Lt. Darlington, introduces new Sector 4 commander Lt. Eric Scripps, handouts given with new contact info, more violent crime in our area, most gang related, stay engaged, keep porch lights on, reports shots fired, look out for your neighbor. TPD has launched Project Peace, with missions to address these crimes. Youth engagement programming continues.

MetroParks: Craig, park code update has been approved to go to City Council in October, to include smoking in parks and use of bikes, scooters, and drones, structures in parks, moorage, code of conduct. Next week a delegation is going to national conference up for award for best park district in country.

TPU: none

TPS: Derek, first day of half-day preschool is Sept. 18, new phone-based interpreter service available to all schools, no more personal/philosophical exemptions for vaccinations (new state law), 3-year agreement signed with teachers. Birney Elementary foundation and utilities work continues, some adjacent sidewalk will be closed. Job posting announced for south-end schools.

Safe Streets: Darren, handouts given, community conference on October 19 from 10am to 4pm at Pierce County Skills Center, Puyallup. Sept. 26 from 6 to 8pm at Calvary Baptist Church neighborhood appreciation event.

Pierce Transit: Penny Grellier, Miles app to track your commute, Fair express service, service change Sept. 22

Port of Tacoma: none

Committee Reports

Treasurer: out, report next month

Outreach: waiting to find out when our Neighborhood Moment will be aired, open seat on Board was posted on FB and got quite a few views.

Bylaws: no new information

New/Old Business

Old: thank Derek and his team at TPS HR Leadership Team for school supply donation

New: general election for 5 seats in November, one open position guaranteed, more info next month, check website and FB soon

One complete application was submitted by David Thompson, question asked

What's biggest need and first step: homeless issue, not sure of solution

What do you love most about South End, how to promote: friendly, talk about it, communication with public officials grows our area, get noticed

Why do you want to join SENCo: could be beneficial, he gets things done promptly

What committee would you create? Food security

Show of hands to vote (community included, Bucoda tallies): 12 for, no against, no abstentions, David joins

Anyone else interested in running, let Tyler or Athena know

David Thompson wins September Photo Contest, with Starbucks prize bag (thanks to Starbucks!)

Adjourned 8:52 (Melissa moved, Tyler seconds, passes)

Submitted by Penny Grellier, Recording Secretary

Guest speaker contact information: