



## South End Neighborhood Council

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

South End Neighborhood Council (SENC) regular meeting

January 27, 2020

Members present: Athena Brewer, Penny Grellier, Cary Nilson, Christopher Winters, Daniel Thomasson, David Thompson, Tyler Whitemarsh

Absent: Tony Caldwell, Christina Rupp, Melissa Dunbar and Eric Paulsen

Called to order at 7:00pm

Welcome & Roll Call

Agenda and November meeting's Minutes approval: the account balances are in error, Daniel offers correct figures, minutes approved (Tyler, Daniel) as amended; agenda approved (Daniel, Cary) with change to TPS speaker name and CCOT start time

Thanks to local Starbucks for donating beverages to meeting

Guest speakers (10 minutes):

**Morris Aldridge, Tacoma Public Schools:** a review of the upcoming bond to be used for upgrades, renovations and rebuilds of local schools to improve safety, learning environment and security. Examples of improvements in our area were provided.

**Mayor's Youth Commission:** Emma, Sophie, Dani thanked SENC for our donation to their efforts in remodeling Gas Station Park with MetroParks. They conducted outreach at the park and posted a survey for community members. Current budget is \$350,000. They have removed a barrier to access, added mulch and repaired park benches. Public meeting Thursday, Feb 6 at 6pm at Stewart Middle School to gather more ideas and support for the park.

Community Concerns (3 minutes):

Paul Chromey, PacYak Safe Streets group, more citizen patrols due to more home and car break-ins, code enforcement complaints turned in for activities around Blueberry Park, had meeting with developer of Grand Pacific, gate was open due to worker negligence, no criminal activity. Also discussed empty lot next to Grand Pacific, Bell Street will be used for access. 72<sup>nd</sup> & E. F St. apt complex was condemned, new owners, it's a mess, City will discuss next week with Paul. Morgan Motel foreclosure auction on Feb. 14.

Liaison Reports (3 minutes each)

TFD: none, Tyler reminds all that February is Heart Month, please get yourself checked at your doctor.

TPD: Lt. Scripps, 4 Sector property crime is down, especially vehicle prowls (down 20% from Jan. 2019), keep valuables out of your car. Violent crime focus for detectives, solvability is 92% for homicides. Flyers on community engagement and neighborhood safety numbers provided. Use 311 versus calling CLOs directly. Don't idle cars in driveway; they get stolen.

City of Tacoma: Bucoda, Mayor stopped by tonight to invite everyone to State of City address March 4 at 6:30pm at Mt Tahoma High School; innovative grants now live for neighborhood councils, \$18,000 per Council per year for local improvements. Closes June 30 or until money runs out.

MetroParks: Craig, mobile teaching kitchen launches soon to bring programming to neighborhoods including food deserts, Feb 1 at Star Center. Black History Celebration at People's Community Center, Feb 17. Burney and Manitou will join wildlife program this summer.

TPU: none

TPS: no additional info.

Safe Streets: Darren, handout from Chris Beale regarding South End projects including sidewalk installation along Sheridan. These are in response from community member requests. Census is coming; be sure to take part so that our community can get more funding for local resources.

Pierce Transit: Penny Grellier, BRT presentation at SENCo next month.

Port of Tacoma: none

TPCHD: none

#### Committee Reports

Treasurer: \$4121.28 beginning savings balance, 34 cents Nov interest, 35 cents Dec interest, new balance \$4121.97

\$7970.91 beginning checking balance, \$19.84 wordpress, \$51.84 office supplies, \$173.99 sponsoring food for SETNA meeting, \$300.00 1<sup>st</sup> place logo contest winner, \$200.00 (each \$100) tied 3<sup>rd</sup> place logo contest winners, \$25.00 COT business license, \$7200.24 new balance.

Outreach: no update

Bylaws: missed last meeting but we've had 3 meetings since last SENCo meeting, want to incorporate new COT guidelines into our bylaws so we can continue accessing COT funding.

#### New/Old Business

Old: [Paul gave Grand Pacific updates above]

New: innovative grants are live! Asking all attendees to vote on how we award the grants. Option 1: COT gives notification of approval, SENCo can apply; Option 2: joint decision on awards, SENCo cannot apply; Option 3: review by committee, SENCo cannot apply. Voting as follows:

11 for Option 1 (winner)

2 for Option 2

0 for Option 3

Elections: Vice Chair (Tyler Whitemarsh) and Treasurer (Daniel Thomasson and Cary Nilson).

General election for Board position: Nikie Walters and Elizabeth Armstrong. Each was invited to give a statement. Questions asked by attendees. Candidates reminded of commitment to Council and work involved.

Results: Tyler as Vice Chair, Daniel as Treasurer, Elizabeth as new member.

January photo contest winner: none as there were (again) no entries. Please send in your South End photos!

Paul Chromey thanks Christina, Athena and Dave for their attention to Grand Pacific project and sidewalk installs.

Adjourned 8:14pm (Tyler, Daniel)

Submitted by Penny Grellier, Recording Secretary