



South End Neighborhood Council (SENC) **virtual** meeting

June 15, 2020

Called to order at 7:04pm

Welcome & Roll Call

Members present: Athena Brewer, Melissa Dunbar, David Thompson, Penny Grellier, Christina Rupp, Cary Nilson. Absent: Eric Paulsen, Libby Armstrong, Daniel Thomasson, Tony Caldwell

Agenda and May meeting's Minutes approved by those Board members present.

Community Concerns (3 minutes): none

Liaison Reports (3 minutes each)

TPD: Lt. Scripps, thanks SENC for the donated meals for Sector 3 and 4 officers; data through April is available: not a lot of change from this time last year between the two sectors, property crime down since people were at home, last few weeks saw peaceful demonstrations in Tacoma with a little property damage downtown. A Tacoma homicide suspect from 2010 was just arrested in Mexico. CLOs are all back at work in the field, keeping in contact with Safe Streets. Tip of the month covers unemployment fraud which hit Washington State particularly hard during last three months. TPD is going through reaccreditation process.

A question was asked about where officers who responded to Manuel Ellis case were from; they were most probably from sectors 3 and 4. Have there been discussions about changes in use of force at TPD? Lt. Scripps points folks to the press releases recently put out by the department. They are always open to improvements to the way things are done.

TFD: none

City of Tacoma: Linda Stewart, almost 400 employees are on temporary layoff status, including 1/3 of Neighborhood and Community Services which may cause delays in response time, but please call Linda at 253-591-5225. Establishing temporary microshelters (non-congregate) at 60<sup>th</sup> & McKinley, with some transferred from 8<sup>th</sup> & MLK, for a total of 54 units. Locked, gated entry with 24-hour security to provide stabilization for those experiencing homelessness. Development on site to begin in 2022 at which time microshelters will be removed. About 130 people checked in to virtual town hall on this project; recording available at [cityoftacoma.org/authorizedencampments](http://cityoftacoma.org/authorizedencampments). Similar project sites are being sought around City.

Safe Streets: Darren, neighborhood groups are working with code enforcement, police. Curbside cleanups last weekend with 9 south end neighborhood groups included. June 30 virtual meeting 6-7:30pm for all neighborhood groups covering recycling program (details to follow). Thanks police for responding to pizza parlor owner concerns on Pacific Ave.

Port of Tacoma: Leslie, Commission will consider Juneteenth proclamation at their meeting later this week (9am on June 18), strategic plan page is live on their website ([portoftacoma.com](http://portoftacoma.com)), Port business down 18.8% YTD with 46 missed sailings YTD.

TPU: John, go to [mytpu.org/covid19](http://mytpu.org/covid19) for current information and resources, funds available to help people who need utility assistance. Rate increase scheduled for April has been postponed. Home visits are now occurring with safety measures taken. Some TPU parks have reopened.

Environmental Services: Preston/Maria, transfer station open for self-haul garbage and yard waste, 8am to 5:30pm every day, city residents only. Recycle center open Fri-Mon 8am to 5:30pm. Wear mask and social distance yourselves. Glass recycling is still curbside until collection sites can be permitted and opened. Maria Teresa is working with Spanish- and Portuguese-speaking community members to make sure recycling changes are communicated effectively.

SETNA (south east Tacoma neighborhood association): applying for Innovative Grant to support development of a Neighborhood Plan for the South End. Next virtual meeting of SETNA is June 27 at 9am.

#### Committee Reports

Treasurer: checking \$3,471.49, savings \$4,118.69

Outreach: see new business

Bylaws: has not met

#### New/Old Business

Old: donated grill to Station 8 that hosts our meetings/office, eco-friendlier water bottles with logo/QR code promoting SENCo have been purchased (stickers affixed with code) to be distributed at local rallies

New: open seat on board needs nominations! League of Women Voters asked us to partner at upcoming candidate forums (Exec Committee voted to do so). CCOT meetings have resumed (reps from all Neighborhood Councils); next meeting is June 25 at 6pm (Athena can provide link).

Pierce Transit is now charging regular fares again and you can board at the front of the buses again.

Adjourned 8:30pm

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Submitted by Penny Grellier, Recording Secretary