



Meeting minutes for August 17, 2020

Virtual general meeting via Zoom

Call to order 7:04pm

Present: Athena, Penny, Christina, Daniel, Melissa, David, Tony

Absent: Cary, Eric

Approval of July minutes & August agenda: Daniel moves, Penny seconds, approved

Reminder that meetings are casual if you need to come and go

Pressing Announcements

None

Community Concerns

Gabe, Alling Park: noted recent shooting at 64th & Yakima that killed suspect and police K9, used to get monthly activity reports by email but wondered what happened to those. Lt. Scripps explains CLOs should be sending out updates to take the place of Safe Streets meetings. These go to group leaders so that information may need to be updated; he'll update the Alling Park CLO. Athena requests that SENCo be included (Gabe will forward).

David: giving away food at 6515 Tacoma Ave each Friday; funded by Food To Table (boxes), gave away 20 tons last week (Food Is Free Tacoma)

Liaison Reports (note that liaison contact info is listed on the Agenda)

TPD: Lt Scripps, sector 3 & 4, citywide crime down 10% from last year, Eastside is 13.5% down overall. Motor vehicle thefts are up. Drive-by shootings are up this year over last 2 years (90 YTD). Tip of The Month is Mail Theft Awareness Month.

Ronja, the K9 recently shot in action, was a newly-trained officer from the Czech Republic that had recently been awarded for her actions in two previous captures. Donations are being accepted for a police K9 fund.

Tony asked which model cars are most stolen; Lt Scripps said usually Honda and Toyota, late 80s and early 90s. Is drop in crime due to COVID-19? Lt Scripps cannot make a direct correlation. Any increases in domestic violence with everyone staying home? Over half of assaults are domestic-related. Type of response/# officers responding depends on type of crime being reported, time of day.

Patrick asks about bad fireworks season; understands its problematic and low priority. He has spoken with CM Hunter about what we can do. What does TPD recommend or are there other actions we can support/advocate for? Citizen petitions are going around, CLOs may have more information.

How does regional defunding of police affect morale at TPD? Can't really comment but values police force.

Motorcycle club in Lincoln District has been ongoing issue, any information? A petition was recently brought forward; police respond whenever appropriate.

TFD: none

City of Tacoma: Linda/Bucoda, tomorrow at City Council meeting, Lincoln Hardware will be recognized for contribution to City (91 years; they are closing next month); CM Hunter and Linda toured temporary micro shelter site today in Eastside, 25 people transitioned to live there currently (from Hilltop) with space for 28 more. Additional site identified in

North End, details to be finalized shortly. Curbside community cleanup will be August 22 in Larchmont. Food distribution help/funds from EFN can be made available to David with his program. Code enforcement closed 313 cases in So End Tacoma so far this year. There are 79 open cases in our neighborhood.

Northwest corner of 38th & G St: that parcel sold May 22 for \$1.45 million. What will it be? Low income housing institute purchased it. Linda does not have details of project but email her at lstewart@cityoftacoma.org for more information. Local concern if it's multifamily housing with no parking. Request for temporary housing at the location with CARES Act funding was declined.

Any update on budgets for Neighborhood Councils? City Manager is reviewing those recommendations now and will inform City Council in November.

Morgan Motel has pending sale and it's not the nonprofit; realtor not giving out information. Paul Chromey and others are concerned about what is moving in there due to past experience. Any information would be appreciated.

Safe Streets: none

Port of Tacoma: Leslie, press release with Tribe and Port to create Wapato Creek Habitat Area together, salmon habitat restoration near I-705 and Taylor Way/Alexander Way. Port still wants public input of strategic plan (portoftacoma.com/openhouse), see survey located there, too (multiple languages available).

TPU: none

Enviro Services: Preston, curbside community cleanups have been successful this year, check out list of accepted items on their website. Glass collection is transitioning from curbside to drop-off sites, in permitting right now. Any South End locations you can suggest? Email Preston.

MetroParks: none

Pierce Transit: Penny, try new Runner on demand service along Ruston Way and connecting with Tacoma Dome Station and Commerce Street transit center. Free for month of August and then regular Pierce Transit fare thereafter.

SETNA report: researching a survey tool as part of the Neighborhood Plan development project, see New Business

Treasurer's report:

\$3307.37 checking, \$4118.76 savings, \$7426.13 total

Outreach committee: Melissa, boosted Instagram following by 15 people in last month (54 total now), our Facebook page continues to see new members joining.

Paul reached out to Pacific Ave business owners to discuss ongoing issues: high-octane alcohol energy drink consumption leading to loitering, littering, urinating. Alcohol Impact Area process has begun which prevents sale of these beverages.

Bylaws committee: will meet again in Fall 2020 and to be completed by end of October.

Old business

Adopt-A-Street held 2 cleanups this past month along Alaska between S. 48th and S. 56th. Penny, Athena and Tony participated from the Board.

Tony is on Tacoma Area Commission on Disabilities, one thing they focus on is access for those with mobility issues. Public Works is a partner; see recent news about access improvements to voting center off S.35th. Tony is happy to take information to the Commission or to bring resource information to those who need it.

Tony researched mask types available for SENCo to purchase for local essential workers. Cloth masks are most readily available. He will price them on Amazon.

New business:

SETNA requests funds to support development of Neighborhood Plan, namely cost of mailer to community to drum up interest/participation. Would also like to have SENCo website host the project page for the Plan. Suggested that survey be promoted on the SENCo Instagram account. Without grant funding there is not enough money available to fund the mailer for SETNA to promote input into the Neighborhood Plan. Is there some way we can include mailer in TPU bill envelopes or similar?

A breakdown of the request and specifics for SENCo to fund will be provided at next mtng for a vote.

Open seat: Treyvon Dunbar has applied; will be shared and voted upon next month

56th & Sheridan letter regarding safety concerns due to lack of visibility, requesting support for improvements. Motion David, second Melissa to send letter on behalf of SENCo to Curtis Kingsolver. Approved.

Conservation Futures Citizen Advisory Board, districts 2, 4 and 5 have openings for volunteers.

Tacoma Citizens Academy is recommended by Patrick, hosted by TPD. Helps you understand how our City works and how the Tacoma Police Dept. functions. Check website to see if there are still openings, starts in September each year.

Adjourned 9:00pm.

Next meeting September 21 at 7pm (virtual)

Submitted by Penny Grellier, Recording Secretary