



Meeting minutes for September 21, 2020

Virtual general meeting via Zoom
Call to order 7:03pm

Present: Athena, Penny, Daniel, Melissa Knott (new last name), David
Absent: Eric, Cary, Tony, Christina

Libby's work schedule has changed so she cannot participate in our meetings, stepping down from Board.

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

Pressing Announcements

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

Helen Harlowe, Ryan's Park update: funding not adversely affected, new engineer assigned, collect surveys on inequities in neighborhood

Community Concerns

none

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

TPD: Lt Scripps, 253-594-7948, eric.scripps@cityoftacoma.org, crime down 10% citywide in major categories, arson and vehicle thefts are up in Eastside although their crime overall is down 13%. Violence reduction team is available to help in community (contact Lt Scripps). Memorial for fallen K9 will be broadcast on TV12 at 2pm on Sept. 30, and a fund is available for donations to help metro canine operations. <http://www.tpcrimestoppers.com/case.php?id=1651>

TFD: none

City of Tacoma: Allyson, budget to go before Council on October 6

CM Chris Beale: Some good news on the revenue side. The City Manager's budget will be presented to Council officially on October 6. There will be more official opportunities for public input, including the budget survey which will go back out for more public comment at that time.

Budget website: <https://www.cityoftacoma.org/cms/One.aspx?portalId=169&pageId=109596>

Updates: the city's Transformational change efforts, expansion of public comment periods and opportunities at Council meetings, and police reform efforts. This is an important website to review and amplify through your available channels regarding the city's transformational change efforts to become an anti-racist organization: https://www.cityoftacoma.org/government/city_departments/City_Managers_Office/transforming_tacoma

Reviewing fossil fuel facilities policies citywide.

Safe Streets: none

Port of Tacoma: Leslie, crane broke loose during wind storm and ran into pilings off Ruston Way (no permanent damage)... crane is owned by Mattson who has moved some operations to our Port. Reminder that the Tideflats is 5000 acres and Port owns about 2500 acres there (mostly docks) and does not have any fossil fuel facilities on their land. Two large rail companies have been sending water trains to remote areas of tracks to help fight wildfires. Portoftacoma.com/openhouse for strategic plan survey.

TPU: John, Director Slevin and Director Flowers, reviewing proposed rate changes, 2% average residential increases each for power, water, wastewater, surface water, and solid waste (not yet finalized). Call Customer Solutions to get help, figure out payment plan if needed. Power rates are the same at all times of day, as are water rates. Summer water rates are a little higher.

Enviro Services: Preston, 253-593-7707, still considering South End as one of three sites for glass recycling drop-off station. Let him know if you have a preferred site.

MetroParks: Craig, 253-404-3690, working on their biennial budget, looking for community input (see website),

Pierce Transit: Penny, Sunday service is slimmed down in order to get more service on weekdays/weeknights (we are now at 90% of pre-COVID levels), cleaning protocol still in effect.

SETNA report: working on Neighborhood Plan process, revised budget request of \$2000 to SENCo to help pay for community input gathering, creating informational materials and survey. Next meeting is Saturday, September 26, 2020 9am-11:30am online.

TPS: Derek, 253-571-1097, currently considering a schedule where preschool, kindergarten and self-contained special ed will return in person Sept. 28, then review outcomes. School options: remote learning on set schedule or Tacoma Online for learning at own pace (4,000 registered). 1,000 connection issues on first day of school, so each librarian is now school IT contact for parents. On August 1st new immunization law took effect requiring proof of vaccines before coming to school (no grace period). Laptops now available for grades 3 and up for Tacoma Online, not enough for remote learning students in lower grades. All students can be pick-up or be delivered a lunch regardless of free/reduced status.

Treasurer's report:

Savings: previous balance \$4123.83, interest \$.07, current \$4123.90

Checking: previous \$3330.47, Zoom subscription \$16.51, Amazon purchase (trash grabbers) \$23.10, current \$3290.86

Outreach committee: not much done due to social distancing

Bylaws committee: met Sept. 13, next mtng Sept. 27, revisions to be completed by end of October.

Old business:

SETNA requests \$2000 to help with Neighborhood Plan (revised ask from last month). Penny moves, Daniel seconds, poll taken from amongst attendees, motion passes.

New business:

Open Seat Vote (two open seats currently): Treyvon's application will be shared with Board for a vote next month. Applications are being accepted.

Sponsoring League of Women Voters candidate forums and activities (meaning we publicize the opportunities)

Adjourned 8:55pm.

Next meeting October 19 at 7pm (virtual)

Submitted by Penny Grellier, Recording Secretary