



SEnCo Meeting Minutes

January 4, 2021 @ 7pm

Announcement: sad to report that Paul Chromey has passed away, leaving behind a community leader legacy

Share a story or memory of Paul at bdpadr@gmail.com

1. Call to Order (7:07 pm) & Welcome to All

Board Member Roll Call: Athena, Tony, Penny, Libby, Melissa, Treyvon, Andrea, David, Daniel (absent Eric, Cary)

Vote on Approval of Previous Minutes: Daniel moves, Tony seconds, passes

Vote on Approval of Current Agenda (with change: S. Curry will not be presenting tonight, see nourishpc.org for more info): Daniel moves, Tony seconds, passes

2. Pressing Announcements? Community Comments/Concerns/Questions? (2 min each)

We want to hear what matters most to the community; let us know!

David of Food Is Free: 800 tons of food given away in 2020, more to give away tomorrow, see foodisfree253.com for details and location

Tony: Tacoma Area Coalition on Disabilities member, requested to speak at SEncO in February to introduce their organization

3. Guest Speakers (10-15 min each)

Sound Transit, Sagar Ramachandra, Tacoma Dome Link Extension sagar.ramachandra@soundtransit.org

A presentation was given regarding the Sound Transit project that will link Tacoma at the Dome District to the Federal Way using light rail. The preferred routing and station locations in the Dome District and Portland Ave area were shown. Scheduled to open in 2031. Questions to tdlink@soundtransit.org, see www.soundtransit.org/tdlink

4. Liaisons Extraordinaire (2 min each) News we can use directly from expert representatives of key services across our fair city. Note that our website now includes a posting of detailed liaison updates as submitted.

TFD (not present) St. #8: 4911 S Alaska St • 253.594.7948 • St. #10: 901 Fawcett Ave • 253.591.5737 • tacomafiredepartment@ci.tacoma.wa.us

TPD, Lieutenant Scripps, Sector 3 Substation: 1501 S 72nd St • Sector 4 Substation: 400 E 56th St 253.594.7948 • eric.scripps@cityoftacoma.org

Crime down 8.4% in 2020 over 2019. Sector 4 (includes SENCo): tied for highest crime decrease. Vehicles thefts are rising including catalytic convertors found in Ford trucks and vans (see tip of the month). Shop With A Cop held its 30th annual gifts-for-children program. Thanks to Athena for providing cookies! New CLO: Officer Mohamud Ali for our Sector 4.

City of Tacoma, Linda Stewart, Neighborhood and Community Services Director • 747 Market St Room 836
253.591.5225 • lstewart@cityoftacoma.org

Condolences to friends of Paul Chromey. Meeting on January 8 at noon discussing housing needs and strategy. Microshelter site at McKinley and 64th, served 88 total, 13 transitioned out of homelessness; new site at 6th and Orchard populating slowly but it is open.

City Council District 5, Chris Beale 253.312.0550 • chris.beale@cityoftacoma.org

City Council District 4, Catherine Ushka 253.355.1276 • cushka@cityoftacoma.org

Safe Streets, Darren Pen, Community Mobilization Specialist • 622 Tacoma Ave S • 253.272.6824 •
dpen@safest.org

April from Larchmont Safe Streets started drop-off site in her neighborhood on Tuesdays which she takes to transfer station recycling.

Andrea: collect donations for homeless, volunteer group called 253MerryMakers, see FB page Homeless Humans of Tacoma

Port of Tacoma, Leslie Barstow, Community Relations Manager One Sitcum Plaza • 253.428.8662 •
lbarstow@portoftacoma.com

New artwork at Fireman's Park

Local economic investment funds applications now available (public agencies and non-profits can apply), see <https://www.portoftacoma.com/community/community-funding-application>

Tacoma Public Utilities, John Gaines Community Relations Manager • 3628 S 35th St • 253.260.0065 •
jgaines1@cityoftacoma.org

We offer a variety of assistance and conservation programs to help manage utility bills. For more information, visit:

MyTPU.org/Assistance
MyTPU.org/BudgetBilling
MyTPU.org/WaysToSave

Environmental Services Preston Peck Recycle Reset Project Lead • 3510 S Mullen St • 253.593.7707 •
ppeck@cityoftacoma.org

Recycling center open 7 days a week to dispose of holiday waste

Glass recycling: no more curbside, must take to new drop-off centers (closest is at Stewart Heights Park)

Thanks April for her recycling efforts in Larchmont

S. 64th & Yakima site not moving forward, would like more ideas for another South End location

Metro Parks, Craig Standridge, Conservation Engagement Coordinator • 5400 N Pearl • 253.404.3690 • craig.standridge@pdza.org

Added online resources to Parks website (popular trails and parks, virtual activity/sports program expansion, online learning classes)

Tacoma Public Schools, Derek Keith, Business Process Analyst • 253.571.1097 • dkeith@tacoma.k12.wa.us

Hybrid learning phasing in with Kindergarten first (January 19), two days a week, groups of up to 15 kids. Preschool students next; if case counts support it, Kindergarten to 4 days a week starting February 1. First and second graders February 18. Sign up for Family App, make sure kids' non-COVID vaccinations are up to date.

Pierce Transit, Penny Grellier, Community Development Administrator • 253.589.6886

Human Service Agency passes available to non-profits, webinar on January 12 at noon, for more info see <https://www.piercetransit.org/hsapasses/>

City Manager's Office liaison, Bucoda Warren: Ted Richardson will take Bucoda's place as he transitions out of his role.

5. Committee Reports (2 min each)

- Treasurer

Savings current balance: \$4,124.11 with an available balance of \$4,119.18 (\$5 bank membership fee that isn't counted towards "available balance"). Previous savings balance: \$4,124.11 we got 7 cents in interest

Current checking balance: \$2,769.56 (available balance)

Previous checking balance: \$3,222.42

Expenses checking account:

- 1) Nov 30- zoom \$16.51
- 2) Dec 1- wordpress \$19.84
- 3) Dec 2- costco \$15.31
- 4) Dec 4- usps \$8.40
- 5) Dec 4- FedEx \$11.88
- 6) Dec 13- usps \$10.65
- 7) Dec 30- zoom \$16.52
- 8) Jan 3- vistaprint \$340.45
- 9) Jan 4- zoom \$13.31

- Outreach

New Outreach Chair coming soon.

- Bylaws

Coming soon to website for review.

- SETNA

SETNA (action arm of SENCo) is working on an Action Plan which puts us in a good position to apply for funding opportunities. Interested in joining the workgroup? Email senco253@gmail.com.

6. Old Business

- Business Cards: mailing to each Board member.
- Bylaws Update: see above
- Mask Distribution: Tony is heading up distribution of masks donated by City to SENCo. We received 225 disposable and 248 reusable. These are available to be handed out in the community; Tony can deliver to your home if you'd like on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday (253.988.5455). Funds originally allocated to mask purchase is reallocated to our budget since masks were donated.

7. New Business

- Executive Committee Elections: all those interested voice their interest now for...

Chair – Athena (continuing)

Recording Secretary – Penny (continuing)

Corresponding Secretary – Andrea (new)

Voting will be held via online survey

- 2021 Work Plan: draft will be posted on our website in next 24 hours for your input
- Ordinance: regarding housing in our community, Melissa will be reading it at public comment at next Pierce County Council meeting, see website for details, community members are invited to sign and send along to CM Marty Campbell.

8. Adjournment at 8:39pm

Thank you for joining us! See you next month: February 1st at 7pm