



Meeting minutes for November 16, 2020

Virtual general meeting via Zoom

Call to order 7:08pm

29 participants

Present: Athena, Daniel, Penny, Melissa, David, Christina, Tony, Eric, Trevon, Libby (has been able to rejoin the Board)

Absent: Cary

Approval of October minutes & Nov. agenda: Christina moves, Tony seconds, approved

Pressing Announcements

David, Food is Free, out of family boxes, Puyallup food bank is now donating, there are 25 certified tables, January: a big announcement!

Community Concerns

Tony, asks us to allocate some money to purchase masks for those in need. Also has a contact at health department that will supply masks for us to distribute to community.

Linda from the City says City emergency management dept. can provide 500 masks if we'd like them. Christina notes some small businesses have no extra budget to provide masks so we could help them by giving masks.

Tony motions, David seconds

- providing \$350 to purchase masks for SE residents: approved
- act as a mask distributor for the state EOC (health dept): approved

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

TPD: Lt Scripps, 253-594-7948, eric.scripps@cityoftacoma.org, tip of the month is avoiding theft during the holidays (don't leave your gifts in your car), police department going through reaccreditation, public opinion survey to help with police chief recruitment (see TPD website). Shop With A Cop may not be occurring due to health restrictions (email Lt. Scripps).

Speeders and racers have been reported regionwide; meetings have been held between law enforcement agencies to discuss the issue. In Fern Hill, Lt. Scripps will send a request in to have it checked out by patrol unit. If you see speeders/racers, report the time, location and direction of travel to TPD.

TFD: none

City of Tacoma: Linda Stewart, lstewart@cityoftacoma.org, Council has first of two reading on budget at tomorrow's 5pm meeting, rental assistance program info available for those impacted by COVID-19, new budget will reinstate Neighborhood Council funding for next biennium, microshelter advisory committee meeting each Monday (open to public), 11 residents have moved to more permanent housing, budget finalized Nov. 24.

Safe Streets: Darren, on Tuesday Dec. 8, 6pm, racism forum (virtual); clean ups at Blueberry Park every Sunday

Port of Tacoma: go to Port website to find virtual tour link

TPU: John Gaines, jgaines1@cityoftacoma.org, be ready for power outages: make a ready kit, free trees coupons are available to encourage planting around the City. New rates will be approved Nov. 24. There is still utility bill assistance available (apply online). Please write to the TPU Board to let them know this type of assistance is broadly needed.

Enviro Services: Preston, 253-593-7707, ppeck@cityoftacoma.org, they are finding a lot of single-use masks and gloves in recycling bins and they are not recyclable; please give out reusable masks whenever possible to reduce waste. Glass recycling will move to drop-off around the New Year (no confirmed SE drop-off station yet).

MetroParks: Craig Standridge, virtual biennial budget meetings on Nov 23, 30 and Dec 14 (final), new COVID restrictions mean some facilities will be closed, see their website for what's open and what's closed

Pierce Transit: Bus Rapid Transit virtual open house is Dec. 10 at 5pm, go to RideBRT.com for login details

SETNA: Nov 21, community meeting 10:30am virtual presentations and input on South End needs and infrastructure improvements. Link is on SENCo website, or email chris.beal@cityoftacoma.org for details.

TPS: Derek, new School Board member announced (TPS graduate), website is available tracking COVID cases in TPS, Thanksgiving Break is Nov 25-27, no grab-and-go meals will be available during that time. March 17, 2021 is deadline for kindergarten registration. Please get a flu shot. Daily TV School for K-3rd grade for kids without internet access. About 700 special education students are receiving small-group, in-person instruction.

Treasurer's report:

Checking: \$3,222.42

\$16.51 spent on 10/30 for zoom access

\$35.42 spent at fed ex on 10/31/2020

Savings: \$4,119.04

7 cents interest on 10/31

Outreach committee: would love to get more people involved; working on a structure for future outreach efforts

Bylaws committee: public comment invited, see draft on our webpage

Old business:

New bylaws coming soon!

Neighborhood annual report is overdue and we have an extension until the end of the year

New business:

Thank you to Christina for her time and efforts on our Board.

General Vote

Open Seats 2,4,6,8,10: Melissa, Tony, Eric will stay on, one position is open

Motion to waive election for Trevon since he just filled a vacated seat (Melissa moves, Daniel seconds, approved)

Two candidates submitted applications on time, two applications came in after the 10-days-prior-to-meeting deadline

Applicants Andrea Haug and Kimber Starr gave their statements. Results: Tony, Eric, Andrea, Melissa win seats.

New meeting day and time starting January 2021: first Monday of the month at 7pm.

Adjourned 9:28pm.

Next meeting January 4th 7pm (virtual)

Submitted by Penny Grellier, Recording Secretary

Chat Log:

- 19:30:22 From David Thompson : Tony I would be interested in distributing masks
- 19:30:38 From Cheryl Kopec : Suggestion? Sponsor mask donations from Southend
- 19:31:46 From Cheryl Kopec : Oops. ...from South End sewists for needy individuals and essential personnel.
- 19:36:25 From Rebecca Kayser : I have given masks to homeless wherever I have extras. But I can't always get them.
- 19:36:32 From Linda Stewart : I am looking into whether the City could provide face coverings from our emergency management office for SENCO. Stay tuned.
- 19:41:30 From Christina : Disposable 3-ply masks through Amazon, 50 count for \$13.99:
https://smile.amazon.com/dp/B08FHP8CJY?pf_rd_p=de8506a5-56d5-4c6c-86fc-6a6d5de7bc06&pf_rd_r=NR1FWFPHE65PXGEYJE4F&pd_rd_wg=bjYT3&pd_rd_i=B08FHMW5PX&pd_rd_w=vZ1np&pd_rd_r=755822db-7fea-4989-a925-f1ff8055d8ed&ref_=pd_luc_rh_rtpb_02_02_t_img_lh&th=1
- 19:53:30 From Penny Grellier, Pierce Transit to Melissa Knott(Privately) : Could we please have the slides on regular view? It is hard to see the details since they are in presenter view at the moment.
- 19:53:43 From Preston Peck : We are finding LOTS of masks, and other COVID-related personal protective equipment in the recycling (which are not recyclable), so I would like to encourage SENCO to think about the option of distributing washable/reusable masks. I think this is a great initiative, and meets community needs, but just thinking that it might be worth a bit more per mask to give someone a mask they can use more than once, and cut down on waste/litter. Just food for thought for the group!
- 19:56:07 From Melissa Knott : Thank you, Preston!
- 19:59:14 From Penny Grellier, Pierce Transit :
https://www.cityoftacoma.org/government/city_departments/police/community_programs/shop_with_a_tacoma_cop#:~:text=Shop%20With%20A%20Tacoma%20Cop%20is%20a%20unique%20program%20in,an%20unforgettable%20Holi day%20shopping%20experience
- 19:59:22 From Linda Stewart : The City can provide 500 disposable face masks for SENCO to distribute to your community members. Let me know if you are interested and we will coordinate safe delivery.
- 20:04:48 From Delcenia Slade : I'm on the Safe Streets committee in Fern Hill. We are working with Chris Beale and Jennifer (I dont remember her last name) from city to address the problem and look at possible traffic calming techniques. We've also request the round-about be painted with reflective paint.
- 20:05:47 From Linda Stewart : Correct, innovative grants cannot be used for projects within City rights of way, since there is an ongoing maintenance costs associated with those projects and funding is not available for the maintenance.
- 20:07:47 From Daniel t. :
https://www.cityoftacoma.org/government/city_departments/public_works/engineering/neighborhood_programs
- 20:08:18 From Daniel t. : there is information about traffic calming resources including information about checking out the radar guns on that link
- 20:08:56 From Eric Paulsen : the roundabout that is in 82nd and B got hit by a car
- 20:15:23 From Linda Stewart : Council has the first of two readings on the 2021-2022 biennial budget tomorrow during Council. Second reading is 11/24.
Log in information for Council:

Council meeting begins at 5 PM:

Dial: 253-215-8782 Meeting ID: 848 3423 3126

Webinar Link: www.zoom.us/j/84834233126 Passcode: 349099

20:15:35 From David Thompson : Linda could you tell me about the derelict buildings I was asking about?

20:15:57 From Linda Stewart : The City continues to offer rental assistance for households impacted by COVID-19. To apply, visit: <https://lasapierce.org/covid-19-tacoma-rent>

20:16:51 From Linda Stewart : Tacoma Emergency Micro-Shelter Site at E. 60th and McKinley Community Advisory Committee

Meetings are held virtually the second Monday of the month from 6 to 7:30 P.M. Next meeting will be Monday, December 14th.

Instructions to join the meeting are at www.cityoftacoma.org/authorizedencampments or by phone at (253) 215-8782. The meeting passcode is 825-8159-3484.

20:18:59 From Linda Stewart : Information on the Proposed 2021-2022 City of Tacoma Budget:

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

20:20:34 From Linda Stewart : David - Please email me and we will connect about your question. I did ask my colleague in the City about what can be done, so let's talk.

20:24:59 From Nikie Walters : the people need to write to the TPU board and let them know the people need this assistance again

20:27:24 From John Gaines, TPU : <https://www.mytpu.org/payment-billing/rate-information/public-meetings-presentations/>

20:27:47 From Melissa Knott : thank you for the link!

20:28:01 From John Gaines, TPU : businesssolutions@cityoftacoma.org.

<https://bit.ly/37BOjKg>

<https://bit.ly/35HjfWn>

20:31:53 From Nikie Walters : are there any plans to get more glass collection sites?

20:34:25 From Metro Parks Tacoma : Metro Parks Tacoma Budget Meetings:
<https://www.metroparkstacoma.org/about/agency-plans-partnerships/budget-funding/>

Metro Parks Tacoma – What's Open & What's Not:

<https://www.metroparkstacoma.org/updates/>

20:35:59 From Penny Grellier, Pierce Transit : <https://www.piercetransit.org/brt/>

20:37:58 From Richard Gardner : No questions, but I'm on the BRT Citizens Committee, liking the BRT design more than 1-2 years ago.

20:41:10 From Nikie Walters : Will you be able to attend? Here is the Zoom info to put on your calendar. You can also take the community survey we have posted online here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KM7HSZT>

ZOOM community meeting – November 21, 2020 10:30am - Here's how to join in:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85982414535?pwd=YmM5dHVMVk5XL2k5UEtEenFMOUtzZz09>

20:44:01 From Derek Keith : Derek Keith
dkeith@tacoma.k12.wa.us

TPS COVID-19 Information:

<https://www.tacomaschools.org/departments/health/covid-19>

TPS survey on renaming Jason Lee Middle School:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=iLOhd89aK0m_QmTLsIfQTBCZjA3p0S1BiXhXBubjUSFUNFY2QTFNWldXN0daNEZaWkdZVEUwNTU0WSQlQCN0PWcu

Choice Enrollment - K-12 Non-Neighborhood Choice Enrollment for the 2021-2022 School Year Opens October 26:

<https://www.tacomaschools.org/departments/enrollment/choice-enrollment>

TPS TV School:

<https://www.tacomaschools.org/tvsschool>

Virtual tour of the new Birney Elementary:

<https://www.tacomaschools.org/about/newsroom/story-detail/~board/construction/post/birney-school-tour-1601505129701>

20:50:58 From Christina : Take care all! It's been a pleasure to represent the South End. Hope to see you around the area! Shop local businesses to help keep our small business districts alive! :)

20:52:23 From Daniel t. : Christina thank you for all of your help and knowledge for the board. if you know of any small business that may need a small donation of some face masks can you please share that with us

20:52:52 From Richard Gardner : FYI, I'm been buying my cloth masks in the Lincoln District. Lucky Market, New Hong Kong Market, etc. Usually \$3-5.

21:19:20 From SENC o : THANK YOU, EVERYONE!

21:25:41 From SENC o : 206.499.4062