



SENCo Meeting Minutes

February 1, 2021 @ 7pm

Here are the vote tallies for last month's elections:

Ordinance

Approved by unanimous vote of respondents. SENCo will sign onto the Ordinance to Pierce County Council addressing people experiencing homelessness, written by SENCo's Melissa Knott.

Executive Board

Eight board members voted; three were absent: Daniel, Eric, & Treyvon.

Eight votes in favor is 73% of the board, satisfying the simple majority requirement of 55%. All applicants were re-elected to unopposed positions for the following:

Athena Brewer -Chair

Penny Grellier -Recording Secretary

Andrea Haug -Corresponding Secretary

1. Call to Order (7:02 pm) & Welcome to All

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

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

Vote on Approval of Current Agenda: David moves, Tony seconds, passes

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

David Thompson Food is Free 253 update: searching for food rescue new location that can accommodate 40' truck and tables. Beginning work on flume farm in South Tacoma (working with STNC). Tony suggests local church parking lots that are not being heavily used lately.

Tony: still have plenty of disposable (about 150) and cloth masks (about 200) for community distribution. Call Tony at 253-988-5455.

3. Guest Speakers (10-15 min each)

Rebuilding Together South Sound, Laura Scroggins

South Sound branch of national organization that helps repair/renovate homes of low-income/elderly/disabled homeowners in need. In 2019, 44 homes were repaired, with 90 volunteers and 350 hours. Rebuilding Day will be last Saturday in July; large teams of volunteers making bulk repairs on several

homes. Some homes to be repaired in April (traditional day). Safe At Home program does ramp installs, grab bars and accessibility repairs. Strengthening Neighborhoods program: beautification and cleanups in neighborhoods. Call to volunteer or to apply for services 253-238-0977 or www.rebuildingtogether.org by March

Litter Free 253, Cheri Solien

Citywide cleanup on April 17 from 9am to noon to help combat litter across Tacoma. See facebook signup: LitterFree253. Hope to set an example for our residents and encourage year-round cleanups. Giving away 40 grabbers to each Neighborhood Council, also shopping bags as a thank-you gift. Each NC to identify 2 volunteer coordinators, identify location for cleanup and the large garbage dumpster to be placed.

Catherine Ushka, City Council: no formal report but happy to answer questions. Noted code enforcement partners with juvenile justice and others to get help to those who need it. Troublesome club in Lincoln District is closed but has possibly moved to McKinley location; city is working on that. Community centers are currently acting as warming shelters for homeless population. City Council District 4, Catherine Ushka 253.355.1276 • cushka@cityoftacoma.org

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

Lt Beall is now assigned to our sector. Arrested a homicide suspect today. Tip of the Month: going to fitness facilities, keep valuable safe and don't leave in car. Police transformation: outside consultant is analyzing our department and has issued 64 recommendations for improvement. Citizens Academy has 10 spots left; see TPD website for more information. A number of arrests made for speed racers (emphasis patrols). New CLO has been assigned.

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

Emergency Microshelter site at E 60th and McKinley, 93 people served since July, transitioned 17 to housing, currently 62 at location (capacity is 65). Shout out to Cheri re: Litter Free 253.

City Manager's Office liaison, Ted Richardson: City offering resurgent business loans up to \$25,000, low-interest with no payments first year. Tacoma considering changes to how it governs housing; see Home In Tacoma website. Feedback needed on Housing Choice survey.

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

Alling Park Safe Streets Group placed beauty bark and bee garden in the Park, cleaned up traffic circle. April working with Larchmont, Blueberry Park, Alling Park and Spring Hill for Recycling Beyond Curbside to keep more items out of trash and taken to appropriate facilities. Blueberry Park has Sunday cleanups; all are invited 9am to 11am.

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

February 4 from 5-6:30pm, City hosting Tideflats Subarea Plan community meeting. Port Strategic Plan draft coming end of February. Bill #5154 has been introduced in Olympia which would roll back truck regulations (emissions concerns); Port is monitoring it.

Tacoma Public Utilities, John Gaines Community Relations Manager (not present) • 3628 S 35th St • 253.260.0065 • jgaines1@cityoftacoma.org

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

Flyer is finalized for recycle center locations and items to be collected. Glass centers are emptied weekly and are checked regularly each day to keep them clean and see if an extra pick-up is needed.

Metro Parks, Craig Standridge, Conservation Engagement Coordinator (not present) • 5400 N Pearl • 253.404.3690 • craig.standridge@pdza.org

Tacoma Public Schools, Derek Keith, dkeith@tacoma.k12.wa.us 253-571-1097

Hybrid model for K-1st grade right now, 2nd grade as COVID numbers drop. Grades 3-12 will come back no sooner than March 1 with staggered start date approach. Sports began today for 7-week season. Wilson HS may be renamed for trailblazer Dolores Silas. Feb 12 and Feb 15 are school holidays.

Pierce Transit, Penny Grellier, Community Development Administrator • 253.589.6886
pgrellier@piercetransit.org

Federal mask mandate means wear a mask at all transit facilities and on board all modes (including rideshare); we give out approximately 1,000 masks per day. New online trip planner improves access to trip information. Sue Dreier, CEO, retiring in May; Board will begin new CEO search soon. Free ORCA cards available through February 28 at Bus Shop and by calling customer service.

5. Committee Reports (2 min each)

- Treasurer

Savings current balance: \$4,119.25

Current checking balance: \$2,715.65

Expenses include Zoom subscription/additional host, envelopes for SENCo member business cards

- Outreach

Working on a South End outreach/events calendar for our website

- Bylaws

Still under construction

- 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

2021 Work Plan: to be posted on website this week

Mask Distribution: see note above from Tony

7. New Business

Clean up on February 13: S. 72nd overpass in partnership with South Tacoma NC

South End Strategic Neighborhood Action Plan: updating document from 1999 in partnership with City of Tacoma (CM Beale and Ushka), Safe Streets and UWT student assistance. Community participation will be needed and will be requested in an organized fashion shortly.

Patrick Fischer: received 1099 form that said he collected unemployment from Massachusetts... learned it is part of a scam that can result in a tax penalty. Don't throw it away; talk to your accountant.

8. Adjournment at 8:31pm (Melissa moved , Andrea seconded, passes)

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