

**New Tacoma Neighborhood Council
Wednesday February 11th, 2009 at 5:30-7:00PM
747 Market Street RM 708**

Meeting Minutes

Attendance:

Board Members present: Dalton Gittens, Bill Garl, Brett Santhuff, Elizabeth Burris, Kate Rose, Eric Crittendon, Beth Rushing, Mae Harris, Justin Mayfield, Traci Kelly, MarLe Wendt, Marty Campbell

Board Members excused: Jon Morrone, Ian Morrison, Dieanna Rankos

Board Members absent: Darion Reese, Jacob Rose,

Guests: Ian Munce (Planning), Sue Bozar(TFD), Allyson Griffith (City Manager's Office), Nancy Davis (Metro Parks), Shawn Gustason (TPD), Sam Bell(TSD), A Smith, Morgan Alexander, Darrel Bowman(Dome District), Ronnie Bush, Diane Wiatr(City of Tacoma), Jessica Holden(Tac-Pierce Co Chamber), Jim Merritt, Todd Kelly, Nathan George, Sally Shawl(Paint Tacoma)

Call to Order: 5:30pm

Minutes & Agenda: November and January minutes approved (Burris motions, Garl 2nd)

Treasurer's Report: Current balance \$9,795.18. 2009 Budget submitted for Board review.

Secretary/Correspondence Report: Received thank-you from Artist's Festival

Community Council: No report

Across the Fence: TV program involving NTNC will be filming next week.

Staff Reports:

Economic Development: Elton--Innovative Grant process begins in February, deadline is April 16th, and each neighborhood council receives \$20,000. Elton handed out hard copies of grant paperwork; it is also on the NTNC web site.

City Manager's Office: Allyson—Mixed use land meeting, February 18th.

Fire Department: TFD representative Sue Bozar gave handouts for classes and safety notifications. Total TFD calls: 3429.

TPD: Officer Shawn Gustason reported work on Fireman's park on hold, due to feasibility study from other funding source. Fencing under I- 705 will be completed soon. TPD is proposing curfew missions again. Hearing scheduled next week for Club Juno.

Metro Parks: Nancy Johnson reminded participants that the Wright Park Conservatory glasswork ends February 22nd. She can also provide updates on the Zena Lennix park project for March meeting.

Announcements: Brett Santhuff informed Board of intent for Historic nomination for The University Club.

Citizen Forum:

Ian Munce, City of Tacoma Planning Division, followed up IFSA parking revision. Board stated there was a letter for support drafted.

Darrell Bowman, from Dome Business District, spoke about his group's alternative design to the Sound Transit Crossing. Darrell Bowman asked for a letter from the NTNC in support. Jim Merritt, the designing architect for the alternative design also spoke in support.

Councilman Jake Fey arrived during the citizen forum. Mr. Fey answered questions concerning the Sound Transit design, funding for libraries, and Urban Waters contract workers. Councilman Fey also said Tacoma City revenue appears much better balanced than other cities.

Presentations:

Sally Shawl, Paint Tacoma Beautiful, spoke on this important civic project and urged members to consider donating their time. She also left informational brochures and packets.

Morgan Alexander, Historic MLK Buildings, spoke on designating Historic Register status on buildings located on MLK and Hilltop. He asked for letter of support, planning committee will study this issue.

Jessica Holden and Diane Watr presented the "On the Go" outreach campaign, which promotes transit and walking. They handed out maps and brochures and urged NTNC members to give them input on additions to their walking/transit maps.

Sam Bell, Tacoma School District, presented information relating to the March 10th 300 Million Dollar School Bond election. This will be an all-mail voting election. Marty Campbell followed up with the Tacoma Citizens for School Bond Approval, asking as a private citizen to support the measure.

New Business:

2008 Annual Report: Marty Campbell presented the report that was developed during the retreat. Report approved (Rose motions, Garl 2nd).

Tacoma Farmer's Market: During the retreat the Board agreed to focus on developing a year-round Farmer's Market in Tacoma. Alyson Griffith and Marty Campbell provided a Farmer's Market feasibility study developed by the city in 2005.

2009 Budget: Brett Santhuff submitted the proposed budget, budget approved (Campbell motions, Rose 2nd).

Committee Reports:

The chair appointed Jon Morone to head the by-laws committee, Bill Garl volunteered to also serve on this committee. Kate Rose will head the Planning Committee.

Good of the Order:

Traci Kelly motions to adjourn, Bill Garl 2nd, approved @ 7:25pm.

Dalton Gittens, Chair

Elizabeth Burris, Secretary