

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

Meeting Minutes

Attendance:

Board Members present: Dalton Gittens, Bill Garl, Elizabeth Burris, Kate Rose, Eric Crittendon, Mae Harris, Justin Mayfield, Traci Kelly, Marty Campbell, Jon Morrone, Deanna Rankos

Board Members excused: Ian Morrison, Brett Santhuff, Beth Rushing, Mar-Le Wendt,

Guests: Ian Munce (Planning), Phil Ferrell (TFD), Allyson Griffith (City Manager's Office), Nancy Davis (Metro Parks), Greg Hopkins (TPD), Julie Arnestad (TPU), Andrea Smith, Drew Carrigan, Jacinda Howard, Anders Ibsen (Safe Streets)

Call to Order: 5:30pm

Minutes & Agenda: February minutes approved (Kelly motions, Garl 2nd). Agenda approved (Garl motions, Rose 2nd)

Treasurer's Report: Current balance \$9,790.63. \$900.00 in outstanding checks, Treasure Balance \$8890.63

Secretary/Correspondence Report: Passed out literature mailed to council from Ecology development office

Community Council: Bill Garl stated upcoming elections for Community Council positions; he is running against several other candidates for Chair position. Treasure Mar-Le Wendt is running unopposed

Across the Fence: TV program involving NTNC on air this month.

Staff Reports:

Economic Development: No report, Elton is absent

City Manager's Office: Allyson passed out schedules for planning commission, also stated City revenues are down, but no employee or service cuts projected. City Manager Anderson has re-allocated resources to fix potholes on major arterial streets in Tacoma. Allyson also stated that the majority of stimulus funding is directed towards the Pierce County PCRC.

Fire Department: Phil Ferrell reported area fire calls, 527 Total TFD calls: 31171. Passed out handouts on electrical safety and safe water storage

TPD: Officer Hopkins reported on issues arising from 1st Methodist Church Food Pantry program, Church and TPD working on proactive solutions. Smoke shelter in front of County/City building will be modified to ensure open visual access. Working on improvements to South 25th street corridor. Alcohol impact area ban on certain beverage items increased to help deter chronic alcohol abuse. No hearing on Club Juno due to Club's eviction from building. Potential for new coffee shop to occupy Club Juno's space. Jail joint task force continuing work on "jail frequent flyers". King Center on Tacoma Ave reports positive results with change in management, less security problems and better relationships with local merchants.

Metro Parks: Nancy Davis provided a variety of Metro Park handouts. She mentioned that Parks appreciation day is April 18th. Nancy also touched on the 3 resolutions for the Kandle, Titlow and Peoples swimming pools. Guest Andrea Smith spoke on behalf of the Metro Parks Foundation which is spear heading the Zena Lennix Park.

TPU: Julie Arnestad from Tacoma Power stated consumers will be receiving credits on their bill from the BPA agreement. She also urged consumers to log on to mytpu.org website for further information.

Citizen Forum: Anders Ibsen from Safe Streets reported that The Winthrop-Olympus Guardians group has been proactively cleaning up the area between Pacific and Broadway Avenue. Lucinda Howard from Webster apartments asked for information regarding the Broadway LID program and NTNC information.

Presentations:

Drew Carrigan from Rebuilding Together South Sound, spoke on this Non-Profit organization which provides low cost modifications for low-income households. Drew also stated that the organization is always seeking volunteers.

Ian Munce from the City Planning Division spoke about the Brewery District and the subsequent plans for this sector of the city. He also requested interested NTNC Board members to consider membership in the Brewery District Advisory Council. Marty Campbell asked about inclusion of a Farmer's Market in the Brewery District Plan. Ian replied that it is imperative that NTNC inject its voice in the Brewery District Advisory Panel.

Justin Mayfield from the Farmer's Market presented an informative presentation about the history and future direction of The Tacoma Farmer's Market. He also provided handouts with schedules of the upcoming Farmer's Markets in Tacoma.

Old Business:

Board members who wish to attend the NUSA conference must email Liz Burris by 5 pm 12 March 2009.

New Business:

Liz Burris brought up the formation of language to direct NTNC letters of support. A discussion ensued with a motion to table the adoption of guidelines at this time.

A motion was made to withdraw the letter of support to the University Union Club historic register status, approved (Rose motions, Mayfield 2nd).

A motion to not conduct a NTNC Candidates Forum for the upcoming Mayoral and City Council elections was approved (Crittendon motions, Garl 2nd).

Committee Reports:

Ian Morrison, present Vice-Chair can not perform his duties due to his position in the State Capital. Bill Garl volunteered to take over the duties of Vice-Chair until June 2009, when Ian will be able to resume his Vice-Chair duties. (Rose motions, Harris 2nd) approved.

Good of the Order:

Marty Campbell motions to adjourn, Kate Rose 2nd, approved @ 7:38pm.

Dalton Gittens, Chair

Elizabeth Burris, Secretary