

# NEW TACOMA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

April 11, 2007

## ATTENDANCE:

Board members present: Marty Campbell, Bill Garl, Dalton Gittens, Mae Harris, Rollie Herman, Traci Kelly, Pam Orazem, Darion Reese, Kate Rose, Mar-Le Wendt

Board members excused: Pam Brewer, Denny Faker, Juanita McBride

Board members absent: Chris Karnes

Guests: Corey Darlington, Stephen Bridgeford, Julie Anderson, Larry Steiner, Renee Paulsen, Ted Johnson, Scott Mackay, Matthew & Linda Eklund, Nancy Davis, Laura Karlin, Louis Zubaly, Eric Bjornson, Amanda Knowles, Heidi Fosner, David Schrodel, Calvin Goings, Lauren Walker, Richard Zippler, Jeri Jacobsen, Wm. Riley, Dan Wold, Marie Nelson, Tom Stenger, Jake Fey, Rick Talbert, Connie Ladenburg, Roland Crane

Marty Campbell called the meeting to order at 1730. Motions were made and passed to accept the March minutes and April agenda.

## CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Nick Schuder resigned his position as board member and secretary.

## STAFF REPORTS:

- Chris Clegg reminded the group that the City Managers parking discussion had started its second round of meetings.
- Elton Gatewood stated that all innovative grant applications must be received by April 13, 2007.
- Corey Darlington provided information regarding the man-hours spent in the Port of Tacoma. He also announced that the Union 76 Station at 19<sup>th</sup> & MLK had been served with a chronic nuisance abatement action.
- Larry Steiner announced that on May 8<sup>th</sup> the Kids Safety Fair would be held at Foss High School.

**CITIZENS FORUM:** there were no citizens who wished to speak

## PRESENTATIONS:

- Calvin Goings provided three issues that the NTNC should be involved in:
  1. The Comprehensive Land Use Plan which is in its 2 year review cycle.
  2. Conservation Futures Funds grants.
  3. Sales Tax Streamlining being able to put funds into the Head Start Program.
- Tom Stenger wishes to obtain input on building height limits in the NTNC area
- Jake Fey announced that the City Council was working on an ordinance that would require utilities to fully pave rather than patch roads after cutting into them for maintenance.
- Julie Anderson wants feedback on the Tacoma Police Department strategic plan and suggested that NTNC contact the Washington State Historical Museum board of directors with regards to the “fence or wall” that they wish to construct near the museum entrance.
- Connie Ladenburg wished everyone to attend the Summit on Education and Economic Development on May 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. She is targeting youth violence for those in grades 5-9. Hopefully to be handle 150 students per year.
- Thea Foss Waterway Height Restrictions: Members from Simon & Johnson presented a quick review of the “updated amendment” to the height restriction zoning for the North end of the Thea Foss waterway. **Bill Garl made a motion to rescind the letter NTNC had sent to the planning commission regarding this issue and to send a letter of support for the “updated amendment”. Darion Reese seconded the motion which passed with Traci Kelly and Kate Rose abstaining.**

- Connie Ladenburg and Rick Talbert who are members of the Tacoma/Pierce County Board of Health provided and update regarding the Needle Exchange Van:
  1. The Health Board continues to work with staff to reduce the hours of the needle exchange van.
  2. There has been a 50% reduction in needles delivered at the van compared to the same period last year.
  3. Staff feels that no adjustments should be made.
  4. At the May 2<sup>nd</sup> board meeting the Health Department Board will provide staff with two options:
    - a) Monday, Wednesday, and Friday for 4 hours per day.
    - b) Monday through Friday for 2 hours per day.
 NTNC presence at the May 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting was requested.
- Roland Crane from the 8<sup>th</sup> & I Neighborhood presented a draft zoning change for the neighborhood that they had been working on with the help of the City. He stated that there was no opposition from the community for this zoning change and asked for NTNC support.  
**Bill Garl moved to send a letter of support to the Planning Commission, Darion Reese seconded the motion which passed.**
- The Urban Arts Festival will be June 24<sup>th</sup> at Fireman's Park. At the March meeting they presented a letter asking for \$600.00 in funding for the festival.  
**Bill Garl moved to provide the \$600.00 funding subject to the Urban Arts Festival providing recognition to NTNC. Traci Kelly seconded the motion which passed.**

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- The by-laws committee presented a change to Article XIII Section 1 of the by-laws. The recommendation was to change the wording in this section to:  
 "A request for expenditure of funds greater than \$250.00 for the Neighborhood Council's maintenance and operation budget must be proposed in writing at a Neighborhood Council Meeting for consideration at the next regularly scheduled meeting."  
**Bill Garl made a motion to accept the proposed change which was seconded by Darion Reese. The motion passed.**

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Bill Garl moved to fill the board seat vacated by Nick Schuder expiring 12/31/2008 with Clara Cheeves. Darion Reese seconded the motion which then passed.**
- **Darion Reese moved to fill the secretary position with Rollie Herman. Bill Garl seconded and the motion passed.**

#### **REPORTS:**

- Treasurer: Account balance \$6716.18
- Community Council: Bill Garl had been elected vice-chair; Mar-Le Wendt, treasurer.

The meeting adjourned at 1930