



New Tacoma Neighborhood Council  
January 14, 2026  
Meeting Minutes  
Tacoma Public Library  
1102 Tacoma Ave. S., Tacoma WA 98402

**Call to order and Member attendance:** 5:45

**Board Members Attending:** Tim Fairley, Tom Ebenhoh, Tony Polimeni, Jordan Burman, Angela Jossy. Welcome Angela to 2026 NTNC Board. Attendance on/about 30 including Board/Guests, those in person, or those that may not have signed in.

**Approval:** January Agenda, December Meeting Minutes

**Treasurers Report:** Forthcoming.

**Public Forum:** Interactive conversations with Staff/presenters/Board members during the meeting.

### **Staff Reports**

**Tacoma Police:** Briefing included, not limited to, trends within NTNC footprint, hot spot areas, enforcement and challenges with specific properties of complaints

**Tacoma Fire:** Briefing included, not limited to, recruitment, new hires, safety tip of the month, donating blood

**Councilmember Rumbaugh:** Briefing included, not limited to, new Council Retreat, budget deficit/constraints, importance of addressing homelessness/housing, combating domestic violence/sexual assault as one of her top priorities, signing up for her community discussions/newsletter, addressing hunger (food for children), and encouraged attending not just City Council meetings, but others

**City Manager's Office:** Briefing included, but not limited to, sales tax increase and effective date/authority for City to do so, meeting with Interim Police Chief, MLK Day of Service and Celebration, Feb 20 Council Retreat is open to the public, Mayor Ibsen conducting coffee/office hours

**Port of Tacoma;** Briefing included, but not limited to, bus tours, update on the aircraft that landed in the Port due to an emergency, Port traffic mitigation, tariff impacts, tribal port

**Parks Tacoma:** Briefing included, but not limited to, Black History Celebration at People's Community Center on 2/7, closure of People's Center for maintenance 2/9-13, late nights high school, adjusted membership costs, Parks Bond is forthcoming

**Tacoma Public Schools:** Briefing included, but not limited to, Prop 1 and Prop 2 Levy and what they would cover, encouraged all to vote

**Tacoma Public Library:** Briefing included, but not limited to, Poet reading, gallery, warming centers, passes to museums

**Tacoma Tree Foundation:** Briefing included, but not limited to, types of trees, Hilltop and other programs to Plant a Tree,

**City of Tacoma Events and Recognition Committee:** Briefing included, but not limited to, encouraging nominations for the City of Destiny Awards, MLK Day of Service and Celebration Event and keynote speakers/awards

**Tacoma Rescue Mission:** Briefing included, but not limited to, additional seasonal winter site downtown Tacoma for temporary shelter, stability site now open Puyallup, tiny homes and barriers to shelter, impacts on housing (apartments rentals) bringing more retail/downtown shopping/grocery store to Tacoma

**New Business:**

See Staff Reports on TPS Prop 1 and Prop 2 Levy presentation

**Tacoma Sister Cities:** Introduced Ria Johnson Jumawan Covington, new Tacoma Sister Cities Board President. Briefing included, but not limited to, encouraging support of international film festival and interactive discussion with New Tacoma Board on Thea's Park Peace Plaza Restoration/Repair and "Buy a Brick" Campaign. Sources are being solicited to provide proposals, with plans to have the work done by June 2026

**Community Announcements:**

Board discussed briefly parking (metered) in the NTNC footprint. Board member (Tom) will meet with City Parking Manager and have an update in the future

Board members discussed highlights from the 2026 January Annual Retreat and 2026 Action Plan. Board will be finalizing Action Plan/Annual Report/Budget to submit to the City

New Tacoma will be conducting a survey to community, businesses (separately) to capture vision for NT, what is working well, challenges, areas where NTNC support, interest in meeting Agendas and more

**Council Reports:**

**CCoT: None.**

**Reports from the Neighborhood: None**

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, February 11, 2026

**Adjournment:** 7:30 (est)