



New Tacoma Neighborhood Council
July 8, 2026
Meeting Minutes
Tacoma Public Library
1102 Tacoma Ave. S., Tacoma WA 98402

Call to order and Member attendance: 5:40

Board Members Attending: Tim Fairley, Tom Ebenhoh, Jordan Burman, Tony Polimeni
Angela Jossy (Absent)

Attendance on/about 15 including Board/Guests, those in person, or those that may not have signed in.

Introductions of Board/attendees were conducted as the beginning of the meeting.

Approval: July Agenda, June Meeting Minutes

Treasurers Report: No report; deferred for adequate Guest/Spotlight Speaker time

Public Forum: There were considerable interactive conversations with Staff/presenters/Board members during the meeting.

Staff Reports

Tacoma Fire: Briefing included, but not limited to, 4th of July update with overall calls down, burn bans and air quality, checking outdoor burning sites, blood donation opportunities, monthly safety tips, an emphasis on fire safety in the summer season, and encouraged audience to check out the TPD site for more info

www.tacoma.gov

City Manager's Office Report: Briefing included, but not limited to, community survey results, Roadmap to Recovery, structural funding deficits, 311 status and backfilling employee(s), approvals of actions at City Manager and Mayor levels, encouraged audience to visit the city web site for more information. Interactive conversations on the budget, funding, and others

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Tacoma Public Library: Highlighted upcoming events, summer reading program, new art show and featured works, provided flyers for the audience, and encouraged audience to check out the web site for more information

www.tacomalibrary.org

New Business:

Joe Franco, Special Assistant to the Director, Public Works, along with Leigh Starr and Jacob Green provided a presentation and update on the Connect Tacoma: Safe Streets and Sidewalks Levy which will be on the ballot August 4, 2026. Presentation was detailed and interactive on focus on arterial streets, levy history, fiscal impacts if approved with considerable conversation on existing street and sidewalk issues, funding sources and grants, how projects are scored/planned and determination of need. Flyers were provided to the audience on the levy [Connect Tacoma: Safe Streets and Sidewalks | City of Tacoma](#)

Community Announcements/Spotlights:

Laurie Arnold, Community's Police Advisory Committee (CPAC), provided a very informative presentation about her role, the structure and purpose of CPAC, processing complaints, trends in customer service, courtesy, and others, duties and responsibilities, the City Manager's role, and CPAC outreach. She provided flyers to audience members [Community's Police Advisory Committee | City of Tacoma](#)

NTNC / Sister Cities/Parks Tacoma: Thea's Park Peace Plaza Buy a Brick (rehabilitating Peace Plaza) kickoff. Meeting is being coordinated with Parks Tacoma on the next steps. More to follow at future meetings
www.tacomasisistercities.org
www.newtacoma.org
www.parkstacoma.gov

New Tacoma Neighborhood Council Board Business and Community Survey will run through December in preparation to capture data for the 2027 Board Action Planning

Council Reports:

The NTNC Board voted/approved (3-1) on reallocating \$300 of budgeted funds to the purchase additional New Tacoma NC medallions

The NTNC Board voted/approved the 2025 Annual Report/2026 Action Plan and Budget. Secretary will submit to the city

Sarah Hughes was absent; nomination/vote to approve her as a new Board Member moved to August

Community Council of Tacoma Updates: None
Reports from the Neighborhood: None

Next Meeting: Wednesday, August 12, 2026

Adjournment: 7:30 (est)