



## NENC Meeting Minutes

May 1, 2017

1. Call to order, adoption of agenda—  
Jodi called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm Erica/Michael pass
2. Introductions and welcome—  
Board and community members introduced themselves. Absent Board members included Kyle Price and Jim Bush.
3. Announcements—
  - a. Like us on Facebook
  - b. Join our email list find on: [www.nenc.org](http://www.nenc.org)
  - c. Follow us on Twitter @NENCTacoma
  - d. Others?
    - i. Warren Olsen on N. 36<sup>th</sup> St is exploring an LID in his neighborhood for street improvements. He believes City funds are not available because it isn't an arterial. He submitted a letter for NENC to review, to inform us about his progress. His concern is pedestrian safety.
4. Approval of Minutes – Joe T/Bea, approved
5. Liaison Reports (including CCOT)—
  - a. David Nash-Menendez, City manager. His report will be included as an attachment to these minutes. The filing period is May-15-19 at the Pierce County Auditor's Office. Finalists for the City Manager position will be announced tomorrow, May 2. Finalists will come for interviews the following week, with selection expected on May 13. Parking advisory committee is looking for members. Planning and Development Forum, last one coming up on May 18. He is continuing to provide notice of City Council and study sessions agendas. Second Tuesday of every month is Citizens Forum. The May 16 study session on the Tacoma Smelter Plume has been postponed. David Olsen asked if community input was sought prior to the search firm being chosen. He wondered what opportunity the community has to participate in the interview process. Councilmember Ibsen answered that an online survey has been open to the public for feedback. The PDS Forum has been met by citizens as less than friendly about influencing planning process. Jodi added that Steve Atkinson from City Planning is presenting at the June NENC meeting. Feedback about these forums is welcome via email at [officers@nenc.org](mailto:officers@nenc.org).

- b. Anders Ibsen, Councilmember. City Manager hiring process has commenced. Council voted recently to stand up to Federal FCC laws undone to protect individual information through ISPs, saying anyone using Click fiber cannot sell personal information. Cushman is coming up on the Council agenda, whether it will be added to the historic register. What that designation doesn't dictate is what will be done with the property in the future. Those will happen down the road if/when the property is sold. Budget review happened recently, we had about a \$1M surplus, which they applied to deferred maintenance on fleet vehicles. Board member Joe Tieger asked how the ownership of Cushman changed from the City of Tacoma to TPU, and why the City (or citizens) has to buy it back. Sid Olufs asked if the Cushman site could be used for the Pilot Infill program. Anders thought not, realistically. Jeff Ryan clarified that TPU doesn't own the land, per charter, but does control the land. He also noted the Conditional Use Permit would allow for the Pilot Infill Program. The vote for historical designation is expected in the next month or two. Anders clarified there isn't a plan in the works for the site. There will be a lot of hoops to jump through with historical designation. TPU knows there is a lot of public interest in the site. There are a lot of opinions about how much of the property should be maintained. The Landmarks Commission submitted the entire site for historical consideration, which the Council will review. Jim Merritt noted there will be an interesting debate on the future use of the site, when code says that surplus properties must be out for public use.
- c. Karen at Proctor Farmers Market. Weather has been especially wet this year, impacting what has been available at the market so far. May 13 is their annual Health and Fitness event.
- d. Marie Verhardt, Tacoma Public Schools. 2017 US News Best High Schools included Stadium, Wilson, SAMI, and SOTA. Job Fair on May 17. Night at the Rainiers on May 26. Foundation for Tacoma Students released its annual report in late April, 86.5% graduation rate (5-years).
- e. Erica Tucci, Tacoma Public Utilities. Taking notes on Cushman. Replacing lines on 21<sup>st</sup> St is the priority. They are currently using the Cushman property with no plan to stop, transferring that use elsewhere will be a long process. Joe asked that she report back about maintenance at the Adams St building.
- f. Steve, TFD. Handed out fire safety fact sheet which is attached to these minutes.
- g. Dan, TPD. Sector 2 crime stats seem to be holding a 3-month trend. Just finished the DEA Drug Takeback program. Sector 2 collected 132 lbs of prescription drugs. Annual memorial event for Pierce County fallen officers is on Wednesday, May 3.
- h. CCOT –Need a volunteer for the CCOT 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Planning Committee, for the celebration in October.

6. Presentation—

- a. Cushman Substation
  - i. Nomination to historic register (and other background info).

Jeff Ryan offered a presentation on his nomination application. That presentation is attached to these minutes.

There is community concern about keeping a tower, whether it's restored or not, and a neighbor asked how to make sure that opinion (shared by a majority of neighbors who directly face the towers) known to Council.

- ii. First steps in public, neighborhood visioning process for what we could achieve with those buildings and at that site

Jodi created a slide show of ideas for futures uses of the site. That is attached to these minutes. The ask was to begin to imagine the possibilities there.

7. Old Business –

- a. Committee Reports – none.
- b. Other items?

8. Citizen Opportunity to Comment

- a. Bag ordinance is going into effect on July 12. Bea passed out a FAQ flyer.

9. New Business

- a. Open seat(s)
  - i. Kyle Muir, resident, asked to be appointed to one of the open seats. He has been active on the Communications Committee to date. Bea moved and Michael seconded. Appointment passed unanimously.
  - ii. Alex Morganroth, resident, asked to be appointed to the other open seat. Bea moved and Michael seconded. Appointment passed unanimously.