



NENC Minutes

June 5, 2017, 6pm

University of Puget Sound, Trimble Hall Forum

1. Call to order, adoption of agenda— Rachel 1, Joe T 2, Michael offered an amendment to move minutes and treasurer reports to after the presentation. Amendment accepted, approved.
2. Introductions and welcome— Board members introduced themselves.
3. Announcements—
 1. Like us on Facebook
 2. Connect: **www.nenc.org** & join our email list
 3. Follow us on Twitter @NENCTacoma
 4. Get text alerts—send text to 40404: FOLLOW@NENCTACOMA
 5. Tacoma's Bring Your Own Bag Law
Kristie Lynnett reminded us about the enactment of the BYOB Ordinance going into effect on July 12. Lots of information is available on the City website. Contact her in the Office of Sustainability with any questions.

LID of N 36th.
Jim Jensen for Port of Tacoma Commission.
4. Liaison Reports (including CCOT)—
 1. TPD, Major holidays will have additional security on Ruston Way. Festival of Sail. Vehicle prowls up 3, burglaries up 1. Citizens Academy is accepting applications.
 2. TFD, Chris Brinkler. Reminder that fireworks are prohibited in Tacoma. He passed out a flyer on how to report complaints, and also a seasonal fire safety reminder.
 3. Marty Stump, Metro Parks. Lots of construction in Point Defiance, the roundabout entrance. Coming soon is an infrastructure study along Ruston Way. Swimming pools open June 17. Metro Arts Wizard of Oz at Wilson High.
 4. David Nash-Menendez, City Manager's Office. Filing deadline for 2017 election has passed. State of emergency for homelessness. Study session tomorrow, June 6. Broadcast live on TV Tacoma. If you have concerns or want to report an issue please call 311. June 27 study session on Pierce Transit, update tomorrow from WASHDOT on the Hwy 16 and I-5

construction. July 18 study session update on Tacoma Smelter Plume program. City Council meetings allow for public comment on anything on that night's agenda. Citizens Forum is the second meeting of the month.

5. Anders Ibsen, pierce transit trolley from downtown to Point Defiance. Running this summer. Cushman substation resolution up for vote at tomorrow's Council Meeting. Clean up, environmental, public access. Substitute resolution doesn't include interior or the lattice tower. Transfer of ownership can happen faster. RFP process will be public and include community forums and input.
6. Erica Tucci, Tacoma Public Utilities. Alert about scammers calling or emailing that money is due and must be sent.
7. Ann, Tacoma Public Schools. Graduation coming up. Half day on Monday, June 19 is the last day of school. Students can bring their own sunblock to school. Grant School is in design phase. Community Inclusion Update.
8. Leslie, Port of Tacoma. Boat tours this summer are free but require a ticket. Pile driving starting again on July 15.

5. Presentation—

- i. Rezoning, Zoning, Planning and the Comprehensive Plan—City Planners Steve Atkinson and Lauren Flemister

Four projects were selected in the City's Pilot Infill Program, two in the North End. An ADU on N D St, adding a second story on an existing garage. The second is cottage housing at N 30th and Stevens. The existing structures will be removed. Neighborhood engagement will be a part of the planning process moving forward. Parking concerns have yet to be worked out. 8 remaining pilot slots are available but a new application deadline hasn't been identified. Lauren felt it unlikely that future projects would be in the north end.

Stephen Atkinson, "Planning 301." A copy of the presentation is included in these minutes. Highlights:

- Quick growth in the region of late. Significant growth is anticipated. Development and growth are focused on MUCs and Neighborhood Centers. Downtown allows for the highest density.
- Pierce Transit was a big part of the planning process, connecting the areas identified for growth with public transportation. We saw a map of high frequency and high intensity transportation plans.
- Environmental design, identifying areas we don't want to develop. Open spaces, recreational spaces, etc. Also identified environmental hazards.
- Urban Form and Design. Ensuring compatible development with neighborhood projects. It's pretty patchwork right now. Pattern areas were identified in the 2015 Comp Plan Update. Areas that were similarly developed. Designated corridors that have higher quality standards for design. Implementation through Landmarks/Historic Preservation Program, various design guidelines, infill program. Proposed Design Review program in 2018-19.

- Planning and development coordination. Through the Comp Plan, capacity and transportation infrastructure growth identified. Capital programming to inform the budget process (6 years out). Project review specific to individual developments.
- Potential Rezones. Future land use map and zoning maps. Inconsistencies were identified. There is a live map at cityoftacoma.org/rezones that shows potential rezones. We explored a small area near Stadium where some inconsistencies exist. The goal is to make zoning and comp plan match up. Doug asked what the best way for citizens to be engaged in this process, to have a say in how their neighborhood centers are zoned. Stephen said the current scope of work will be voted on Wednesday, hopefully focusing on the residential area inconsistencies. He invited people to contact him for assistance on using the interactive map to provide comments on specific sites. Council has allocated funding for outside consultant services to explore a design review program, likely 2018-19.
- Questions about parking requirements and residential parking permits
- Susan asked for funding for better engagement that would allow citizens to become involved before it's too late. Many developments have happened without community input. Designing a piece or letter that stands out so residents know to read it.
- Concerns about projected growth and if they're accurate. What leverage does the City have if the economy turns again and all these new buildings are empty? When will middle income units be developed?
- Question about parking studies and impacts as development happens. Providing feedback from personal experiences is critical. Opportunity for early public meetings and comments. No impact fees are assessed, following the early 2000s with minimal growth.
- Freddie Mac study that Tacoma is the #3 place in the country for multi-family development. Policymakers have to answer these concerns about displacement and residents being priced out, adding to public safety concerns, and infrastructure impact.
- Jim Merritt noted we're fighting an uphill battle given the multiple processes that citizens have to go through to be involved. He suggested rewriting policy to remove those barriers.

6. Approval of Minutes— Joe/Jodi, passed.

7. Treasurer's Report— balance of 18,818.85. Motion to appoint a new Treasurer. Doug Crane volunteered. Unanimously accepted.

8. Old Business –

1. Committee Reports –

- i. Comp Plan updates: Planning Commission Meeting on Wednesday for the work program for the next year. Public comment is accepted. Follow up study session meeting on June 14. We sent a letter to Planning Commission outlining our request for Concept Review.

- ii. Trees: Street Tree Planting Program info on our website, or contact Susan Ryan. She is also recruiting volunteers for Paint Tacoma Beautiful.
 - iii. Outreach: no report.
 2. Cushman updates: covered in Councilmember Ibsen's report. The resolution amendment he is offering tomorrow, if accepted and passed, will be the final say.
 3. TV Tacoma Neighborhood Spot: Kyle and Erica will work out the details for our spot, recording on June 23.
9. Citizen Opportunity to Comment
 1. David Olsen commented that City Club is hosting a panel on ST3 on Wednesday, June 21 at noon at the Landmark.
10. New Business
 1. Art on the Ave and Proctor Arts requests for funds
 - Nancy Frederick requested support for Proctor Arts Fest. Jim moved and Doug seconded that we allocate \$1000. Michael voted nay, but the motion passed.
 - Angela Lokotz requested \$500 in support for Art on the Ave. Susan offered a motion and Jim seconded to support at \$500. Michael offered a comment that he will be opposing these requests until we clean up the process to apply for the funds. Motion passed.
 2. Summer meeting schedule: Kyle proposed moving our July meeting to the 10th, given the proximity to July 4th of our normal meeting date. Accepted.
11. Adjournment Bea/Jodi

Next NENC meeting will be July 10th, tentatively.