

NENC Board Meeting Agenda
February 2, 2015– 6PM
University Of Puget Sound – Thompson Hall, Room 193

Call to Order, Adoption of Agenda

Introductions & Welcome

In attendance: Jim Lovejoy, Paula Varner, Kathryn Whitacre, Maureen Goff, Carol Pruitt, Steve Becksted, Greg Campbell, William Zimmerman, Christina Leinneweber, Don Stodola, Ted Coates, Ryan T. Webster, Kirsten Reynolds, Chris Kreis, Craig Tuttle, Mary Tuttle, Anna Peterson, Kyle Price, John W. Jolibois, M. Morford, David Schroedel, Connie Spangler, Ellen Peters, Bea Christophersen, Karen Bowes, Anders Ibsen, Mike Fitzgerald, Jennifer Halverson Kuehn,

Local citizen opportunity to comment

- Who to contact with an issue of code nuisance (electric lights)? Crime: call Tacoma Police. Non-crime: call 311 (Tacoma Cares)
- PODS? Again 311.
- Car Prowls? Anders: Safest.org
- The Proctor... Will there be more buildings like it? Kyle gave an overview of how the current code came to be. Anna suggested the best time to get involved is when the City requests public comment on changes to land use designations and zoning changes.
- Question on tree removal going on Union.

Approval of Minutes

M (Kyle)/ S (Anna)/ Passed

Treasurer's Report

No changes since last. Anna requested Executive Board to meet to submit a budget.

Liaison reports

- a. City Council: Anders Ibsen
 - i. Last council meeting went to 10:45 PM. Public commentary on earned sick time. Finally passed. Will go into effect in a year to establish rules. Policy will address reality of people going to work sick, and public safety issues. Will provide minimum of 3 days of sick time for employee when conditions are met. Tomorrow, we'll be discussing questions around recreational marijuana. Will be complex b/c of the legislative session where there are currently 4 bills being discussed that might change the rules around this issue.
- b. City Manager's Office: Christina

- i. City did adopt Tacoma 2025. Available on the city's website. 7 focus areas that the city will address over the next 10 years.
 - ii. Mayor's State of the City Address will be on 2/25. Need to get a ticket ahead of time.
- c. County Council: John Jolibois, council assistant to Derek Young.
- d. Puget Creek Restoration Society: Steve
 - i. Did we get information that he sent? Re: oddly shaped piece of property next to railroad. Neighbor next to property wants to buy this property. PCRS wants to use that piece of property to build a pond to help salmon habitat. Kyle read letter, and asks Anders/Christina on where the City is with the sale of this property. We need to know what timeline the City is working with so that we can offer appropriate comment.
 - ii. David Schroedel commented on planting that happened at the top of the park. No one seems to be aware of who planted these trees.
- e. Tacoma Fire: Mike Fitzgerald
 - i. Feb 1-7, National Burn Awareness Week. 95% of scald burns occurs in the home. Following rec: lower temp settings on water heater to 120 degrees, install anti-scald devices, create kid-free zones around stove in kitchen.
- f. Tacoma Police: Don Stodola
 - i. Tip of the Month--going to the gym, leave personal items out of sight or at home. When you're going out to your car, be aware of your surroundings.
 - ii. Highlight which stations have an officer at them (substations have volunteers)
 - iii. Chief wants to work on the burglary reduction program. Target is reduction of 7 ½ % this year and 7% next year. Plan is being formulated. Probably 2-3 months until it's finalized. New report states we have the highest per capita crime rate in the nation.
 - iv. Question from Board on number of officers staffing. 3 officers per sector on day, swing is 5-7, graveyard is 5-7, Friday, everybody works: approx.10 people on. Staffing on holidays? Everyone works on days like Independence Day, but not everyone works on days like Thanksgiving or Christmas.
- g. Metro Parks: Mary Tuttle
 - i. Handouts about Point Defiance--Destination Point Defiance. Public Meetings are taking place on the 4th thurs. of each month: 1/29, 2/26, 3/26, 4/23 at the Zoo Education Building at 6 PM. Conversations on the proposed buildings as they relate to program. The concept plan decided on earlier on.
 - ii. Morf reminded SAMI portables will be closed at the end of this year and relocated on the grounds of the zoo (musk ox exhibit area).
 - iii. Board question about what land will be taken away from public use for private business (restaurant, hotel, etc.). Mary states that a more grand plan will be unveiled later, she's not aware of how lands will be zoned for use. Recommended going to website and sending an email and going to public meetings. Current comment seems to suggest preservation of forested areas.
- h. Farmer's Market: Karen

- i. Market is in full Winter season. Next Market is 2/14 from 10-1. Final, 3/14, then starting 3/28, market starts up on a weekly basis.
- ii. Request for additional support for the next upcoming market. Morf asked for a timeline. Karen said she's working on material now, so it would be great to move forward with accurate sponsors. Last year was \$500. Kyle makes a motion to donate \$500. Bea seconded. Discussion lead to Morf suggesting Executive Board should meet. Kyle amends the motion to be postponed pending the budget meeting. Board agrees to talk about this after EC meets.

Presentations – (No more than 10 minutes, please)

Ellen E. Moore, PhD, Communication Culture, Arts and Communication, UWT: Sustainability in the City of Tacoma

- Commission oversees climate action plan for Tacoma.
- Sustainability Expo on 3/7 from 10-3 at the Convention Center promoting a variety of sustainable topics from a variety of presenters.
- Sustainable Works.org -- People will come to your home and do an audit and make recommendations for \$150. If you make changes to your home, you can utilize additional funding.
- Wood Stove Program: www.airsafepiercecounty.org
- Star Community 4 out of 5 Stars. Built environment, economy, education led us to lose the last star
- Next meeting is second Tuesday of every month from 3-5:30 at visibility center

Tacoma Water Superintendent Linda McCrea and Tacoma Power Superintendent Ted Coates: power and water rates for 2015 and 2016

Power needs to be purchased and rising costs from Bonneville Power Admin, Dam licensing requirements, and reliability and compliance costs are leading to high rates. TP has mitigated rate increase by restructuring debt and minimizing operating budget costs. Standard customer is looking at a \$2 increase. Kyle asked why small commercial tends to get the worst deal.

Greg's answer: rates are cost-based.

170,000 smart meters - running a little over ten years old. Not a good ability to replace those. Smart Utility Plan... phased in over the next ten years.

Tacoma Water: First rate adjustment is April 1, 2015 and is estimated to be \$2.64 for a residential property and \$12.36 for commercial property. Rates are increasing because of inflation increases in operation and maintenance costs. TW has mitigated rate increase by restructuring debt, implemented a new asset management program, and built an additional filtration plant.

Laura Rodriguez, Community Engagement Manager, Summit Public Schools: new high school in Tacoma

Will be located at 409 Puyallup Ave., shooting for 105 students, currently enrolling 8th graders, and will gradually add more students for a full high school.

Students who win the lottery w/ disabilities will be appropriately allocated with needed resources. Transportation: ORCA passes. Subjects: Math, Science, Reading, History, and Foreign Languages (currently unknown which languages). Students from anywhere in WA may apply. School is funded through state. now hiring teachers: www.summitps.org/apply

Old Business

Potential new logo being passed around. Soliciting feedback.
New website should be operational by next meeting.

New Business

Community council: NUSA, sending exec. board to Houston, TX. NENC not represented on media committee on tv12. Discussion about pedestrian bridge by freighthouse sq. Aug. 15th McKinley Hill Street Fair. June 14th Pacific Ave. Street Fair.

Adjournment

7:30ish PM

MSP - 8:05.