



NENC Board Meeting Minutes

May 4th, 2015– 6PM-8PM

University Of Puget Sound – Trimble Forum

Board Members present: Jim Lovejoy, Anna Petersen, Rachel Cardwell, Bea Christopherson, Morf Morford, Jenn Halverson Kuehn, Kyle Price. Jim Merritt joins at 6:40. Kyle & Rachel departs at 7:30 PM.

Board Members absent: David Schroedel, Connie Spangler, Jim Bush, Erica Nelson

Liaison & Community members present who signed in: William Kupinse, Anna Kim, Amy Ohlinger, Alma Vargas, Misty Butler, Gail Caldwell, Mario Lorenz, Angie Lokopz, Patsy Tyvand, Anders Ibsen, Liz Glavish (safe streets liaison), Veronica Dykas (TFD/ SS911), Marty Conrad (SS911), Ryan Webster, Joy Brewer, Ellen Cohen, Steve Beckstead (PCRS), Bret Carlstad, Stephanie Breedlove, Joan James, John Butler, Jay & Julie Turner, Lari Ryan, Jean Hoard, Jim Hoard, Mike Fitzgerald (TFD), Andrew Neiditz (SS911), Don Ramsdell, Rebecca Hendricks (SS911), Kace Whitacre, Karen Barnes (Proctor Farmer's Market), Don Stodola (Tacoma Police), Mary Tuttle (Metro parks), Jackie Skaught, Marlo and Robert Oesch, Bob & Virginia Lane, Nigel Turner, Anna Peterson, J Halverson Kuehn, M. Morford, Jim Merritt.

Citizens Opportunity To Comment:

- Marshall McClintock - Board of NSHD. Filed amendment to Comp Plan., Requesting a letter of support from NENC. Planning Commission is now reviewing current zoning. Current multi-family zoning are allowed to continue. New development limited to single family. Requesting comp plan to reflect that change as well. North Slope is currently low-intensity, would like to request for high intensity.
 - KP: This is in line with what we've supported in the past. I'm happy to write it.
 - M/S/P.
 - Discussion around what low v. high intensity means.
- Req. letter by the end of the month. (update: Kyle sent out to board on 5/13, and will send to Planning Commission by end of month)

- Ellen James - Citizen asking about new potential development in the area, by Met Market and on corner of Alder & 26th.
 - Anna Peterson: If a permit has been applied for, you can see them online at the City's website. You can also call the Planning Department.
 - KP: A little history... maybe 5 yrs ago, City reviewed current code, had public meetings, and then there was a new plan adopted based off those meetings. We do get notifications when a variance is requested, but if there isn't that request, we are not notified.
 - Stephanie Breedlove- moved here a year ago, before that process... what can we do to preserve why we love this area?
 - AP: City is currently having workshops around the comp plan. This would be the perfect opportunity to comment.

Morf: Should we have something like this on our website?

Anna/Rachel: Perhaps a link to the City's website would be possible.

- Art on the Ave is coming up: 7.12.15. (11am-7pm) Description of what it will entail. 3 stages. Different sponsorships available. We've received some from Central Neighborhood council, and would like all the money we can get. Dano (from Jazzbones) in charge of the entertainment. artontheave.org, also found at 6th Ave. Business District
 - AP: When you write your letter, could you specify what you're asking for and what it goes towards?

KP: Do we need to tend to any other old COTC financial support req:

- Rachel: Motion to support the Proctor Farmer's Market to the tune of \$500?
M/S/Passed
 - Anna: requested written invoice.
- Gail: Proctor Arts Fest: July 31st-August 1st. 152 vendors coming. New Vendors will be there, including food trucks. Working hard to comply with City's sustainability.
 - Kyle move we give \$1000, Bea seconded.
 - Discussion: We've supported this in the past, this is an event that people in our neighborhood go to. Would be open to an amendment for \$500 now and additional money later.

General consensus, it seems like \$1000 has general support now.

(Jim Merritt arrived at 6:40 PM)

Motion passes.

- Gail: comment about the Proctor Development. Many of us are supportive of this development. It will be beautiful when it's done, and it will help the district grow. We

need to accept this change and unite on how we'll save the small businesses currently there.

- Stephanie: I agree... I want to preserve the small business feel. I'm not putting negativity into this.
- Kathryn Whitacre: I've lived at my address for 41 yrs. I would agree there's a lot of mixed opinion, but one of the positives is that people are finally paying attention. There's been some discussion about potholes and neighborhood blight, but if we can all stay proactive about fixing things with the City so we can decide how things will be implemented. Plug for Nextdoor.com
- Bill Kupinse: Curious about what is happening with this development? Does anyone know what the status is of these other parcels? Rachel Cardwell: I don't know of any permits on file, so I can't answer that question. By state law, city needs to take into consideration projected growth.
- Jim Merritt: Community does not have a design commission. The only DC working is the one at UWT. It raises consciousness of what's being developed in the community. Developers will oppose this. Some architects oppose this. But it's necessary. Recommend calling your council members and requesting it, and start supporting the urban studies program at UWT.
- Kathryn: Can the NENC recommend that this get put together?
- Anna: design guidelines are apart of comp plan proposal. I urge you to go online and voice your opinion.
- Request from citizen that the NENC draw up a letter of support for a design commission.
- Jim volunteered to write the letter. Majority of council supported this.
- JM: Transitional Zoning. Strip development needs to be removed in some areas to create space to live. At least the Proctor development creates new residential and retail space.
- Morf: Any comments, send to chair@nenc.org

Liaison Reports:

Police: Don Stodola--

- Tip of the Month (handout). This month is summertime safety for your children. Proper transportation in the car, safe travels on bike/skateboard, and follow the rules of the road. Stranger danger reminder. Make sure your kids know how to dial 911.
- Updated on West End Alcohol Impact Area, hearing on June 3rd with the Liquor Control Board.
- Burglary Reduction Program, 1912 total burglaries. 37% entry through unlocked door or window. Working with prosecutors office.

Metro Parks: Mary Tuttle

- Volunteer Appreciation Day was a success
- Spray grounds open May 25th from 10-8. Pools open in June

- New Recycling Pilot Program. Solar Powered Trash Compactors. They don't make noise, but they are working.
- Banner Contest for Ethnic Fest - geared towards students. Deadline is May 15th
- May 7th, at 3:30: Ground breaking for People's Community Pool, 1602 MLK Jr. Way.
- Destination Pt. Defiance. May 28th, last of the public meetings. 5-8 pm. Rerouting the entrance, should reduce number of cars. and better for emergency response.
- Jane Clark Park not designated to get a spray ground.

Liz with Safe Streets

- www.safest.org - beyond 502.
- May 23rd. First neighborhood Patrol Party.
- June 2nd- Silent Cyber bullying event at Stewart Middle School. Walk you through the different platforms.

Rachel interjects how our website can help liaisons advertise their events.

Puget Creek Rest. Society - Steve Beckstead

- May 12th 5-8 PM Stormwater Symposium

Fire: Mike Fitzgerald

- March, first recruit class started - 20 ppl. They graduate next month and become probationary firefighters. Some will be stationed locally.
- May 3-9th - National Arson awareness week.
- Seasonal First Safety. Smoke Alarms (handout).

City Council: Anders Ibsen

- This week: budget reappropriations from last cycle
- Gov. performance and finance committee: Click television rates. Proposed 17% increase. It was tabled. There are two committee townhalls. Anders believes we should not lose local control of Click. TPU will be hosting more public forums. They will also host a telephonic poll. Anders is skeptical of the questions being asked.
- Paid Sick Leave Ordinance doesn't go into effect for another 10 months. Currently engaging the community on the rulemaking process. May 14th Wilson HS at 5:30-6. cityoftacoma.org. to voice opinion
- Click is 2 clicks: cable television, and wholesale commercial/residential.

Proctor Business District: Gail

- City is going to increase garbage pick up on Market Days
- Flags up before memorial day
- June 28th, Tacoma Bike Twilight Crit. Larger course to entice higher category of cyclists

Proctor Farmers Market: Karen

- May 16th -- Annual Health and Wellness Event. Vendors from health and fitness backgrounds.

South Sound 911 Presentation (Powerpoint)

Interoperability, a vote of confidence in Nov. 2011, Expectations

- Creation of new interlocal admin. agency. Governed by 2 boards: Policy Board and Operations Board
- 911 & Radio Upgrade Projects: voice logging recorder, Next gen phone system, CAD, PC/Pierce Transit 700 MHz, City of Tacoma 800 MHz,
- 5 Current Branches, 7 Facilities. Some at: S 35th, 945 Tacoma Ave (records), 955 Tacoma Ave (IT/Admin), Fawcett Ave (TFD), Steilacoom Blvd (Fire Comm),
- Review of Planning Process
- Looked at 12 diff. sites. Preferred site is on perimeter of TCC, UP, and Fircrest. 2100 Block of South Mildred.
- Promotion of video on line.

Kathryn Whitacre: cell tower for people who are lost hiking?

Yes, that's a part of they system. Coverage isn't perfect, but all of PC proper areas are covered.

Derek Young - Happy to lend support to South Sound 911, since County will be the credit card for this initiative.

Bea w/ community council report:

- Tax. CC is a 501(c)3. NENC just needs to have an EIN number. Doug will do some research and report back.
- Candidates forum on June 24th or 26th on tv.
- Presenter Susan Odenfrance from library. Budget called for lay offs of 6 ppl this year, 8 ppl last year. RFID in books and materials. New website is coming.

Bea moved to adjorn. S/P.

Respectfully submitted by Jenn Halverson Kuehn on 5/18/2015.