



NENC Board Meeting Agenda

July 13, 2015 – 6PM

University of Puget Sound – Trimble Forum

1. Call to Order: 6:09
 - a. Adoption of Agenda
 - i. motion to include community council report. Kyle Price seconded the motion. Motion Carries.
 - ii. request to those present to sign in

2. Introductions & Welcome
 - a. Community members: Anders Ibsen, Sam Sonju, Eric Sonju, Brian Spindor, Evelyn Mc-, Marva Pelander (Proctor) Ruth Dalenius (Old Town) Nancy Muse (Old Town Bus.), Steve PCRS, Mike Fitz (fire), Cindy Pratt & Guy Pratt (annie wright), Linda McCone, Sue Ford (Proctor Garden), Jim Lockemey, MJ Lockemey, Marty Mayock, Ester Ludwig, Stan Lee, Dean Burke (Tac. Waterfront Assoc.), Jennifer Wynkoop, Susan Nichols, Susan Poole, Arta (UPS student), Kathleen Kelley, Chuck Arnold, India Adams (City Manager's Office), Rod Jensen, Chris Reynolds, Joan James, Lari Ryan, Karen Bowes (Proctor Farmers), Aaron Sonue, Doug Crane, Jodi Cook, Karen Meisenburg, Bruce Hoefft
 - b. Board Members present: Jim Bush, Anna Petersen, Rachel Cardwell, David Schroedel, Bea Christopherson, Morf Morford,

Kyle Price, Jenn Halverson Kuehn, Erica Nelson arrived (6:25),
Jim Merritt (6:30)

c. Board Members absent: Connie Spangler, Jim Lovejoy

3. Approval of Minutes

a. M/S/P

4. Treasurer's Report: Anna Petersen:

a. Beginning balance: \$16,859.84. Six pending checks: 6th Ave Business District

\$500, Proctor Farmers Market (\$500), NENC Insurance Payment (\$383), Art

on the Ave, Market Sponsor. Ending balance \$15,466.84.

b. Rachel Cardwell move to accept, Kyle Price second, Motion pass

5. Citizens opportunity to comment

a. Samantha Sonju, 4Proctor. Independent group. Meeting on May 27th. More than 150 ppl attended. Petition the Planning Commission and City Council to put a moratorium on bld and amend building height. When public comment was sought, the NE Neighborhood Council opposed height increase and sought 45 ft. height restriction. (Passed out handout).

b. Bruce Hoeft, (surfrider, tacoma farmers market), review of expansion at Annie Wright soccer fields. Here to advertise deadline (July 21st) to comment on proposal. If interested in keeping Garfield Park in tact, Bruce has a clip board and would like ppl to sign up for notifications.

c. Question from the audience on the ADU presentation from June's meeting. Anna Petersen commented it was a heads up that draft would be coming out.

d. Rachel Cardwell asked people to go to our website and ask to be added to our distribution list. Most recent email advertised mtgs, one of which was w/ regard to Comp Plan.

e. Question about the public comment period and how long it lasts.

f. Kyle Price gives overview of the changes being discussed. Question around code enforcement. Reiteration to contribute comment to shape pilot project, and final code. Decision hasn't

been made yet. There is a suggested area, but that will be decided by public input. email Elliott Barnett.

- g. Comment from audience on requesting clarification on what letter was written for the North Slope Historic District petitioned our support. Kyle responded that the NSHD was petitioning our support for their requested change to city code. North Slope were pulling down historic homes to put up apt. Request was to make zoning and land use code match.
- h. Morf: Mason Gulch postcard. Puget Park used to be overgrown, but has now become an area attraction. Now thinking of how we can transform Mason Gulch. Mtg happening: Thurs. July 30 from 6-7:30 at UPS Rotunda.
- i. Annie Wright Neighbors: Not feeling as though their comment is being addressed. Is there anything you can do to help us gain visibility? Charlotte Kinlow is the planner they're working with. Feels like attention is only on Comp. Plan. Concerned about drainage if they go from grass to turf.
 - i. Rachel Cardwell asked for a short paragraph that could be sent out to distribution lists to raise awareness of their concerns.
 - ii. Neighbors asked if we'd write a letter.
 - iii. David Schroedel commented he'd be more inclined to invite Charlotte Kinlow to come and speak about the project to understand what decisions are being made and why.
- j. Request to have someone come from City Planning to come speak about the 2nd building in Proctor.
 - i. Rachel Cardwell said we could invite someone from City Staff to come speak about public engagement and how that process works and what citizens should be looking for. Look for those details at our August meeting.
- k. Request from audience on what role NENC has. When feedback is given to NENC, doesn't that count as the public providing input?
 - i. Review of how NSHD was created.
 - ii. Comment about Jim Merritt's letter (design review commission and building moratorium) and why it hasn't been sent. Board responds by saying there wasn't agreement on what that letter should say and that they

want to hear from City Staff about current process around design review before making any suggestions or requests for a design commission to be put in place.

- l. Anders Ibsen (City Councilmember): Difference between administration and planning. Recommend that if you are concerned about a certain issue, the time to get involved is policy. For instance, Comp Plan Review or Transportation Master Plan. Review that City Council and Planning Project does not have the power to reject individual projects.
- m. Kyle Price: One of the positive stories is the Safeway in Proctor. Original design was not in keeping with the neighborhood. People from the neighborhood engaged with Safeway and worked to get a difference design. Anders Ibsen: Starbucks was also a business affected by neighborhood input.
- n. Morf Morford: First Rule of Community Engagement is to not give up.
- o. Jim Merritt: Commentary on Design Commissions all over the area. We could model one so that it fits our area.
- p. David Schroedel: The things we are talking about has nothing to do w/ Design Review. That's Zoning. If it's the feel, that's one thing... but size and scale issues are decided by zoning.
- q. Meeting established for Monday, July 20th at 6 PM to discuss Jim Merritt's letter.

6. Liaison reports-

Request to send written updates to RC. Reports will be included in minutes.

7. Review of Innovative Grant Applications

- a. North 30th & Alder Pedestrian Activated Crossing Beacon. Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB), innovative and effective.
 - i. 100 cars per hour turn left during peak traffic times.
 - ii. Cars pass on right side and cross over into bike lane--incredibly dangerous.
 - iii. Washington Elementary School does not provide busing. Two existing signals are at Mason and Old Town.

- iv. Request to put in safer pedestrian crossing. Total cost: \$16,817.08. (20 min). Jennifer Wynkoop
- b. Proctor Entrance Signs - Marva Pelander
 - i. Requesting funding for a 2nd and 3rd Proctor Entrance Sign. Original intent in 2010 was to have 4 of those. Introduce a business district for traffic calming purposes. Arch duplicates that at Wheelock and Washington. Continuity of district feel, considerate of space issue.
 - ii. Grant request \$14,419.20. US Bank Corner (SW corner of entrance), the other at Washington (NE Corner). Letters of support can be obtained. KP: Street occupancy permit? Closes Sept. 15th. Original permit covered the 4 signs.
- c. Tacoma Waterfront Association -- Dean Burke
 - i. Formed in 2006. Some guys came together to represent the waterfront. Tacoma, is about 21 miles of shoreline. South: Narrows Marina to North: Dash Point Park. Dean joined the board a year ago. Decided better communication was possible. Trying to mobilize their voice as much as possible.
 - ii. Request is \$4000 for better website. KP: Access to the waterfront is one of our priorities. Can we provide feedback to guide new website to include wayfinding to waterfront? DB: Yes.
 - iii. Question from the board on what would happen if TWA is granted money from another neighborhood council. DB: said he would notify us of that but also would provide info on how any money allocated from NENC Innovative Grant would be/ could be spent.
- d. Proctor Garden: Linda McCone, 21st and Proctor.
 - i. Has 52 plots. Metro Parks recently replaced the fence. Became a part of Harvest Pierce County. More formal organization w/ dues. Set out to accomplish bigger project. Crowning glory: build a shed to store tool and equipment, w/ overhang to conduct classes and meetings. Has been awarded \$1500 from Spark Grant. Need to build the shed. Bequest from a member of \$1000 (for more boxes for more gardeners). Already built 4 raised beds and rented those out. Would like more raised bed, but number one

priority is a shed, which will be under 45'. KP: building permit? LMcC: Don't know.

- ii. Request: \$4012
- e. Old Town Business District Banners: Nance Muse, Ruth Dalenius
 - i. 27 signs. New Project Budget includes production costs. 32 x 18 in. on sidewalk sides. Organization carry liability insurance? Yes, through cross-district association. Signs will be produced by Sign Language (a local company) (\$406 +tax). Questions around cost of labor? We'd need a letter from the City stating signs could be installed with volunteer labor. street occupancy permit? If needed/not needed, would need to be verified.
 - ii. Requesting \$9,275

Conversation around how money will be allocated. Kyle Price: Propose that we fund the crosswalk, fund the garden, fund the waterfront effort. Fund one of the Proctor signs, and as many of the Old Town Signs.

\$15,250 North 30th & Alder Cross walk
\$4012 garden
\$7210 proctor signs w/ feedback
\$6528 old town signs w/ city feedback
\$2000 for Tacoma Waterfront

Totaling: \$35,000.

Rec. on 3 projects, and will advise on the other two when we get that info.

DS: would like to find out how much it would cost to put a bulb out on crosswalk project.

AP: need to move fwd w/ projects as proposed.

KP Motion's: Propose as tentative funding, old town, proctor, waterfront org., rec is to fund cross walk and garden. Tentative for proctor 7210, 2000 for waterfront, and 6528.

Motion seconded by bea

AP: move to fund first three projects, then after receiving update on waterfront and old town, decide how we'd split that money.

KP: going to refuse that amendment

Final numbers will be decided at August meeting.

Vote: All in favor of tentative proposal with one nay vote (Anna Petersen).

BEA: No report from Community Council.

M/S/P for Adjournment at 8:47 PM

Respectfully submitted by Jennifer Halverson Kuehn