



NENC Board Meeting Agenda August 3, 2015 – 6PM
University of Puget Sound – Trimble Forum

1. Call to Order, Adoption of Agenda

- a. Morf Morford calls the meeting to order 6:06 PM with a quorum (RC, DS, JHK, BC, MM), Erica Nelson arrives and Jim Bush at 6:09 PM
- b. JHK move to accept. BC seconded. All in favor.

2. Introductions & Welcome

- a. Community Members and liaisons: India Adams, Chuck Arnold, Kathleen Kelley, Paula Varner, Nathe Lawver, Mike Fitzgerald, Don Stodola, Mary Tuttle, Lari Ryan, Jennifer Wynkoop, Matthew Kerns, Nicholas Carr, Brian Spindor, Margaret Demick, David Sweet, Robert Thoms, Steve Beckstead, Judy Michalk, Barry Mascarenhas, Tara Doyle Enneking, Karen Bowes
- b. Board Members: Morf Morford, Rachel Cardwell, David Schroedel, Jenn Halverson Kuehn, Bea Christophersen, Erica Nelson, Jim Bush

NOT present: Kyle Price, Jim Merritt, Anna Petersen, and Connie Spangler

3. Approval of Minutes

- a. Minutes sent to Board by Jenn Halverson Kuehn on July 21, 2015.
- b. No changes. M/S/Passed

4. Treasurer's Report

- a. not submitted

5. Liaison reports

- a. Don Stodola, Tacoma Police: Tip of the Month, mail security. Chief's Burglary Rate reduced by 50% over same time last year. Tomorrow is National Night Out, Tacoma's Ruston Alcohol Impact Area--comment period has been extended to August 19th. Would ban malt liquor, fortified wines... cheap liquor.

- b. Mike Fitzgerald, Tacoma Fire Department: Monthly Series handout on the table. National Night Out tomorrow--over 70 invites to community events. Chief asked him to remind everyone the outdoor fire threat is very high. Clear leaves, remove vegetation, and anything flammable should be moved away from structures.
- c. Mary Tuttle, Metro Parks. Waterfront phase 1 near Point Defiance. Interim trail is closed to Peninsula Park (11 acre park). Master Plan reading on August 10th at 5 PM at headquarters. Comments welcome. Voted on August 24th. Phase 1 includes improved parking and entrance will be improved, contaminated dirt removed. Park will remain open. Grilling ban in place because of dry conditions.
- d. India Adams, City Manager--
 - i. National Night Out tomorrow.
 - ii. Construction Trade Occupation--18-24 yr old residents, every wednesday at 2 PM at Reach Center, Apprentice, 253-448-8285
<http://www.workforce-central.org/regional-strategies/key-industry-sectors/construction/career-exploration/tool-center>
 - iii. Clean Up listed on city's webpage, iadams@cityoftacoma.org,
- e. Steve Beckstead, PCRS--Boardwalk, still looking for general contractor to oversee project.
- f. Nicholas Carr, Derek Kilmer's Office, Tacoma Outreach Office, leave some cards, wanted to say hello.
- g. Tara Enneking, City Council District 1 candidate
- h. Robert Thoms, Land Use--Comp Plan, pay close attention to that. Clean Up for this neighborhood is this saturday at Jason Lee from 10-1:30. If anybody has concerns about marijuana, please let him know. Plan is to close the illegal stores.

6. Community Council Report

- a. Bea Christophersen, \$383 of insurance--we voted on internet liability \$52.70 additional cost. New fire station in tideflats. Shoreline fee can be used to improve a nearby area that helps public access. Discussion about Click--they want more than one option. New crosswalks--additional funds (\$1.5 million have been added), National Night Out tomorrow. New billboard signs. Reiterated where signs for campaigns can go and when they need to be taken down. New brochure for neighborhood councils.

7. Innovative Grant funding recommendations

- a. Rachel gave an overview of projects and advises that we actually have an extra \$1000 than we planned for at July's meeting.
 - i. N 30th and Alder- provided info on additional costs, looks like could be an additional \$5K or \$10K. Original request was for crosswalk only at \$15,250, but we wondered what it would cost to add bulb outs.
 - ii. Proctor Entrance Signs- adding additional signs, one in front of US Bank at 26th and Madison, and in front of Washington Elementary. \$14,419. July we recommending funding ½ of that for one sign. Proposal did not provide permission from bank/school. To date, we don't have letter of permission from

either. School will be meeting on it tomorrow. US Bank's legal dept is drawing up licensing agreement removing them of any liability.

- iii. Tacoma Waterfront Association requested \$4000 for website. In interim, West End Neighborhood Council has awarded it fully. We've since received request for additional \$ to help them maintain site.
 - iv. Proctor Community Garden
 - v. Old Town Business District Banners, questions around if signs can be installed by someone not employed by city--answer is yes. Additional \$ for street occupancy permit
- b. David sent an email a couple hours ago suggesting changes to original proposal.
- i. TWA has received full funding from another neighborhood council, which means the \$2000 we tentatively allocated to that project is now free.
 - ii. Proctor has not provided property owner approval, but will probably get it in the future. Propose following similar model as when we helped finance first Proctor sign. Focus on one sign, and fund half of that, which would free up additional dollars. Proposed \$4205 to that project.
 - iii. With respect to the crosswalk at N 30th and Alder, we could put in at least one bulb out, and Councilmember Thoms said additional funds could be requested. Propose money that was originally allocated to TWA and Proctor signs be reallocated to the sidewalk project so that bulb out(s) could be added. Curb ramps meet code, so really we just need to focus on bulbouts.
- c. Rachel believes we should stay at the table for the TWA--since we have a responsibility to help people find the waterfront considering how much of the shoreline is in the North End. Bea thinks the website isn't a tangible thing and doesn't think it's a good use of money.
- d. David moves that we allocate the innovating grant funding as proposed up on the screen: \$20,255 to N 30th and Alder crosswalk, \$4,205 to proctor signs, \$4,012 to Proctor Comm Garden, \$6,528 to Old Town Banner Signs.
- e. Rachel amends motion to add an additional thousand to TWA. DS seconds, motion passes.
- f. Board votes on amended motion, all in favor. 7 PM.
- i. Final allocation of \$36,000:
 1. N 30th and Alder Crosswalk: \$20,255
 2. Proctor Signs: \$4,205 (contingent on property owner approval)
 3. Proctor Community Garden Shed: \$4,012
 4. Old Town Banner Signs: \$6,528
 5. Tacoma Waterfront Association Website: \$1000

8. Program – Neighborhood Council 101, Back to Basics

Rachel introduces why we thought this would be a good overview of the neighborhood council program at previous meetings. Review of boundaries, and who gets to sit on the council (all residents and employees in the boundary), board members are elected. Review of Duties

and Functions--reminder that comments about the process are welcomed by council, but that we are not the correct forum for the actual public comments. We are the forum for consideration of the things affecting conservation, improvement, development of property within the Council area. Undertake projects to benefit their neighborhood.

Letters of support--timeframe and consensus varies depending on issue. Interaction at meetings. City council and staff are present at every meeting. Carol Wolf reminds everyone how important it is to provide comments in writing. We can't be everywhere and we're volunteers. Verbal conversation and perceived feelings don't always get communicated to the right party.

Carol mentions that city allows us to be independent, funds us at \$4000, works with us, but each group is allowed to establish own by-laws, actions plans, etc. to hold them accountable for the direction they've established. Formal way to get to neighborhood class dialogue. Meant to be a little messy and unclear. Correction: casual.

Comp plan aug 19th, planning commission, 5 PM, in council chambers. can attend and give testimony. You have until aug 28th to get written comments in. 747 market st. room 345, planning commission. Those are the ways you can have an official comment.

www.cityoftacoma.org/Planning, or <http://www.tacoma2040.com/draft-plan.html>

9. Citizens opportunity to comment (no more than 10 minutes, please)

a. no comment

10. Adjournment

David Schroedel motion to adjorn at 7:35, RC seconded, all in favor 7:36 PM.ic