



## NENC Meeting Agenda January 4, 2016 6pm Trimble Forum - UPS Campus

1. Call to order, adoption of agenda—Morf calls the meeting to order around 6. Board members present: Brian, Anna, Jodi, Morf, Jim M, Rachel, Kyle, Jim L, Erica, Bea, Jim B
2. Introductions and welcome—small crowd on this cold night, maybe just 5 people other than liaisons and the full board
3. Approval of Minutes--approved
4. Treasurer's Report—Anna presented the budget. There are some questions about the budget, like with whether or not to keep Vikram, our web designer, on retainer. Budget was approved as presented. Our number is \$5,890, which is \$1,890 over budget for 2016.
5. Liaison Reports
  - a. Anders from city council—Click: the city is exploring an all-in model, which makes Click more like a business that will compete in the market, mostly focused on fiber network. Will citizens have a chance to look at the business plan? Will it be set up for failure? There are two new people on the council, Keith and Connor. It's a budget year. Ban on plastic bags? Too preliminary to say much, even about where the bag fee will go. There's still some uncertainty with the billboard issue. There will be more to come. Most of the

street money will be going to private contractors. Kurtis will be looking at the longer-term plan. Maybe he'll come talk to us about it. Can there be a "Welcome to Tacoma" sign that people crowd fund? Talk to Anders or India if you are interested. Other sign questions, like what's allowed, see Anders. Anna said you can also contact Planning staff.

- b. India from the city manager's office—take the survey if you're interested in commenting on bag ban. It ends mid-January. Minimum wage issue phase-in is coming February 1. There was a question about what percentage of our waste stream is bags. There is no real answer, but Anders says the city's goal is sustainability. Reduction is key to that goal.
- c. Steve from TFD—January is national blood donor month. Emergency safety, like for earthquakes or tsunamis, is important to plan for. Check your smoke detectors. Proctor Station 13 is reasonably staffed, despite cutbacks. Station 14 on Gove is also still staffed.
- d. Adrian from TPS—Our high schools were labeled as drop-out factories. But we're up to almost 83% graduation now, which is much better. TPS keeps kids until they're 21 to try to help with graduation. We're 5.4% ahead of the national average. Stadium was 90%. Wilson was 93%. Wilson earned a School of Distinction award, only high school in the state. There could be some boundary adjustments coming because of Wainwright opening. Hoyt will be a preschool. What plans are there for traffic safety? Rachel has a grant in the West End at Geiger to work on traffic issues, so that work might end up being a case study.
- e. Mary from Metro Parks—Fort Nisqually is closed until March because of some remediation. There's also a master plan going on. Go to [destinationdefiance.org](http://destinationdefiance.org) to comment. Comment before February. Two new parks coming for human-powered watercraft, along the Foss. Conservatory is looking at expansion and renovation. There are four design options out there. Hoping to move forward in February with architects. They are hoping for wedding venue improvements, bathrooms, horticulture events. It's also a historic structure. The expansion will be \$4-6 million. Parking is an issue. Nearing the end of the mission-led comp

plan. There are meetings coming in February to help look forward with new plans. Accessibility is an issue.

- f. Brian from the Citizens' Police Advisory Committee—There are 11 seats in the group with diversified groups represented. There are still two open spots on the panel. Interested? Apply through the city's website. Interviews are on February 11. The body camera issue is one they're grappling with. They meet on the second Monday. There's a Project Peace initiative.
  - g. Dan from TPD—There are numerous openings for officers. Encourage good people to apply. It's a good department, so we do already get applications from around the nation. Join up! Burglaries are down, car prowls are up.
6. Citizens opportunity to comment (no more than 10 minutes, please).—no comments
  7. Officer elections—Susan Ryan asked to be appointed to the board. She was appointed unanimously. Jill Jensen asked about board seats. There's space. She was appointed unanimously. We are now up to 13 people on the board. Out of 15. Kyle nominated himself as Secretary, Anna as Treasurer. Morf nominated Brian as Vice Chair. Anna nominates Morf as Chair. Rachel moved that we accept the nominations. The slate of officers is approved.
  8. Discussion and confirmation of calendar suggestions—the discussion was a little free ranging. There was some discussion about the role the NENC plays in the neighborhood. Do we take positions? Do we bring people together to listen and be engaged? When do we take stands? Again, make sure you're on the board roster!
    - a. February—design commission and business district character (Brian and Jim M organize)  
--tree briefing (Kyle and Erica will organize)
    - b. March—Kurtis Kingsolver (Kyle invites)
    - c. April—follow up from February design talk (Jim M and Brian organize)
    - d. May

- e. June
  - f. July
  - g. August—Cushman substation tour (Jim M will invite)
  - h. September
  - i. October—candidate forum
  - j. November—board elections
  - k. December—year in review
9. Approval of 2015 budget—approved during the Treasurer’s report.
10. Community Council Report—did not meet in December.
11. Adjournment 7:30ish—There was discussion about having the liaison reports next time but no question time. Our retreat will be the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday in January, which is the 25<sup>th</sup>. 6:00. Rachel will be in touch about the room. Or it could be a dinner spot. Morf will be in touch.

Adjourned at 8:48. Wow.