



NENC Public Meeting Agenda
March 7, 2016, 6pm
Trimble Forum - UPS Campus

1. Call to order, adoption of agenda—approved with the correction of Kurtis missing
2. Introductions and welcome—board members present—Jodi, Rachel, Bea, Anna, Morf, Brian, Kyle, Erica, Jim M, Susan, Jim L, Jim B along with about 35 people in the community. Welcome everyone!
3. Approval of Minutes -- approved
4. Treasurer's Report - nothing to report, but we're still waiting to be reimbursed from the city for fronting the Proctor Garden grant
5. Liaison Reports
 - a. India Adams from the city—there's the plastic bag meeting coming at the city. There's a city services expo on May 7. It's an opportunity to connect with different city services. iadams@cityoftacoma.org
 - b. Marie Berhart from TPS—increased enrollment of minorities in rigorous classes. We've won awards for increasing enrollment for underserved groups. Santorno was voted woman of the year in education. TPS is hiring. Check it out if you want to work in the schools. TPS was honored by the chamber as a healthy place to work. There's a family and community learning academy at Jason Lee. The process at Hoyt continues, but the full program may not start until fall.
 - c. Lincoln Correa from Fire—Poison prevention week is coming in March. Be aware. They also have some info about LNG. Keep objects away from heaters. Keep a three-day supply of water handy in case of emergencies. There's an earthquake drill in June.
 - d. Anders Ibsen from city council—methanol application has been postponed. He's been having conversations with Proctor about traffic

and parking and growth. No comprehensive traffic study in Proctor since 2007. A study is about started about it, likely in late March and early April. There are concerns about traffic through neighborhoods to avoid the main parts of Proctor. The study is mostly about the commercial core. What about overflow parking? There's not a clear plan for that yet, but the city is aware of the issue. Although it's a parking study, there's some consideration about putting a traffic safety study with that. That could also help the safe-route-to-school program. Some city council members are attending League of Cities. Is that like the Halls of Justice? Mason Gulch was purchased from Tacoma Water a few years ago. There's now a native species plan that will help with storm water and also preserve views. There was some explanation of permitting. There's a list of city council projects on Exit 133. The city is looking at how they manage people living in their cars.

- e. Dan Still from Police—JBLM now will require fed ID to get in. It's also coming for planes in 2018.
- f. Tacoma Commission on Disabilities—2nd Thursday monthly 4:00 at TACID. They want the city to be more accessible. They are an advocacy organization to help make the city more accessible. Contact them if you bump into things. They are a resource. Can the signs be more positive?
- g. Reggie from the Proctor District—Spring Zing is coming. Jr. Daffodil parade is Saturday, April 16. 10,000 people if the weather is nice. 20th Annual Arts Fest August 6. Another 10K people for that. District occupancy is virtually full. Rainier Cycle building houses Peaks and Pints and is coming late spring. 46 business members. The second Proctor sign is coming to a corner near Washington. Good things afoot.

6. Old Business –

- a. Committee Reports – Outreach met – they are trying to reach out to PTAs and principles and scout groups. Any suggestions for North End geographic groups? The group is looking to build relationships with groups and to build the liaison pool. The main traffic is on the Facebook page rather than the website. Communication met also, so there's some crossover in info here.
- b. Beautification met – There will be a dumpster in the North End both at UPS in May and in the North Slope, probably in August. There was an ask for groups that might like to have a tree planting project. The board approved \$1,000 for a public art program, conditional on approval of the art selection process.

More old business...

- 4Proctor letter requests (2) – One letter is about a traffic study. The other letter is about a moratorium. For the traffic study, it's already happening. There's the parking part that's happening. But what about transition time through Proctor? It's possible to measure. What is the extent of the study? Boundaries? The area is not set in stone yet, but can include a wider area. The safety

component can be included. Can we see what is included before it starts? Is there an impact of off-street parking? Is off-street parking part of the study? Brian asked if we can see the study, in a formal way, and make comments in case there are parts of the study or boundaries of the study that don't make sense to us. Jodi asked about the upper limit of population density for Proctor. What's the area's maximum capacity? There's Vision 2040, but it doesn't micromanage the exact growth. Vision 2040 sees 200K more people living in Tacoma, which seems unlikely, considering our growth in the past...Anders gave some background about the coming traffic study and some general info about growth. Please contact Anders and India if you want to add your two cents to what you think the plan should be. Also, Anders says he can get us the working draft. Anders says he's tracked our concerns about safety and wait times and boundaries. Brian proposed we write a letter to Anders and Kurtis asking to see the draft of the traffic plan. Motion passed. There was a comment about placing specifics in the letter. Brian will write the letter.

- 4Proctor is asking for a letter on height moratorium. Jim M suggested a moratorium on the height bonus program. Kyle asked for a full moratorium so we aren't saddled with an ugly, massive 45-foot building. Susan agreed with Kyle. Jim M pushed also for design review, but he's concerned that there won't be much accomplished in a six-month moratorium. There was a question about the legality of a moratorium in Proctor. Anders did not know if that's legal. Jim B had a concern about a small moratorium having a chilling effect on development and investment. Brian supported the request for a short moratorium. He wants to see the city and community and designers have an opportunity to work together to shape the neighborhood through design. Jim M is concerned about our timeline for public input. Could Proctor be a test case for design review more broadly in the city. Anders says the moratorium idea is designed to address emergency situations that were unexpected. He doesn't think a moratorium is warranted in this case since what's happened has been expected. He also said the traffic study is not connected to a moratorium or to any change in code. There is a Proctor Plan that's already out there. Rachel will try to post it for us. She also wants to see us engage more with the PDA since the businesses have done a good job with the district already. Erica wants us to consider the districts across the city. She says there are people who like and don't like the historic district in the North Slope. Susan wants to craft some letter that speaks to smaller buildings and wants us to have a say. Anna makes a motion, seconded, that we take a vote on whether or not we support the 4Proctor letter about a height moratorium. 5 in favor (Susan, Brian, Jodi, Jim M, Erica), 5 opposed (Kyle, Rachel, Anna, Jim B, Jim L), one abstention (Morf). Brian asks for a letter in support of a full six-month moratorium on new buildings in Proctor MUC pending a design conversation. Seconded. 4 in favor (Brian, Kyle, Susan, Jodi). 7 opposed (Rachel, Anna, Morf, Jim B, Jim M, Jim L, Erica).

7. New Business –

- a. Cushman Substation – some neighbors presented some questions. It's something that can have a lot more input. Morf will get it on the agenda.
- b. Grant PTA – They are Tacoma's elementary Center for the Expressive Arts. Their auction is April 30 at Foss Seaport. They dedicate funds to the backpack program. They want us to donate to the program. Susan makes a motion that we donate \$500. Rachel asked that we amend the motion to make it \$1,000. Susan denied the change but countered that we commit \$500 this year and \$500 next year. Kyle voiced some concerns that we're supporting a charity that isn't exactly in the purview of the board. Rachel says we should spend our money. Jim M wants there to be a time where we investigate it rather than making the decision on the spot. Please review the backpack project. The Grant PTA will be coming back next month. Motion tabled.
- c. Proctor Market asked us to sponsor the market again. \$500. We can expect a letter from them as well.

8. Citizen's opportunity to comment (no more than 3 minutes, please).

9. Community Council Report

10. Adjournment 7:30ish

Coming Attractions:

Special guests will give examples of effective community Design Commissions.

KPLU's Jazz Host Robin Lloyd and KPLU's Director of Content Matt Martinez.