

**NORTHEAST TACOMA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

NE Tacoma Police Substation, April 16, 2009 – 6:30 p.m.

Board Members Present: Hayes Alexander, Sue Baldwin, Chuck Buzzard, Jim DeJung, Victoria Doyle, Ken Fengler, Kim Henderson, Jerry Pischel, Jennifer Raymond, Rick Ryan, Rhonda Steinman, John Thurlow, Rene Warren, Marion Weed

Board Members Excused: Bill Lonergan, Arill Berg, Whil Basea, Dete Brunner

CALL TO ORDER: John Thurlow, Chair called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

APPROVE MINUTES: The minutes of March 19, 2009 were approved as modified, submitted by Rhonda Steinman, Recording Secretary

ACCEPTANCE OF TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer's report approved as submitted by Rene Warren, Treasurer

CITY / SCHOOLS / PARKS STAFF REPORTS:

Neighborhood Council Coordinator: Elton Gatewood

He received a total of 4 innovative grant applications from NE Tacoma totaling \$23,800.00. There will be a City staff review, and their critiques made available in a month or so. The grants will be submitted for Council approval in August.

City Liaison to NETNC: Matt Peelen

Applications are available for "Big Splash" grants of up to \$2500 each for community collaboration projects focusing on surface water education, protection, and restoration. Applications are due 15 May. Information and grant applications are at: www.cityoftacoma.org/makeasplash. Brochures are at the TPD substation.

Tacoma Police Department: CLO Helen Steiben

Lt. Gustason is moving to a night commander position. T/Lt. Rob Jepson will become the One Sector commander (includes NE Tacoma as well as downtown, Hilltop, and the port), and will be our senior contact at TPD. The rash of burglaries in the area has dropped off slightly in Tacoma. The burglars have moved to Federal Way, Auburn, and Puyallup. There were 15-20 burglaries in NE Tacoma in the last two months (not limited to any particular area), and in the new areas there are sometimes two per day. The CLO advised to "Please!! Document serial #'s of expensive items in your home (stereos, TVs, laptops) and take pictures of your jewelry and silver. If something is stolen and ends up in a pawn shop, it can be traced."

Tacoma Fire Department: Phil Ferrell, Deputy Fire Marshall

There were a total of 3214 calls for service in March, 93 of those were in NE Tacoma. Tacoma Fire's accreditation project is 92% complete, moving on schedule. Pamphlets distributed and available at the TPD Substation are: '72 Hour Comfort Kit' (emergency preparedness) and 'Move right for Sirens'. Free CPR training is available – two courses are offered each month through September; you must register to take a class – information at: 253.594.7979.

Metro Parks: Jose Gorospe, Jr.

Gorospe introduced Phil Marr, who has been at the Centre at Norpoint for a year, as the new director. The grand re-opening of the Centre at Norpoint after its upgrades is April 23rd from 4-7pm. Landscaping changes on the front side of the Centre provide more air flow to the building, protecting the siding, and are more natural and water-efficient. Contractor selection for the Browns Point Elementary School ball fields will be 22-23 April. The Sea Kayak Symposium, smaller than last year, is at Owen Beach is 15-17 May. The Centre will hold its Summer Bash on August 29.

Anders Ibsen: Safe Streets

[via email] "I will be conducting next month's free Safe Streets block watch 101 training at the Northeast substation. It will take place on Tuesday, 5/26 at 6 PM. Anyone interested in attending can RSVP at 253-272-6824, or call my cell (253.380.4840) for more information.

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PROGRAM:

Browns Point Blvd. Sidewalk Project: Kim Scatarella

The sidewalk project at the curve in Browns Pt Blvd. , extending ~600 ft. from just west of the Crescent Heights Grocery Store to the existing sidewalk at about 1305 Browns Pt. Blvd., will begin in August and is estimated to complete by the end of 2009 (weather-dependent). NETNC worked with the City to obtain the just over \$59,000 that has been allocated for this project. A future extension, funding-dependent, would take the sidewalk to 33rd St. NE.

Norpoint Park Update: Kristi Evans, Metro Parks Tacoma Planner

Evans reviewed the plans for Phase I of the park development, including re-designing and moving the skate park to front side of the site. These plans are based on the public meetings and steering committee meetings (NETNC was represented), including two meetings with active skateboarders. The Ph. I park design focuses on “adventure play” and includes features that may not be affordable within the bond money available (\$1.1M), but Parks won’t know until bids come in. Review is underway to scale features within affordable limits. The project will go out to bid in November, and construction is planned from January through June, 2010. . You can contact Kristi at 253.305.1054 or Kristi@metroparks.org.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Innovative Grants: Dete Brunner –Refer to comments by Elton Gatewood
- Communications Strategies: Newsletter – Marion Weed – We need more advertising to ensure continuous publication of NET News. There is enough money for another issue, and the committee is working actively to seek new and renewed advertisers. She asked for help from NETNC members.

OLD BUSINESS:

- The proposed Bylaws changes were approved by unanimous vote of those present and eligible to vote (including a quorum of the Board).
- The Council re-affirmed support for three NUSA conference participants from NETNC: Victoria Doyle, John Thurlow, Marion Weed (who will divide evenly the funding available from NETNC’s budget and the Community Council of Tacoma’s support).

NEW BUSINESS:

- Chuck Buzzard and John Thurlow will explore organizing regular coverage of NETNC meetings on Browns Point Radio (1700am, streaming on www.brownspointradio.com), potentially through a combination of selected items discussed from the minutes and recordings of selected presentations. Selections would consider the effect of such coverage on controversial topics.

NEXT MEETINGS and ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Next Board Executive Committee and Planning Committee meeting: Thursday, May 7th, 2009 at the police substation, 6:30 pm.
- Next Board and General Meeting: May 21, 2009, 6:30 pm, police substation. Program to be announced.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.