



South End Neighborhood Council

Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

March 6, 2023

1. Call to order & Chair's Welcome

- a. Andrea Haug called to order the regular meeting of the South End Neighborhood Council at approximately 7:04 PM on March 6, 2023, via Zoom and welcomed all members.
- b. Board Member Roll call - Andrea conducted a roll call.
The following Board Members were present:
Andrea Haug, Tony Caldwell, Emily Hernandez, Cheryl Kopec, Rachel Wilkie,
Absent: David Thompson,
- c. Vote on approval of previous minutes. Amendment to remove Emily from the role call. Emily motioned, Rachel second.
- d. The current agenda was approved.

2. Community Announcements/Comments/Concerns/Questions

- a. Community announcements/comments/concerns are unrecorded due to technical difficulties.
- b. Zac Mathews, IT Manager at Tacoma Public Library. Announced Woman's History Month, Saturday, April 22nd at Fern Hill
- c. April Smith – 75th & McKinley having problems with garbage, was cleaned up with six bags of trash. Already being trashed. Reported to 311.
- d. Sandra Blueberry Park – Person living in 5th wheel, Andy spoke to resident who owned the RV and she was aware that they have a timeline to get it moved. Should be parked in the apartment complex, not on a public street. Trucks are lining up to unload, but the street is blocked. Andy will stop by and speak to the owner again. Sandra thanked Andy and Hazel. Blueberry Parked safe streets meeting Thursday at Life Christian Fellowship Church at 6:30. Will have the CLO and code report. Mr. Smith will speak about neighborhood patrols.
- e. Suzanne Marten – The Eastside Community Center is hosting a food services center and summer jobs for youth presentation. Salon Day is every Saturday from 1-3 p.m. Last Saturday, there was a photograph session. They will be doing an art show. This is all free.

Elliott Barnett, City of Tacoma Senior Planner brought Alyssa Torrez.

Home in Tacoma project - Affordable Housing. – has been going for a couple of years. Shaping the future of housing in Tacoma. Changing the City's rules for the type of housing that can be built in neighborhoods. Growth and the cost of housing is high. 40% of Tacoma households pay more than they can afford. Tacoma has a housing crisis. Tacoma has been working on an Affordable Housing Action Strategy (AHAS). Objective 1 – More homes for more people; Objective 2 – Keep housing affordable and in good repair; Objective 3 – Help people stay in their homes and communities; Objective 4 – Reduce barriers for people who often encounter them. Home in Tacoma is part of Objective 1.

Phase 1 - December of 2021, Council found rules on type of housing that can be built is not helping with the housing crisis. Changing zoning rules to allow mid to low scale housing sizes.

Phase 2 – Implements Tacoma's new housing growth vision. Find housing that is compatible with the neighborhoods. Three primary questions: How can Middle Housing complement existing neighborhoods? Sizes, transitions, trees. What's needed to support housing growth? Infrastructure, water, power, sidewalks, streets, trees. How can we promote affordability, ownership and anti-displacement? Create a broader range of housing prices. Reviewed a map of the housing maps. All views are welcome.

Round 1 was January to February to have housing equity champions. Conduct and environmental impact statement. Will have an Ideas wall where people can go online and post a comment.

Round 2 will have in-person neighborhood meetings in April and May. Goal is to have a presentation to Council in 2023.

Esther Day – Post cards were not seen by homeowners. Everyone needs to know. Pierce County buildable lands report says we have so much vacant land that we do not need it. Need homes, not ghettos. We do not need triplexes and duplexes. Voters need to vote on this.

Ralette – Is there an impact study on how the small lot housing is going to affect the middle housing homes that are in place. If we build an ADU on our lot, will there be a tax break. Middle housing does not reduce the pricing of current property values. Trees, demolition of other buildings, changes are all part of the changes.

Rachel Wilkie – Not opposed to increasing density. It can be done well, but it has to be monitored. Personal experience was the incentives being offered to developers to build low income housing. You do not have to build a parking garage. Cars went everywhere. Need to ensure homes have two car garages per dwelling.

Cheryl Kopec asked if the in person meetings will also have on line options.

Judy and Brett put the comments in the chat.

Alyssa Torrez, Senior Planner atorrez@cityoftacoma.org

Leave your thoughts and ideas here:

<https://engagepiercecounty.mysocialpinpoint.com/home-in-tacoma-ideas-wall/ideas#/>

3. Liaisons Extraordinaire (3 minutes each) South End news we can use.

a. Tacoma Fire Department – Tory Green

March 19th is National Poisoning prevention week. 90% of poisoning occurs in the home in the kitchen and bathroom. Lock up medicine and cleaning supplies. Have a working carbon monoxide detector in your home. Tacoma Police Department takes expired subscriptions at takebackyourmeds.org.

b. City of Tacoma Neighborhood & Community Services Department (NCS)
Allyson Griffith, 253-591-5119 - agriffith@cityoftacoma.org

- i. Serves as liaison to this neighborhood council. Questions about trash removal should be directed to Allyson.
- ii. 75th & McKinley – 72nd & D – have not been full encampment removals. There is vehicle enforcement. Asking staff to increase clean up efforts and provide Allyson photos to make sure standards are being met.
- iii. Holy Rosario – safe parking site. Catholic Community Services is operating the site. Opening next week. Serve up to 40 individuals and up to 20 vehicles (cars, trucks, vans, trailers) will run 90 days and may introduce RVs after 90 days.
- iv. Inclement Weather Operations – Rescue Mission at Holy Rosario through end of March. Site has avg of 38 people sleeping overnight.
- v. Catholic Community Services expanded capacity serving 22 people on average during severe weather.
- vi. 82nd & Pacific – Served 93 individuals and housed 33 individuals. Everyone at the site is engaged in case management and working on housing.
- vii. 35th & Pacific – low barrier tent location in operation since November. Community Advisory Committee meetings held every 3rd Thursday from 5-6:30 at Holy Rosario, but moving to 35th & Pacific.
- viii. Code Compliance Update through February 161 open cases, compares to 207 open last month. 73% were nuisance, 7% were building and 20% were graffiti.
- ix. Cheryl Kopec asked about contracts with community providers so they know what funding and metrics are needed.
 - 1. Allyson mentioned the public records act, but also happy to take email.

c. Tacoma Police Department – Lieutenant Katz – not present

3701 South Pine is accepting old medicines. Used to have boxes at substations but now is located at the headquarters building.

Nuisance Vehicle Enforcement – Want to make sure that every action, especially to un-housed, Ordinance states if three of the following, extensively damaged, inoperable, very old, then can post a 24 hour notice and can tow the vehicle. But if

someone is living in the vehicle, TPD will get with NCS and the Heal team and within 7 days try to get them into services. IF that does not work, will post the 24 hour notice. Folks are receptive to services.

In a CALEA year, reviews practices of law enforcement agencies (accreditation).

They are seeking public comment about the police department.

Assisting Multicare with a gun buy back at the end of Child ___ month. April 30th from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Last month, Chief Moore provided an update on the police plan. Phase to increase focus and work with groups like SENCO.

TPD is hiring and seeking about 40 open positions. Looking to hire 50-60 officers this year. Hiring bonus.

d. Tacoma City Council District 4 – not present

Deputy Mayor: Catherine Ushka - cushka@cityoftacoma.org – not present

e. Tacoma City Council District 5 – not present

Council Member Joe Bushnell – jbushnell@cityoftacoma.org

f. City Manager's Office

Joe Franco, jfranco@cityoftacoma.org – 253-242-0512 253-594-7948

- i. Mayor Woodards is having State of the City Address on March 16th at Mount Tahoma High School. Will be televised and virtual.
- ii. City of Tacoma.org website is seeking improvements.
- iii. Seeking applicants for High School Pedestrian advisory commission– seeking citizens from District 5.
- iv. Seeking applicants for sustainable Tacoma commission.

g. Safe Streets

Darren Pen, 253-272-6824 – dpen@safest.org

- i. Cleanup on Saturday, March 25th from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Will post on Facebook.
- ii. Wapato meeting – had a meeting
- iii. Thanked Patti and Judy for cleaning trash and for planting trees.
- iv. Town Hall meeting for State legislative Saturday, March 18th from 10 a.m. to noon. Will post on group Facebook. In 2022, South end has participated a lot we have 27 neighborhood groups, clean ups collected 150 trash, total hours is 385 hours. National Night Out was completed. Neighborhood walkabouts for cleanup and Litter Free 253,
- v. Besides group meetings, joined South End Neighborhood Council, LIHI and other groups. Estimated over 10,000 hours of citizen hours volunteered. 911 traffic, Solid Waste, Health Department, Vision Zero, Fire Department, and many other agencies. Elected Officials: Senator Conway, m City Council Member Joe Bushnell, Walker, Ushka. Pierce County Council Member Ryan Mello.

4. IV. Committee Reports

a. Finance Report - Cheryl Kopec

- i. February Savings Balance: \$2,125.68
- ii. February Checking Balance: \$13,016.53
- iii. 2/8 \$500 deposit – donation to green space mural project from Local Ironworkers
- iv. 2/15 \$8,000 from City of Tacoma
- v. 2/19 square space
- vi. 3/1 zoom
- vii. 3/5 Amazon Prime \$153.32
- viii. Reminder that expense forms are on the drive for when money is spent.

b. Outreach Report

- i. Last Saturday had tree planting behind 72nd and D. Amazing amount of people. Rachel reported every person that signed up was there. We know 64 and counted 100. Neighborhood was beside themselves.
- ii. Grant money to paint mural this spring in May or June. Leading to a block part on June 24th with live music and food trucks.

c. Bylaws Report - No report

- i. Next month looking at getting the committee active again.

d. SNAPs Report

- i. Coming up
 - 1. Walking Tour #13 Saturday, March 11th at 9 a.m. meeting at the park & ride off of 56th and Alaska on the North end. 5550 South Alaska Street. Litter tools will be available.
- ii. Litter Free 253
 - 1. Saturday, April 22nd, 9am – 11am. Volunteers are needed. If you are interested in being a leader email litterfree253@gmail.com and let us know where you are interested.
 - 2. Darren asked for the new flyer and will share it at the Safe Streets meeting. Andrea will email the form to Darren.

5. New & Old Business

- a. Form 990 will be completed for taxes by March 31st. Cheryl will have to call the IRS to clarify what needs to be filed. Andrea may have the short form that needs to be filled.
- b. Onboarding update – new board members are taking on new things. We have a board vacancy. Welcome anyone who lives or works in the South End. <https://senco253.org/apply/>
- c. Checking account still need to add Andrea.
- d. Brett Johnson is interested in paying more attention to the state Legislation and a safety rally. Health & Safety for the community in general. 72nd & McKinley business owner and resident concerned about safety and crime. Meeting with local officials and know they are doing everything they can do.

SENCO has Laurie Jenkins and Senator Conway in our area. Organize a rally to address the issues at the capital. Andrea states this falls under Health and Safety.

Next meeting Monday, March 3rd at 7:00

Cheryl moved to adjourn and Rachel seconded.

Chair adjourned meeting at 8:35 p.m.