South End Neighborhood Council
Meeting Minutes

April 3, 2023

1. Call to order & Chair's Welcome

   a. Athena Brewer called to order the regular meeting of the South End Neighborhood Council at 7:08 PM on April 3, 2023, via Zoom.
   b. Approval of the minutes from the last meeting & current agenda. Motion by Cheryl Kopec seconded by Tony Caldwell. The current agenda & previous meeting minutes have been approved.
   c. Athena conducted a roll call. The following persons were present: Andrea Haug, Tony Caldwell, Rachel Wilkie, Melissa Knott, Cheryl Kopec, Emily Hernandez, David Thompson, Judy Ly. The following were absent: Ralette Churchwell, Eric Paulsen

2. Community Announcements/Comments/Concerns/Questions

   a. Community member: Write253- Mike announced 4/15th event www.tacomawayzgoose.com at the Moore Library. Used to be at Kings Book Store. 11 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. 30 vendors selling books and activities. Steamroller printing. 9 artists including Lincoln High School.
   b. Community member: David Thompson – Food is Free Director. April 22nd at Peace Lutheran Church selling flowers to raise money. 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Food giveaway every Thursday at Hope Point Church starting at 11 a.m. for approximately 2 hours. 6511 South D Street. Food Rescue on Tuesdays at 11am Hope Point Church 6511 S C St. Food rescue for tomorrow has been rescheduled to Thursday at 11am.

3. Liaisons Extraordinaire

   a. Troy Green, Tacoma Fire Department. Remind everyone to move to the right and stop when you see sirens and lights. Providing a handout in the chat.

   b. Allyson Griffith of Neighborhood & Community Services. Safe parking site at Holy Rosary is delayed. Target opening Monday. Cars, vans and trailers. No RVs. Maximum of 40 people. *Cheryl asked if that will impact the drop off site for Tacoma Rescue Mission.* Allyson will get back to Cheryl. 82nd & Pacific site is serving 90 individuals. 35th & Pacific is still full and has the longest waiting list. Code compliance has 162 open cases compared to 161 last month. Expect month over month cases will increase. Private property abatements at 8839 Pac Ave; 8866 and 8870 C Street; 8423 C Street. If you have private property and want to enroll

in the graffiti removal program, the City provides free removal.*Tony Caldwell commented regarding 72nd & Hosmer cleanup. City did an excellent job and it is appreciated. Also, the graffiti around the city is getting worse. Noticed that a lot of the writing is similar.* Allyson stated this was a WSDOT cleanup and she will forward the appreciation to them. Lieutenant Katz can speak to the graffiti issue. *Esther Day reported the park & rides having issues and asked for status.* Allyson stated that WSDOT called her and obtained more information.

c. Lieutenant Jeffrey Katz Community Policing. Asked that if you see graffiti to report it to Tacomasafe.org and they prioritize graffiti that has any biased component to it. Is aware of the Park & Ride situation and are working on a plan. Held several coffee and conversation events. The next one is April 14th at the Starbucks at 38th and Fife. Working with Multicare on a gun buyback program https://www.cityoftacoma.org/UserFiles/Servers/Server_6/File/cms/Police/NewsReleases/March%2030%202023.pdf. Safe Place initiative (https://tacomasafe.org/) is designed for businesses to be a safe place for bias related crimes. TPD is hiring. Looking to hire 50 people. $25,000 hiring bonus. *Esther thanked Lieutenant for working together with the homeless encampments.* Contact Lieutenant Katz if you have any events you would like him to attend. *Andrea thanked Lieutenant Katz for the event.*

d. Joe Franco, City Manager's Office – Currently seeking applicants for the City Events and Recognition Committee. Applications due on April 6th. Public Hearing for the amendment for the Comprehensive plan tomorrow April 4th at 5:30 (City of Tacoma site Shipping container usage, delivery, electric fences. April 12th from 6:00 p.m. Tacoma Arts Commission. South Sound Sustainability Expo April 22nd on UWT campus at Tollefson Plaza.
https://cityoftacoma.org/cms/One.aspx?portalId=169&pageId=213368
TPD Hiring/Recruiting: https://reflectandprotect.org/
TPD Safe Place Initiative: tpdsafeplace.com

e. Council Member Joe Bushnell District 5 – went to WA DC Washington League of Cities. Community & Economic Development Advocacy Committee and Asian Pacific Municipal Officers Committee, Military Committee. Spoke to Representatives to gain funding and support for initiatives. Cambodia New Year celebration at Asian Pacific Cultural Center. Over 1,000 individuals attended. Passed a community $14,200 for the project. *Wheel Joe Franco, jfranco@cityoftacoma.org, 253-242-0512*
City Events and Recognition Committee Info: https://www.cityoftacoma.org/government/committees_boards_commissions/city_events_and_recognitions_committee
Public Hearing and Info Session for Land Use Code and Comp Plan: cityoftacoma.org/2023Amendment
South Sound Sustainability Expo: southsoundsustainabilityexpo.org
Pass the Torch, Tacoma Poet Laureate Celebration: April 12, 6-7 PM, Livestream on Facebook @TacomaArtsCommissionstops are going in this week.

f. Darren Pen was not available but Andrea provided email dpen@safest.org.

4. Committee Reports - Andrea presented new format for committees.

   a. Treasurer Report presented by Cheryl Kopec
      a. Checking balance is 10,873.42 and savings is $2,125.77
      b. Transactions were reviewed.
      c. Zoom fee; Safety vests; buckets and decals, and Amazon Prime Membership – Cheryl is disputing the Amazon charge.
      d. A new Google Doc is showing transactions: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1ijVVxyiSFP2MAtdv6dGVasXjkdWXsWAoe6r5 pibGr7s/edit?usp=drivesdk

   b. Outreach Report
      a. Litter Free 253 – City wide event 4/22 9 a.m. – 11 a.m. Dumpster locations: Alene Park; Wapato Park; 84th & Pacific meeting outside the Hosmer Goodwill; Blueberry park; Firstation; Lincoln District; Stafford Elementary; Walgreens At South 84th & Pacific. Andrea thanked everyone who are setting those stations up.
      b. Tacoma Tool Library – in 2022 we received a grant for litter supplies. We have a litter kit for each neighborhood council. Two kits will be donated to the Tacoma Tool Library for people to check out. Working out the details on this program.
      c. SNAPS – Alling Parking Walking Tour April 8th at 9 a.m. meeting at Alling Park sign on the corner of S 61st St & S Sheridan. Event is 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Go to the website to see the walking tour schedule. Check out the website for future dates and locations.

5. New & Old Business

   a. Executive Team usually meets the Third Monday. Switch the Executive meeting to an all board meeting. This means all of the board will be informed.
   b. Squarespace – there are three months of square space cleaned out.
   c. Andrea needs to be added to the checking account.

6. New Board Member Vote - -Poll. Received application from Isaac Pennoyer. Andrea called for a vote to have Isaac join the board in seat #8. 15 votes and a majority approved Isaac as a Board member. Welcome Isaac to seat #8.

Rachel Wilkie shared that the tree planting event on 72nd & D was completed. 64 people turned out. The next phase is to obtain concrete bumpers to protect the trees and deter people from driving over the trees. Will retrain the neighborhood to parallel park beside it. Expect the murals to go in May once the contracts are completed with the City. Rachel & Andrea looked at the NW corner of 84th & Hosmer. Wrote a grant to obtain the funding, in the oldest map of Tacoma is where

Lakewood, Unincorporated Tacoma and Tacoma. Found it is owned by unincorporated Pierce County. They will do a survey to establish the ownership. Will move forward with a smaller area and the upper level. Will take a year or two to get the trees in place. Councilmember Ushka and Councilmember Bushnell were very helpful. Email a letter of support to the SENCO email.

Next meeting is Monday, May 1st at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. Received inquiries for in person meetings, but still concerned with illness. Looking at hybrid meetings.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.