

**Eastside Neighborhood Advisory Council of Tacoma
Board of Directors Meeting
Pool at Stewart Heights – 402 East 56th Street
Minutes**

Call to Order: 6:35pm

Attendance: Bill Weatherby, Moya Joubert, David Cantlin, Jesse Hart, Roxanne Murphy, Edwina Magrum, Natalie Dam, Mary Ann Miller, Becki Jenkins, Jesse Hart, Catherine Ushka-Hall, Jim Jones, Becky Fontaine, Nancy Davis, Kimberlie Lelli and Roxanne Murphy.

Minutes: Move to adopt the Jan. minutes with the correction of Lee Britt from Fire Dept. not Gene Williams. Second. Passed. Moved to adopt Exec. Committee Minutes. Second Passed.

Approval of Feb. Agenda: Moved with the change of Rogers to the top of the agenda. Second. Passed.

Reports:

Chris Cleggman, City of Tacoma: the graffiti flyer is being translated in to some other languages and is almost ready for distribution. Speed humps in the Stewart Heights Area won't be installed until this summer.

Elton Gatewood: Announced several meetings happening in the next week. Innovative Grant applications at the City of Tacoma or on the city's website.

Michael Bradley, Metro Parks: Kids Reach at Portland Ave is a free tutoring program 3-5pm Mon.-Thurs. It is sponsored by World Reach. The volunteers are both adult and high school aged. Wapato Lake will have another study next month.

Robin, Public Utilities: The Dec. storm was the worst in history – loss damage to equipment as well as poles. She had some information on generators and compact fluorescents. She also shared a tax resource particularly for those who speak Eng. as a second language.

Treasurer's report was given. We anticipate our new allotment from the city soon.

Presentations:

Concerning the Sale of Rogers: Catherine has had some conversations with Crossings whom states that they are not going to provide social services at this site. However, on Monday of this week a van was seen in the Neighborhood giving out things with a sign that indicated they were home. Kurt Miller, school board representative, came to talk about the sale of the building. The sale is not final until Dec. 2007. Kurt took a few questions around the building. At this point the only new thing that can stop the sale of

the building is the City of Tacoma. The buyers can make some improvements to the building according to the sale of the building. A concern was raised that a roof was being put on the building today. Kurt has agreed to follow-up on this concern and let us know. Kurt agreed to follow up and security of the lower lot. Our best point of impact at this point is the work with the city regarding the re-zoning conditional use permit. Catherine shared a message from City Council Member, Rick Talbert regarding the Rogers property. Catherine shared her experience in trying to meet with them. This appears to be a legal issue and we should let Rick Talbert finish the work he has started in this area and vote to support something at that point.

Election of Board Officers: Moved that accept the names for Secretary, Treasurer and Parliamentarian. Second. Passed. Jesse Hart was elected Vice President.

Paint Tacoma: Sallie Shawl brought the applications. The program is for low-income seniors or low-income disabled. She asked for us to help with application distribution. They are due by April 15th. They are also looking for volunteers.

Community Benefits: Not addressed due to scheduling conflict.

Mixed Use: Donna Stenger came to talk with us working with us on this issue and is asking us to co-sponsor a public meeting. Moved that we co-sponsor the mixed use-planning meeting at this location on April 2 from 6:30-8:00pm.

Citizen Forum: no comments

Old Business

Update on newsletter via the schools: Natalie Dam has had some conversation with Sheri Shelton. We may need to find a different avenue for this newsletter.

AIA presentation at COT on 2 22 at 4:30PM. The board will approve writing a letter to City Council acknowledging our support of this project. Edwina will try and attend to represent us.

Paint Supplies: \$239.74 have been purchased and delivered to the police substation.

Math Initiative Update: Parents, school and community resources have talked about how to make Math a fun learning experience. All the middle schools on the Eastside have the math scavenger hunt packet. They need us to thank business who are supporting this effort and share the word with business if they are not.

Retreat Plan: for the board only. Moved to approve up to \$1,000 including notes for the board retreat. Information will be mailed out in advance to board members. Board retreat is March 5 at 5:30pm at the LaQuinta.

New Business

City of Tacoma and Accountability: during the budget process there has been some concerns raised by city council regarding accountability of neighborhood councils. Some changes would include a minimum number of members, length of term. Moved that we write a letter to the City Manger, Mayor and city council that includes our long term relationship and our need to represent the neighborhood. Second. Passed.

Nuisance Revisions: This has already been before city council.

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Hillsdale: Michael Mira from THA will be back to make a report to ENACT.

Salishan Alliance is looking for a liaison to serve on their coalition to address companies like Quadrant that want to build homes in our neighborhood.

Adjourned 8:40pm