



**Eastside Neighborhood Advisory Council of Tacoma
Board of Directors Meeting
Stewart Heights Park – Splash Room – 402 East 56th Street**

Meeting Minutes for 11/19/2007

I. Call to Order - meeting started at 6:30 pm. The October meeting minutes were adopted as written.

Attendees: Catherine Ushka-Hall, Jesse Hart, Moya Joubert, Edwina Magrum, William Weatherby, David Cantlin, Nancy Davis, Becky Jenkins, Jim Jones, and Roxanne Murphy.
Liaisons: Christian Clegg, Gene Williams, and Elton Gatewood.

II. Reports

Treasurer's Report was given by Edwina Magrum.

Neighborhood Advisor Report was given by Elton Gatewood. He discussed the time extension for one-time grants, the Bloomtown proposal, and woodstoves (handout distributed).

Fire Department Report was given by Gene Williams. He discussed being careful with holiday decorations. The Fire Department Chief and Barb Young discussed and distributed a handout on the Fire Departments Strategic Plan for 2008 – 2012.

City Liaison Report was given by Christian Clegg. He distributed City Councilman Rick Talbert's card and encouraged people to call Rick with neighborhood issues such as rezones.

II. Presentations

1. Letter from Pierce County Council Member Calvin Goins – Catherine read the letter concerning the counties open space program. She said she would forward the letter to all Eastside Neighborhood council members. Christian responded that the city of Tacoma was implementing a similar program (open space management plan).

2. Tacoma Farmer's Market – Roxanne Murphy has been meeting with the Farmer's Market group to try to encourage them to put a farmer's market in the McKinley Business District. She asked for everyone's help by asking them to sign a petition saying they would patronize the market if located in the McKinley area. It was recommended that Salishan be encouraged to sell their produce at the market.

3. Metro Parks – Doug Frasier discussed **Stewart Heights Park**. There is a \$1,000,000 budget for construction that should begin summer 2008. Parks has held 3 community meetings to get input from the neighborhood and park users. The police substation will go on 56th so the driveway will need to be shifted east. There will parking improvements; a new exit; skate park will move closer to the substation; more centrally located playground, picnic shelter, and restroom; general upgrades to the athletic fields; perimeter pathway; and improved lighting.

Portland Avenue Park will get a new playground area; parking will incorporate Rugby Club ideas into the design; upgraded athletic fields; shelter area; performance stage; and building improvements.

4. Eastside Neighborhood Council Business

- One time grants – A motion was made (Nancy motioned and Edwina seconded) and passed to accept the six one-time grant proposals as presented to the Eastside Neighborhood Executive Council.
- By-Laws review – a handout was distributed with the recommended changes bolded. The recommendations were reviewed. A motion was made (Bill Weatherby motioned and Jesse Hart seconded) to accept the recommended changes except for those issues that would be further reviewed in January 2008 (section 6F). The motion passed (one nay).

III. Citizens Forum

- Question about the speed bump on 60th street.
- Concerns about Rogers area land use changes.
- Public Safety meeting on the Alcohol Impact Area.

IV. New Business

- Finish up the work on the previous one-time grants – when will it get done?
- Graffiti on the Eastside – some perpetrators have been caught, much discussion on how to handle graffiti, ask Lt. McAlpine to review the graffiti issue for the Eastside Council, Nancy suggested an Eastside council meeting on the issue and maybe get a panel of experts.
- The Holiday Potluck will be December 17th at 6:30 PM. A motion was made (Nancy Davis motioned and Jesse Hart seconded) that at least \$150 of the Eastside Council funds be allocated for the potluck for meat and soda purchase. The motion passed.

V. Good of the Order – We still have 2 vacancies on the Eastside Council so we will have a follow up election in January 2008.

VI. Adjournment - 8:16 p.m.

Submitted by: Moya Joubert – Eastside Neighborhood Council Secretary