



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

Meeting Minutes for 11/17/08

I. Call to Order - meeting started at 6:30 pm.

Members Present: Jesse Hart, Kimberlie Lelli, Becky Fontaine, William Weatherby, Becki Jenkins, Nancy Davis, Jane Dudley, Natalie Dam, Bill Mattox, Laura Rodriguez, Sahara Chea, and Lynnette Scheidt.

Liaisons Present: Matt Peelen, Elton Gatewood, Michael Bradley, Lt. Shawn Stringer and Gene Williams.

Becky Fontaine, our moderator for tonight's Economic Development Panel explained the rules and guidelines for how the questioning will be conducted.

The minutes for October were adopted as written.

II. Reports

Neighborhood Advisor Report was given by Elton Gatewood. He has been most of his time on Budgets and Funding. **City Liaison Report** was given by Matt Peelen. He informed the Council of upcoming City meetings. **Police Report** was given by Shawn Stringer. Sector 4 crime is down. **Metro Parks Report** was given by a Michael Bradley. He distributed event calendars and gave an update on park bond issues. **Fire Department Report** was given by Gene Williams. He talked about fire safety and brought handouts for the group. **Tacoma Power Report** was given by Robin Ward. She talked about money coming back from Bonneville to be returned to rate payers. **Treasurer's Report** was distributed as a handout. Current balance is \$6,750.93. A motion to accept the treasurer's report was adopted.

III. Eastside Economic Development Panel

The meeting was turned over to Becky Fontaine to moderate tonight's Economic Development Panel. Four city officials were invited to sit on the panel, however; City Manager Eric Anderson was unable to attend. The remaining panelists were: Police Chief Don Ramsdell, Community and Economic Director Ryan Petty, and City Councilman Rick Talbert. Opening remarks started with Chief Ramsdell. He introduced other police officers who were present: Assistant Chief, Bob Sheehan, Lt. Shawn Stringer and CLO Don Williams. He reported on crime on the Eastside. City Councilman Rick Talbert went next with a report on the city involvement in Eastside Economic Development. Director Ryan Petty was last with a report on the Tacoma Business District Program. He acknowledged the presence of Bob Levin, Carol Wolf and Roxanne Murphy all of who participated in Economic Development. Becky Fontaine asked a series of questions pertaining to our business districts – Portland Avenue and McKinley Hill – two of the business districts participating in the program. Favorable responses were given by all panel members and it appears that good things will be happening in the future.

IV. Citizen Forum

Roxanne Murphy reported on the burned building on McKinley. John Puryear reported on recent activities in the Pacific Business District.

V. Old Business

Nancy Davis explained an amendment to the Bylaws pertaining to filling vacancies. The amendment allows for the President to appoint a member to the Board within 60 days of a vacancy. The amendment was adopted.

VI. New Business

Lynnette Scheidt gave a report on the outreach committee pertaining to recruiting new board members. Becky Fontaine gave a report on the finance committee pertaining to grant applications. The proposal that she submitted was approved by the Board.

VII. Good of the Order

Moni Hoy, Safe Streets, informed the Board that he is working on getting a new Mobilizer for the Eastside. In the mean time we should contact him. Jane Dudley reported that Blix Elementary School was looking for volunteers to help in their Santa store. Kimberlie invited everyone to attend our Christmas Festivities next month. Laura Rodriguez reported on holiday activities being sponsored by World Vision. Sahara Chea reported on church activities each Wednesday. Len Thompson reported on cleanup in her neighborhood

VIII. Adjournment - 8:35 p.m.