



Eastside Neighborhood Council of Tacoma  
Board and Community Meeting August 17, 2009  
South End Community Pool

**I. Call to order:** President Jesse Hart called the meeting to order at 6:30.

**Members Present:** Jesse Hart, Lynnette, Becky Fontaine, Jane Dudley, John Puryear, Natalie Dam, Roxanne Castleman.

**Board Members Absent:** William Mattox, Lisa Miller, W.J. Weatherby, Katja Rimmele, Laura Rodriguez

**Liaisons present:** Elton Gatewood, (Neighborhood Councils) Matt Peelen, (City Representative) Shawn Stringer (TPD Lt), Michael Bradley (Metro Parks)

**II. Reports:**

**Treasurer's report** was handed out, a motion was made to approve it and it was seconded.

**Shawn Stringer TPD** gave us statistics on crime: 548 burglaries since Jan 09. In July 90 30 percent decrease overall.

**Elton Gatewood (Neighborhood Councils)** upcoming Neighborhood Council Conference at Evergreen State College.

Innovative grants would be voted on by City Council on Sept. 22nd.

**Matt Peelen (City of Tacoma)** John Puryear asked why there are no parking spaces at Wapato Park. Matt explained it was because of gang activity and the surrounding neighbors have permits to park there. It is a test program.

**Michael Bradley (Metro Parks)** 1500 backpacks were given out from World Vision. He has a group of Youth Corps workers in need of jobs to do. He talked about the progress at Portland Ave Field.

**Committee Reports:**

**Safety and Clean-up:** Lynnette talked about the goal is to get crosswalks at every school. The property at 38th and Portland is in serious need of clearing before school starts.

**Bylaws:** Becky said how things are going smoothly and they have not been completely gone through yet. She asked Elton for an electronic version of the other neighborhood council's bylaws.

**Economic Development:** Roxanne explained how Marty Campbell and Carol Wolfe had come to the meeting and were great assets. Their concern is Portland Ave. businesses and how they can help renew the area. What is going to be done with Gault School?

### **III. Presentations:**

#### **Durham Busing**

Brooke Felton/discipline officer

Told us they drive 1.8 million miles each school year. Safety is first and foremost. Have a good relationship with your child's bus driver. The ticket for not stopping for a bus with the lights going is \$394. They would like to partner with our Safety committee to get the word out about safety issues. Their contact #'s are:

Chris training director 606-7456

Brooke Felton kid issues 475-0334

Their boss Bob Kahl 475-0334 cell 255-2367

3212 So Sprague

#### **Jim Colburn/City of Tacoma/Land Use Administration Planner**

Wanted the public's help in creating the cities 5 year plan. Gave out a survey for all to fill out and hand in at the end of the night. Talked about how their funds in the past paid for South End Pool, Portland Ave Park, and the Incubator on Portland Ave. They decide where HUD \$ goes. For the years 2010-2015 Someone said they would like to information in at least 3 other languages.

#### **Fred Chung Division Manager Fleet Services/City of Tacoma**

Safe and Clean Team/Car Prowl

He handed out flyers that they put on cars which say "If I was a thief I would have stole these things out of your car. Gave us some good tips on types of people to look for and call it in.

### **IV. Citizen's Forum:**

None

### **V. Good of the Order:**

None

### **VI. Old Business:**

None

### **VII. New Business:**

None

**Meeting Adjourned 8:05**