



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

Meeting Minutes June 18, 2007

I. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 6:35 pm. May meeting minutes were adopted as written.

Attendees: Catherine Ushka-Hall, Jesse Hart, Moya Joubert, Edwina Magrum, Natalie Dam, Becky Jenkins, Jim Jones, Rose Jones, Bill Weatherby, and Roxanne Murphy.

Liaisons: Christian Clegg, Lt. Kathy McAlpine, Gene Williams, Michael Bradley and Elton Gatewood.

II. Reports - Officers, Committees, Liaisons

Treasurer's Report was given by Edwina Magrum and was accepted by the Board.

Clean-up Committee –Edwina Magrum gave a summary handout, some volunteers are still needed. A lingering issue is the trashy state of some apartments on the 1700 block of 56th St., so the board voted (Edwina Magrum motioned and Bill Weatherby seconded) to send a letter to the owners of the complex to clean up and another letter to the city to enforce the nuisance code at this apartment complex.

Communications Committee – Roxanne Murphy reported two new ways to communicate through the schools and the THA newsletter.

Jim Jones distributed handouts about the Innovative Grants and revised nuisance codes.

Neighborhood Advisor Report - Elton Gatewood emphasized that the Innovative Grants are due June 22nd.

Fire Department Report was given by Gene Williams – TFD is getting ready for fireworks issues associated with July 4th and a new fire station has opened in our area.

City Liaison Report was given by Christian Clegg – he stated that the city is striving to communicate better through the neighborhood councils and he gave more information on the new nuisance code .

Police Department Report was given by Lt. McAlpine – she discussed the Sector 4 substation location stating that more information will be available at a meeting on June 28th @ 5:00 pm at the Tacoma Municipal Bldg, Room 248. In addition there was considerable discussion about the number of calls for service in this sector (considerably more calls than the other sectors but with the same number of police officers). There are a minimum number of officers right now because of recruitment difficulties and training timeframes. Lt. McAlpine wants people to know that this issue may result in longer response times.

III. Presentations

1. THA's Hillsdale Project and Salishan Update

Steve Clair (Hillsdale Heights) – gave a June 4th to July 20th clean-up timeline consisting of brush, fence, and shed removal. To help keep the site clean new fencing and “No Dumping” signs will be installed. He mentioned that the community will be involved in planning the development, a Hillsdale Heights website is currently being developed, and construction is expected to take place from March 2008 to December 2008.

Michael Mirra (Salishan) – Phase II construction has started and is expected to be done by 12/31/09 and the Salishan Shine Project is to include 3 pedestrian bridges, outdoor art, and recreational equipment.

2. Update on proposal for Rogers Elementary site – Greg Helle informed the board that the permit application has been submitted to the city and it includes street and parking upgrades, school use for

grades K – 3, and other routine church activities. Any variation from this planned use would require another permitting process.

3. Portland Avenue Overlay – Dan Soderlind gave a map handout showing the area of the project. The overlay will be preceded by a TPU main replacement project. The project will take approximately 60 days during 2007 summer to overlay Portland Ave. between 29th and 38th. Another project in the area (on 49th from Portland to the T St. Gulch) will take about 4 months and will include street, parking, and drainage upgrades.
4. McKinley Street Festival – will take place August 11th from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm, flyers and a website offer more information, school supplies and backpacks will be available for school -age children, and the Animalocity Parade will take place at 4:00 pm.
5. Innovative Grant's recommendations
 - Elton says that the Portland Ave. Stage Project does not qualify as written – the focus needs to be on streets. The board voted (Jim Jones motioned and Roxanne Murphy seconded) to send a letter to the applicants of this project to show our support in finding other funding for the stage.
 - The board voted (Edwina Magrum motioned and Jim Jones seconded) to approve two projects for funding – the 60th Street Improved Lighting and the Lyons Safe Street Group speed bump.
 - Elton Gatewood explained the difference between One-Time and Innovative Grants.
 - Discussed improved lighting for the area around 941 E. 52nd (site of drive-by shootings) but the grant needs to be written and then someone from the neighborhood must sign it. Edwina Magrum made a motion to amend the first grant vote to include these lighting improvements (Bill Weatherby seconded). The board voted yes to include the 52nd Street lighting with the other two approved grants.
6. June 30th Clean up – Edwina Magrum gave a summary of the clean-up plans and Christian Clegg explained TPU's Call-to-Haul.

IV. Citizen Forum – no comments

V. Old Business

NUSA updates – Jesse Hart gave out a written report, Jim Jones and Becky Jenkins gave oral reports about the conference.

VI. New Business

The Eastside Neighborhood Advisory Council annual picnic will be on July 16 (a Monday) at 6:30 pm. A committee was formed to help with planning and set-up.

VII. Good of the Order

National Night Out will be on August 7th. The NNO package will come from Safe Streets. We decided that Council members would be most effective in their own neighborhoods versus centrally locating near Stewart Heights.

VIII. Adjournment - 8:39 pm.