

**ENACT+ General Meeting
November 17, 2003**

Reports:

Roxanne Miles, Metro Parks:

Distributed Parks Today.

Madison Park Snake Lake issue: Metro Park Board opposed increasing land use intensity change that had been applied for by developer.

Survey: Trails and Neighborhood parks rated high on public survey, along with maintaining existing parks and programming for all ages. Report will be available early 2004.

Tacoma Police Dept.

Lt. Standifer:

- Homicide on Tacoma Aye, GSW to head, suspects being investigated, drug related.
- GSW to trick or treater, assumed gang related.
- 1745 E 43 clandestine lab team served warrant, bldg. boarded up.
- 8605 Pac. Ave. Evicted 4 apts. With cooperation of landlord
- New Happy Days market, Officer Frantz communicating with business re: paraphernalia laws and ephedrine laws. Business now in compliance.
- Info about low jack stolen vehicle recovery program.

Chief Ramsdell:

Commended Standifer for bringing info to meeting.

Resident: Break in concerns; neighbor saw teen breaking in, called 911, no response. Teens had been seen roaming neighborhood, called 911 2 more times with no response. Called CSO with no response.

Ramsdell: Will look into matter to see why follow up didn't happen.

Resident: Noticing increase in gang activity.

Standifer: CLO's working with Tacoma Cares for graffiti removal, TPD aware of increased activity.

Nancy: Known gang on safe streets and neighborhood watch aware and discussing issue.

Ramsdell: will look into undercover options, over 100 meth labs in Tacoma this year, still 24 offices short, working to hire to replace proactive programs lost to staff shortages. Recruiting again in January. Hiring PR specialist to improve communications and improve WEB site. Personally assigned vehicle programs being analyzed for cost effectiveness. Community Oriented policing training provided to operations personnel.

Elton Gatewood, City of Tacoma:

Innovative grants update, Stewart Height Park clean up completed.

McKinley Business District scheduled to be done by spring.

Robin Wubenna, Tacoma Public Utilities:

New computer system on line, new account numbers being assigned. LED Christmas lights for sale \$10 a box.

Presentation:

City of Tacoma and Puyallup Tribal Casino

Impacts on street and I-5

Arterial improvements from Grandview to Portland on 32nd street with traffic signal at Portland Avenue with left turn lane on Portland. Left turns from 32 will have to yield. New bridge over Lister gulch. Summary distributed. 32 to be 3 lanes, including turning lane. Sidewalks, landscaping, Street lighting will all be added on existing easement, no encroachment on private property.

Resident: what will happen to fences, steps and banks, water meters. etc.? What is the start date?

Tribe: Projected to start in summer of 2004, road improvements will take 3 to 4 months. Bridge will take 6 months. Speed limit will be 30 MPH, there will be on street parallel parking.

Resident: Will traffic be employees, customers or trucks?

Tribe: probably employees and trucks. Street will be improved to handle larger vehicles.

Resident: Who will own the street? Why have residents had no input?

Tribe: City will own the street and this meeting is for presentation of project and there will be public hearing to follow. Tribe will use ENACT as primary communication with public.

Resident: Parking provisions during construction

Tribe: We will come up with something.

Resident: Traffic control on R Street recommended, possibly a 4 way stop.

Tribe: There will be a stop sign on R. 32nd to remain thru street.

Robert Frances: Concerned neighborhood streets unable to handle increased traffic and no money for improvements.

City: John Weimer in previous meeting said tribe would provide annual amount for potential maintenance projects.

Resident: Does tribe have plans to close currently exits from the casino?

Tribe: R Street between 28 and 29 will be closed. Improved exit will replace. No plan to improve R Street sidewalks, but will consider traffic calming measure at R street and 32nd Motion Made, see enclosed copy, seconded by Cheryl Garnett.

Robert Frances: Is this an endorsement?

Jo/in Hargroves: Only supporting the public hearing process:

Call for vote, motion passes as written.

Citizens Forum:

Darlene Hilyard: Commented on lack of programming for youth on the eastside since Eastside Neighborhood Center has been vacated.

John Hargroves: Invited group to Metro Parks' board meeting to make comments about lack of programs and other neighborhood issues.

Lt. Standifer: PALS is up and running, for youth.

Edwina: PALS is desperate for volunteers to get the programming happening.

Nancy: Recommends Executive committee make a meeting youth oriented with a panel of presenters.

Old Business:

64 Street signal tabled.

New Business:

Christmas potluck. Turkey provided.

Meeting Adjourned

Minutes respectfully submitted by Julie Martinez

Motion for East 32 Improvement

For

Cascades Casino and City of Tacoma

I move that whereas the Puyallup Tribe of Indians has proceeded with the plans for the Emerald Queen Cascades Casino and Resort, providing economic development and employment opportunities for Tacoma and the Eastside, this council send a letter to the City of Tacoma to encourage and support that the City of Tacoma Public Works and Traffic Engineering Department proceed with the Public Hearing process for the improvement of East 32 St. to be alternate access to the Casino and Resort property.