



City of Tacoma Central Neighborhood Council (CNC) Meeting Minutes- May 2026

Tacoma Nature Center
1919 South Tyler Street Tacoma, WA 98405

[Zoom Link](#)

Meeting ID: 861 6014 6388
Passcode: 98405

Date: May 7, 2026

Meeting Start Time: 7:00pm

Board Attendance: Shawn Cole, Neal Sartain, Mitch Williams

Liaison Attendance:

Katt Merilo for Parks Tacoma (online)

Kristen Braziel and Matt Verkoelen for Tacoma Police Department (TPD) (online)

Nicole Warner for Pierce Transit (online)

Marisa Bus for Tacoma Public Library (online)

Housekeeping

- Approval of April 2026 Meeting Minutes
 - ___3___ Ays ___0___ Nays ___0___ Abstain
- Vote for new board member: Ramie Pierce, who gave a brief introduction of herself. Ramie previously served on the CNC for about 6 years starting around 2006.
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- Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance	\$4,393.62	
5/7/26 Zoom	-\$18.75	
Ending Balance	\$4,374.87	
Upcoming Expenses	<u>Hilltop Street Fair</u> - \$50	<u>Porchfest</u> - \$600

Liaison Reports

7:08pm Daniel Key, Director of the IT Department, representing the City Manager's Office

Reminded us about:

1. Standing City Council Committees, especially the Operating Strategy & Administration, *meets 10:30 am 2nd and 4th Fridays at the 747 Market Street, Room 243 (Tacoma Municipal Building, St Helen's side entrance for 2nd Floor)*. This committee discusses things such as the City Manager's work plan, Council work

plans and notably discussing Community Forum (and the exploration of ending said Forum).

2. Council Study Session May 12, at 12 pm, 747 Market Street, 1st Floor. 6 YR Transportation Plan Update, Critical Areas Ordinance Update, And Roadmap to Recovery (budget strategizing)
 1. May 19, Comprehensive Plan Update and City Manager's Work plan
3. City Council May 12, 5 pm, 747 Market Street, 1st Floor. Community Forum
4. Beyond the Bin - Started in April and runs until September. 9 am -4 pm, or Until the collection truck is full, at the Tacoma Recovery & Transfer Center. Click the link for the event schedule and items accepted.

7:15 pm Kristen Braziel and Matt Verkoelen, representing Tacoma Police Department

- Preparing for FIFA World Cup events in Tacoma Jun 11, 2026 to Jul 5, 2026.
- Emphasis on DUI, Street Racing, and beaches given the weather
- Service Saturday, *May 30, 11 am - 1 pm* at VFW Post @ McKinley Ave

7:23 pm Nicole Warner, representing Pierce Transit

- Memorial Day, May 25th, Transit Sunday Schedule will be running on the holiday
- May is Bike Month, please drive carefully, as always!
- Reminder Kids 18 and under ride FREE
- FIFA Fan Bus schedule Jun 12 - Jul 19, **expanded routes**
- *June 1* Fare Free Rides
- They are starting outreach events at Farmer's Markets
- **Veteran's Resource Fair**, *May 30, 9 am - 3 pm* Tacoma Dome The Veteran Resource Fair is a community partnership between various veteran-owned agencies, nonprofits, and federal, state, and local county agencies whose aim is to provide an annual and reliable space where Pierce, King, Kitsap, and Thurston Counties Veterans and their families can obtain direct connections and information to many different types of veteran-specific programs and resources.

7:28 pm Mariesa Bus, representing Tacoma Public Library

- April was Library Month
- May 1 & 2 Hosted Wayzgoose at the Main Library
- Community Compass, May 16th, 1 pm - 5pm. Extension of our Social Work program, drop-in to connect with University of Washington Tacoma's Master of Social Work Practicum Students

7:33 pm Katt Merilo, representing Parks Tacoma

- Bond Passed, People's Community Center Redesign
- **Youth softball, baseball and basketball leagues** are forming/registration is open, closes June 5. **Financial Assistance** is available.
- **Flower and Garden Festival**, *June 6 & 7, 11 am to 6 pm Sat, 11 am to 5 pm Sun, Point Defiance Park*
- Tacoma Trails Challenge, during the month of June.
 - Questions from the audience regarding

- Oceanfest (will it come back, is Parks Tacoma going to sponsor?),
- Stanley Playfield/trees (what are the plans for new and existing trees with bond improvement money), and
- Peck Playfield improvements (same questions as Stanley regarding trees, is phase 2 fully funded-yes-
- Steering committees- (will there be opportunities for more direct input?)

7:49 pm Presentation from Felicia Cross, the Community Liaison Officer Supervisor with **Washington State Office of Independent Investigations** (OII)

Introduction to the OII, reminder that they are not a law enforcement agency, they offer assistance investigating any use of deadly force by an officer. There are 66 employees in the OII, 32 of which are investigators. 10 cases have been investigated in Region 1 to date, with 4 completed. Pierce County office opened May 1. The OII do not conduct misconduct investigations and they have a tribal liaison. [**community@oii.wa.gov**](mailto:community@oii.wa.gov)

8:09 pm Questions?

-What's on Next Month's agenda? (Answer-TBD)

8:11 pm Meeting Adjourned