



CNC Community Forum Minutes

January 4, 2024 - 7:00 PM

Board members in attendance: Hector Castro, chair; Neal Sartain, vice-chair; Tobias Nitzsche, treasurer (via Zoom).

Absent: Jennifer Lacey, secretary

City liaisons present: Cathy Satava, City Manager's Office; Mariesa Bus, Tacoma Public Library; Parker Ayers, Metro Parks; from Tacoma Police Department – Officer Kristin Braziel, Officer Luke Wallin, Sgt. Matt Verkoelen.

Attendance: Jennifer Schael, resident; Alyssa Torrez, City of Tacoma, Senior Planner; Daniel Key, City of Tacoma.

Board matters: November, December, meeting minutes delayed until next meeting.

- Treasurer's report - \$4,330.77 balance, Renewal charges coming up. Additional funds expected.
 - Secretary of State password has changed. Tobias will check. CNC must register with SOS office by April.

Liaison reports

City Manager's office, Cathy Satava.

- Study Sessions, Tuesdays at noon - check city website. Coming sessions will cover:
 - 1.9.24, Trail Naming, Historical District Moratorium.
 - 1.15.2024, MLK presentation at the convention center 11AM.
 - 1.23.24 anti-displacement strategy, affordable housing.
 - The Enviro-House workshop is going to start. Link in Zoom Chat.
 - Question – when will new council members be sworn in? Already done, but formal ceremony will be held later. Not sure when.

Tacoma Police – Community Liaison Officers

- Intro to the new TPD online dashboard with citywide crime states going back 5 years.
 - Data updated daily at 8 a.m. with info from 911 Centers.
- Hiring is ongoing with bonuses offered to lateral hires. TPD is getting closer to previous patrol levels.
 - Retirement is the reason most officers are leaving.

Tacoma Public Library, Mariesa Bus

- Warming stations are open to all.
- TPL has hired a social worker and a safety and security worker.
- Construction ongoing for main branch renovation
- 10% increase in library use last year over the year before. Increase in online activity also.
- Jan. 13th, Library will be closed for MLK day.



Metro Parks, Parker Ayers

- Beyond the Bell program is running strong for after school kids. Looking for volunteers, coaches etc.
- Currently putting together the Metro Parks 5 year plan. Discussed interactive website for parks. Link in chat room. Discussing construction at Ferry Park and Peck Field.
- Peck field in design phase currently. Looking for feedback from the public. Stadium Baseball field is the focus right now.

Presentations

Alyssa Torrez, City of Tacoma - Senior Planner - Update on the Home in Tacoma project

- The project is closer to the public feedback phase. January 17 is the goal date to open up for public comment. Details online www.cityoftacoma.org/homeintacoma.
- Response to questions:
 - At the proposal stage and comments will help finalize the program before it goes to council.
 - Updates are available on city website.
 - Bonus incentives for developers only who develop affordable housing. Ideas being discussed to help homeowners.
 - Tobias; Will there be transparency with the comments about the city program? Not really, but they can possibly add a dashboard. The data should be available; they just don't know how that will happen yet. Have there been studies to see if properties can handle additional loads to utilities? It is part of the Environmental Impact Study. They will be able to see what the impacts will be depending on what will be proposed.

Public forum

- Jennifer announced a FEMA training with West Pierce County Fire and Rescue on Jan. 31 and Feb 1 on emergency preparedness. Class is free but requires S.I.D. number.
- Hector will try to see if there is interest from supporters of the upcoming school bond to attend February meeting.
- Hector will set up a meeting so we can discuss role expectations for the board members.

8:30 p.m. Adjournment