



CNC Community Forum Minutes

March 7, 2024 - 7:00 PM

Board members in attendance: Hector Castro, chair; Neal Sartain, vice-chair; Tobias Nitzsche, treasurer; Jennifer Lacy, secretary

City liaisons present: Cathy was not present

Attendance: Mariesa Bus, Tacoma Public Library, Daniel Key, City of Tacoma; John Gaines, TPU; Kristen Braziel, Tacoma Police Dept.; Matt Verkoelen, Tacoma Police Dept.; Connie Rye, resident; Moritsa Williams, resident; Justin Williams, resident; Yannick R, resident; Selena O'Bannon, HAC; Emily, resident;

Board matters: February meeting minutes approved and adopted.

- Treasurer's report - \$3620.19. Paid \$9,500.00 paid to Arina for Porchfest, \$250.00 to Hilltop Action Coalition. Then our typical website and Zoom fees.

Liaison reports

- Tacoma Public Library, Mariesa Bus
 - Library Main Branch Construction opening moved to the Fall due to long lead supply chain issues.
 - The Library Social Worker is now on staff and ready to help out. The schedule for the Social Worker is on the Tacoma Library website.
 - Covid test kits are still available at some library branches but they are running low.
 - Tacoma Reads is currently going on and we are urged to watch the Mayor mention the program at the State of the City speech on March 28th
- Tacoma Police Department, Kristen Braziel, Matt Verkoelen
 - Discussed the new Crime Dashboard and current feedback
 - The Dashboard will be adding the Downtown Business Partnership
 - Good feedback so far, Tobias is going to test the feedback button/option
- Tacoma Public Utilities, John Gaines
 - Just wanted to introduce himself to the council
 - Discussed the future construction of the N. Cushman substation
 - Utility Bill assistance to start next month
- Board member update – Hector discussed litter 253 and a meeting is being planned for next week. We discussed staffing the chosen locations and possibly coming up with other locations in our neighborhood.

Presentations

Tacoma Public Works - Veronicah Munyao, Darius Thompson;



- Street Initiative 32A Construction around Peck Field
 - The City of Tacoma Website has more info on upcoming Street Improvement projects.
 - The project will take approximately 80 working days.
 - Any questions about the project please contact Veronica at VMunyao@cityoftacoma.org
 - Discussed the L.I.D. part of the project and the cost of an average speed hump. Any L.I.D. questions can be answered by Ralph Rodriguez at RRodriguez@cityoftacoma.org.
 - The area at the NW corner of the project that the community has adopted will not be impacted from the construction work.

Public forum

- Suggestion from Jennifer Lacey that we educate ourselves and participate in the cities Charter Review which only happens every 10 years. Currently the Charter Review is meeting twice a week and open to comments from the public.
- Follow up from a resident suggestion on Safe Streets. March 18th at Delong elementary from 7-8pm. Fentanyl is going to be the topic of discussion. Hilltop Action Coalition will also host an event on March 25th.
- Question from resident – Does Tacoma still do National Night Out?
 - Jen confirmed that it does happen a few nights a year, usually towards the end of summer.

8:15 p.m. Adjournment