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October meeting recap – Visit from a City Council candidate and a new board member

Hello neighbors! We are resurrecting our community newsletter after several months off to keep you informed, update you on community meetings, and help keep us all connected. At our most recent monthly meeting, we had a visit from a City Council candidate and we welcomed a new face to the council board.

Read on for a recap of the meeting and some local activities.

Council candidate visits

The CNC board held its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, Oct. 5 at the Tacoma Nature Center.

Tacoma City Council candidate Jamika Scott, running for the District 3 seat which includes the Central Neighborhood, joined the meeting to share her key priorities and take questions from those attending. To ensure we treated the candidates fairly, candidate Scott had 45 minutes to speak, equal to the time provided to District 3 candidate Chris Van Vechten when he attended the September meeting.

Tacoma City Council District 3 council candidates



Candidate Jamika Scott
Thur., Oct. 5



Candidate Chris Van Vechten
Thur., Sept. 7

Remember that Tuesday, Nov. 7, is election day and we will be voting for a new council member to represent our area, as incumbent Keith Blocker is not running for re-election.

New board member

Also at the meeting, the CNC board welcomed a new member, unanimously approving the application of Jennifer Lacy to join. Jennifer is a long-time resident of Central Tacoma and currently serves on the board of the Hilltop Action Coalition. We are thrilled to have her join the CNC board!

Other news

Representatives from city agencies regularly join the community forum to share updates of interest. Key updates shared at the October meeting included:

- Peck Field – The next public meeting on the Peck Field master plan is Nov. 8 at 6 p.m. Details on this and other Metro Parks projects in Central Tacoma can be found on the Metro Parks [Your Parks – Your Voice](#) website.
- Tacoma Reads Little Literary Fest – Celebrated on Oct. 21 at the Wheelock Branch. Details on the [Tacoma Public Library](#) website.
- Water rate increase – The Tacoma Public Utility Board will consider a water rate increase at its Oct. 11 meeting. The public can submit comments online or at the meeting. Details on [the TPU website](#).
- Tree Coupon program - Tree coupons for the 2023-24 season are now available. Coupons are good through March 31, 2024 and provide \$30 off each tree purchased, up to three trees per coupon, at select nurseries. These trees are for planting on residential, private property or right-of-way areas, such as planting strips abutting your property. Visit www.cityoftacoma.org/treecoupon for more info.

Supporting the neighborhood

The easiest way to participate is to attend a meeting. Bring your questions for city officials, share ideas to improve our community, or just come to hear about happenings around Central Tacoma.



If you can spare a few hours a month, consider applying to join the board. Anyone who lives, works or owns property in the Central Neighborhood and has attended at least one of the public meetings, can apply to join the board. The application is at cnc-tacoma.com/about-cnc or you can view it directly here: [Board Membership Application](#).

Next meeting

The next meeting of the Central Neighborhood Council will be at 7 p.m., Nov. 2, at the Tacoma Nature Center on South 19th and Tyler

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