



EASTSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY COUNCIL OF TACOMA

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Virtual Meeting Minutes
Monday, July 19, 2021

President Lynnette Scheidt called the meeting to order. She welcomed the participants and informed the group that the meeting is being recorded and stated that anyone not comfortable in being recorded could leave the meeting. She gave some history about our neighborhood council: In 1992 the City established 8 neighborhood councils, ours is the Eastside. Its boundaries are I-5 to the north, 72nd to the south, Pacific Avenue to the west and city limits to the East. She explained the rules of conduct for tonight's meeting.

She asked the Secretary-Treasurer to call the roll.

Board Members present were Lynnette Scheidt, Tara Scheidt, Jesse Hart, George Quinn, Judith Miller, and Corwin Scott. Total number of participants was 27

She asked for a Treasurer's Report. Bank balance reported was \$4,951.18.

Committee Reports:

- Tara Scheidt, ENACT Vice President, reported for the Safety and Beautification Committee. For anyone wanting to adopt the spot there are lots of spaces for you. There is a need for murals and work in McKinley Park. Graffiti and speeding are problems in our area. Complaints can be registered by calling 311.

Liaisons Reports:

- Eric Scripps, TPD Sector 4 Commander, put his email again on the Chat for those he has not met, eric.scripps@cityoftacoma.org. In comparison to 2020 crime stats in Sector 4 which covers the Eastside are down about 3%. Up in personal crimes and down property crimes. Catalytic converter thefts are still an issue but going down. Arson has increased. If you have any offender information, he asked that you let him know.
- Jim Scott, Tacoma Fire Department, put his email and work phone on the Chat, jscott@cityoftacoma.org (253) 591-5722. Stats on fireworks were a little better this year than last year. He warns everyone about burning yard waste and other debris in hot dry conditions such as we are having and advised the group to check their yards for any combustible material and move them away from the building.
- Catherine Ushka, City Council Member, attended a happy thing event. An international organization called We Love You, had a mission to pick up litter on Upper Park Avenue They had over 100 volunteers, some in state and some out of state. She had an opportunity to visit Arlington High School and meet with Congressman Strickland. They discussed successful projects completed when she was Mayor. She said that she will push for a

- longer comment period at council meetings.
- Zeek Edmond, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching & Learning, Tacoma Public Schools, introduced himself: 25 years at Tacoma Public Schools, taught at Fawcett, Stewart, and McCarver. He talked about the renaming of some Tacoma schools. His information in the Chat: TPS and Mary Bridge Partner for COVID Vaccines and Sports Physicals: http://www.tacomaschools.org/departments/health/covid-19/tps-vaccine-event?fbclid=IwAR2m428OoDRDuEdcj9knudNx_kjrqh7qaU4A8CLGQtZ_Jc0PDgdp6hY3iHY. Enrollment saw slight decrease ~3% due to COVID closures however, we are seeing several new and re-enrollments this summer. This fall we will be able to see a more concrete count and compare year to year trend.
 - Antonio McLemore, Eastside Community Center Supervisor, mentioned the dedication of renaming Franklin Park in July 8. and the experience of redoing the signage. Hours of the swimming pool are changing, and Metro is in the process of hiring more lifeguards
 - Kurtis Kingsolver, Tacoma Public Works Director, turned his time over to Jennifer Kammerzell, Principal Engineer, who gave the presentation. He stayed to answer questions
 - Nathan Bevelle, Pierce Transit, said that Pierce Transit went back to full capacity on all coaches and busses July 1. Masks are still required. Pierce Transit Council has approved federal funds for future studies. Pierce Transit is hiring. His information in the Chat: nbevelle@piercetransit.org, 53-983-3379. He said please make sure that anytime an issue comes up in the future to make sure to call our customer service line or use our website <https://www.piercetransit.org/contact-us/> and scroll down to our file a complaint, comments, questions, and suggestion section. We use these two methods to keep track of issues through analytics throughout the system.
 - Alberto Rodriguez, Safe Streets Campaign, commented on partnering with Metro Parks on the summer meals program. Monday-Friday 12pm at Portland and Verlo Playfields. National Night Out is August 3 He put his email and phone number in the Chat: arodriguez@safest.org (253) 720-9392
 - Mimi Jansen, Community Manager, Impact Public Schools. Mimi put her email and phone number in the Chat: mjansen@impactps.org, 253-237-3114. School will be opening this fall. Teachers will be coming in July. Starting with Kindergarten and first grade and adding a grade every year. until the 5th grade. There will also be some community events. The school will be located in the old Rogers Elementary building.

Presentation:

Jennifer Kammerzell, Principal Engineer, City of Tacoma - Public Works Dept, gave a presentation on the East 34th Street & McKinley Avenue Intersection Improvements project. It is scheduled to start early next year. Jennifer put her email and phone number in the Chat: jkammerzell@cityoftacoma.org 253-591-5511. She enhanced her presentation with the attached illustrations. Included is Streets Initiative Project #15 which consists of repaving roadways and installing ADA compliant curb ramps.

New Business: None

Announcements: None.

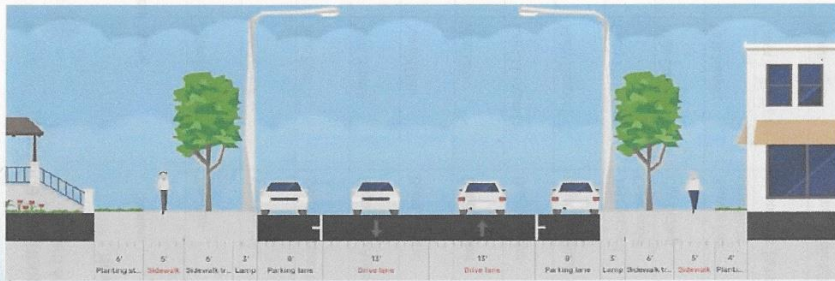
The meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm

Jesse Hart
Secretary-Treasurer

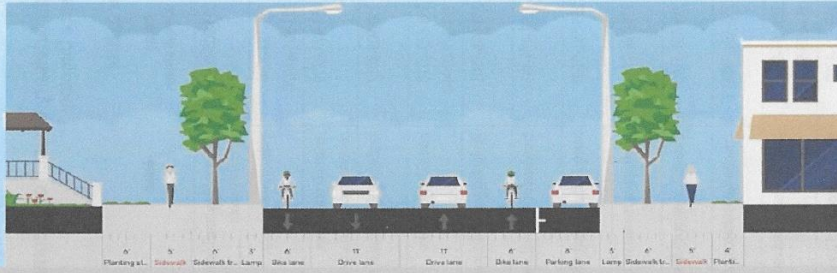


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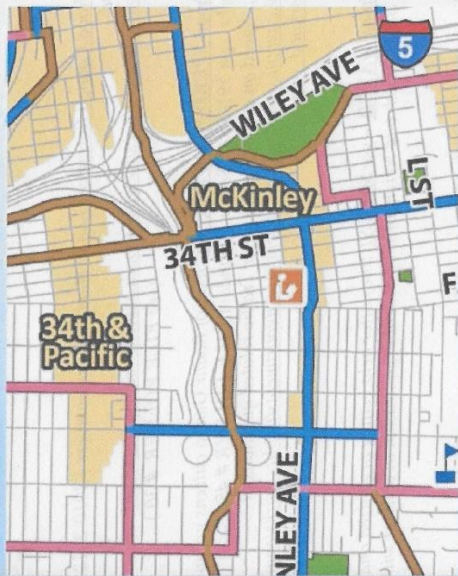


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PROPOSED
Parking can
be located
on either side

Transportation Master Plan: Bicycle Priority



Facility Type

- Bicycle Boulevard
- Bicycle Lane
- Protected Bicycle Facility
- Shared Lane Marking
- Shared Use Path