

Virtual Meeting Minutes Monday, September 20, 2021

President Lynnette Scheidt called the meeting to order and welcomed the participants.

She asked the Secretary-Treasurer to call the roll.

Board Members present were Lynnette Scheidt, Tara Scheidt, Jesse Hart, George Quinn, Judith Miller, Melo Hogan, and Corwin Scott. Total number of participants was twenty-four.

Treasurer's Report. Bank balance reported was \$4,941.18.

Committee Reports:

• Tara Scheidt, ENACT Vice President, reported for the Safety and Beautification Committee. She talked about a cleanup in the McKinley Business District and Portland Avenue Business District. Anyone wanting to help can contact her at SafeTacoma253@gmail.com. The purpose of her committee is to make a cleaner and safer gateway to Tacoma.

Liaisons Reports:

- Police Officer M. Ali substituted for Eric Scripps, TPD Sector 4 Commander. His email is mali@cityoftacoma.com. The 4 Sector which covers the Eastside has had 115 reported crimes so far for the month of September. There was one homicide. He offered to take questions. Rick Slater reported that he was burglarized on Friday September 10 and was disappointed in the way it is being managed.
- Steve Collins, Tacoma Fire Department, put his email and work phone on the Chat, jscott@cityoftacoma.org (253) 591-5722. He mentioned an especially useful website called https://www.ready.gov.
- Zeek Edmond, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching & Learning, Tacoma Public Schools, schools are up and running 5 days a week, complying with State Guidelines. In-person learning require masks and social distancing, some Tacoma school programs are virtual. Students are not required to be vaccinated to attend school. Construction projects and school updating are still going on.
- Claire Goodwin, City Manager's Office Liaison. Her email address is claire.goodwin@cityoftacoma.org She mentioned Tidy-Up Tacoma:
 https://www.cityoftacoma.org/tidyup. She also mentioned 2022 Community Arts Projects Grants: https://www.cityoftacoma.org/artsopps.

- Antonio McLemore, Eastside Community Center Supervisor, mentioned the center hours are Mon, Wed, Thur, Fri 6am-8pm, Tue 12pm-8pm, Sat, Sun 9am-5pm. Free membership for youth eighteen and younger. Extended pool membership for adults nineteen and older are \$25. Financial opportunities up to 75% off. Metro Parks is in the process of hiring more lifeguards.
- Nathan Bevelle, Pierce Transit, said that Pierce Transit has discontinued printing the route book and taking a more visual approach. Pierce Transit is hiring. His information in the Chat: nbevelle@piercetransit.org, 53-983-3379. Pierce Transit: Live Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Stream Public Meeting Thursday Sept 23rd 5:00-6:30 p.m. RideStream.org
- Alberto Rodriguez, Safe Streets Campaign, 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. and included the following: Impact | Commencement Bay Elementary @1301 East 34th St. ARRIVAL times: Monday Friday, 7;45 8:10 am DISMISSAL times: Monday Thursday, Transitional Kindergarten 3 3:20 pm, Kindergarten & 1st Grade 3:30 3:45 pm. Fridays, TK = 12 12:30 pm and K & 1st = 12:30 12:45 pm.
- John Gaines, Tacoma Public Utilities contact information is Jgaines1@cityoftacoma.org 253 260 0065. Lobby is open again. Website: https://www.MyTPU.org/WaysToPay is available. Funds are available for renters https://www.piercecountywa.gov/7142/Rental-Assistance. Other funds: https://bit.ly/3hbEK96 Useful information: https://myTPU.org/WaterSmart.

Presentations:





2. Shauna Hansen, Environmental Services Department, gave an overview of their community outreach project, to explain the need to protect our waterways (many people are unaware that Tacoma's stormwater flows back to our waters untreated). She provided a link to their survey so that participants could submit their thoughts, suggestions, and concerns. https://www.tacomaurbanwatershed.com.

Where are you in the Watershed?

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Where do you connect with Nature on the Eastside?

What are some challenges you experience living on the Eastside?

- Parks?
- Waterfront?
- Schools?

- Litter?
- Dog waste?
- Flooding?

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: None

Announcements: None.

Adjournment: 8:15pm

Jesse Hart

Secretary-Treasurer



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