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Change of Meeting Location

Beginning with the June 6, 1998 Coalition meeting, our permanent meeting location is:

**St. Patrick Church
North 12 & North J Streets**

The meeting will be held in the basement hall (entrance is door at North 12 Street end of alley between North I and North J Streets). Please park in the parking lot (handicap spaces are available in the alley near the garden and grotto).

The church has graciously given us this space to use for the meeting. Thank you, St. Patrick's - we appreciate it!

See back page for Coalition meeting agenda

The North Slope Neighborhood Coalition is made up of the people living between "I" and Grant Streets from Division to Steele Streets. If you live in this area as a property owner or tenant, please join us on Saturday morning, **June 6** at St. Patrick Church, North 12th and J Street. Coffee and doughnuts are provided.

Hey, Buddy! Can You Spare Six Hours a Year?

That's all it takes to be part of the North Slope Neighborhood. The calculations are one hour, the first Saturday of every EVEN numbered month = six hours a year.

The next meeting is June 6. See you there!

Historic District Signs Requested Through Innovative Grant Program

The Steering Committee agreed at its March meeting to apply for an Innovative Grant to obtain signs identifying the new North Slope Historic District.

The signs would be added to the existing street signs at all intersections within the District, and around the perimeter. Current plans are to have a gold background, green border and green lettering.

The City Public Works Department is working on cast projections; our neighborhood will need to supply the graphic design as our share of the

cost of the project. Total estimated cost will be four to five thousand dollars.

If you are interested in the graphic design, please call Julie Turner, project coordinator, at 383-2329.

**Happy Father's Day, Dad's!
Sunday, June 21**



Historic District Plaques Available From City

The Landmarks Commission of the city of Tacoma has made plaques denoting historic status available to homeowners in the North Slope Historic District. The plaques are of porcelainized steel with the city seal and the words, "This property is on the Tacoma Register of Historic Places".

The plaques actually cost \$65.00, but the Commission is asking for donations only; pay what you can so that the money raised can go toward more plaques. Send donations to: City Treasurer, Historic Preservation Office, 747 Market Street, Tacoma, 98402.

To order a plaque, call the Historic Preservation Office at 591-5220 and give your name and address. Once the order comes in, plaques may be picked up in Room 836, Municipal Building.

Two Down, One to Go!

Historic Neighborhood Expansion Meetings

May has been the month for meetings for the expansion of the North Slope Historic District. The first meeting was held May 7, in the evening. Julie Turner and Valerie Sivinski attended and were able to answer questions about the ordinance establishing the historic neighborhood. Arrangements were made to complete the collection of signatures on Grant and Ainsworth. We also added signatures from attendees on Steele. The meeting was hosted by Ken & Velda McDonald at the corner of 8th and Ainsworth.

The second meeting for the expansion was held May 13, in the afternoon. It was intended to accommodate those who find it difficult to attend evening meetings. This particular meeting was hosted by the Birnbaums on Cushman. It was a small group, but we made progress with signatures and plan to complete the canvassing for additional signatures.

The final meeting is scheduled for May 30, 1:00-3:00 p.m. at Tom & Barbara Tomberg's on Sheridan. The goal is to complete signature gathering and turn our papers into the office of Historic Preservation by mid-June.

It will probably be early Fall when the research is complete and the buildings identified for the Landmarks Commission. Meetings/hearing notices will be sent to all residents on the expansion streets.

When you receive the notification, PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND!

Velda McDonald

No Time On Your Calendar?

If you live on Sheridan, Cushman, Ainsworth or Grant and no one has knocked on your door with the Historic District Expansion materials, we'll be happy to bring them to you.

OR: If you have a conflict in your calendar with the three meeting dates we'll be happy to answer questions and drop by the materials. Just give me a call! Velda McDonald, 627-4192.

The Coalition Needs Your Help!

At the last Steering Committee meeting, there was much discussion about the need to ask for volunteers to handle some of the coalition

activities, freeing up steering committee members' time to work on specific projects and assignments (for example, Tom Tomberg and his running the Citizens Patrol). Some of the coalition activities we need help with are defined below:

- **Newsletter Article Collector:** Someone who actively pursues getting articles from members of the coalition and/or the surrounding community and then follows up to make sure the article has been written and gets turned in on time for the next printing of newsletter. This could be one person, or a committee of people.

- **Newsletter Print Manager:** The title is fairly self-explanatory. Once the newsletter is ready to be printed, this person would get it printed. We are currently looking at what options are available to us and have not found anything specific yet, but once we locate a copier (one that doesn't charge us per copy), we would be responsible for doing the actual copying of the newsletter.

- **Newsletter Distribution Manager:** Once the newsletter is printed, this person would then count out the correct number of newsletters for each street, and then drop off newsletter at designated house(s) for delivery on each street.

- **Refreshment and Coffee Coordinator:** This person would be responsible for purchasing refreshments for the meeting (doughnuts, bagels, etc.), getting the coffee set up the morning of the Coalition meeting so it's ready by the 9:00 a.m. meeting time, and would also make sure that the building is open and accessible (i.e., not locked) for our meeting. Or these tasks could be split between three people. Usually someone purchases the refreshments and then submits a receipt for reimbursement from the Coalition treasury.

- **Meeting Facilitator:** This person would keep the meeting on track so we cover all agenda items

without going over the one hour time allotment, and introduces each person affiliated with their agenda item. The Meeting Facilitator could be one person that does it continually, or it could rotate amongst the coalition.

If you are interested in helping with any of these activities, please contact Angie Klein at 272-0938 or Tom/Barbara Tomberg at 572-1532. There will also be sign-up sheets at the June 6 Coalition meeting. Helping out with these administrative tasks would be of great help to the Steering Committee.

Citizens' Patrol Update



We may have identified a new problem in our neighborhood. A middle-aged white woman, wearing a red sweater and

dark skirt, has been observed going through garbage containers in the alleys on the day just prior to the scheduled pick up date. Her primary interest seems to be letter size papers or other items and she has been seen carrying a small bag of her gleanings. She does not seem to be interested in cans for recycle or items larger than pieces of paper. It may be that she is looking for papers with names, addresses, Social Security numbers, and/or account numbers imprinted thereon, or even envelopes with non-solicited credit card offers or non-solicited checks drawn on your credit card account. Or she may be just looking for something to eat.

Whatever she is looking for should raise concern. So, be careful what you throw away and the manner in which you dispose of it. Suggestions, if you are concerned are: tear all papers with your name, address and account numbers in

small pieces (preferably so that all numbers are at least torn in half) and dispose of each half in different trash bags; buy a shredder (they're cheap nowadays, some under \$20.00); shred your documents and dispose of the shreds in different trash bags; or tear off the portion of the document with the information you wish to protect, mince it into small pieces and flush it. Identity theft is getting to be big business these days. We should work to prevent it happening to us.

I have asked our Patrol members to report incidents of blight or discarded junk in our alleys. Once reported, I will pass the information on to Tacoma Cares (591-5072) for corrective action. You, too, can help by checking your alley once in a while and calling and reporting such blight or junk that you observe. Let's clean up our neighborhood.

"Tom" Tomberg
572-1532

North End Neighborhood Council Activities

Greetings! Much has gone on since I last updated everyone on the activities of North End Neighborhood Council. The council is moving forward on the slate of projects funded through the Thea Foss bond issue. Some of those projects include: the Mason-Union Loop, a series of pedestrian paths connecting much of the central North End area; the park at Old Town, a small park at the end of Starr Steet on 30th; and the park on the corner of 8th and K at the site of the abandoned sub-station. We will soon be forming a committee to work on the plans for the park at 8th and K - if you are interested in helping form



those plans, please contact me at 272-0938.

The neighborhood council recently delivered 2,000 signatures on a petition to the City Council. The signers are requesting that the city work on a land swap with the developers of the Silver Cloud Hotel on Ruston Way. The current proposed location for the hotel is just south of Johnny's Seafood Co. and it is hoped that a more appropriate site can be chosen on either the Thea Foss Waterway or the Asarco site (which already contains a plan for a hotel). Many neighboring property owners as well as the users of this pedestrian-friendly area felt that building a hotel in that location is not the most appropriate use of that land, and would detract from the park-like look and feel of Ruston Way.

The council has recently gone through a period of change. We have had some resignations from the Executive Committee and the Board. The Chair, John Avery, has resigned, along with Carla Gramlick and Bill Johnston. The Chair position was filled by Carol Sloman, who was previously Vice Chair, leaving the Vice Chair position open. The three council seats were filled by David Grulee, Bob Evans and our own North Slope resident, Walter Evanishyn. The North Slope is back to four representatives again on the Council (myself, Ralph Tomberg, Maggie Kelly and Walter Evanishyn). We look forward to working with all of the new members and I am confident Carol Sloman will do a fine job as the new Chair.

I would like to invite all interested people to attend our Board meetings on the first Monday of each month. During the school year we hold them at Mason Middle School in the library. We are in the process of looking for a summer home; if you are interested in attending a meeting, contact me for the location.

Dan Klein
272-0938

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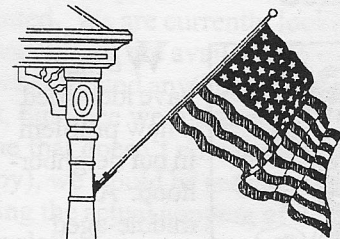
Lisa Wojtanowicz, **Tacoma Cares:** 591-5267

August Edition Article Deadline

If you have an item to submit for the August edition of Trolley Times, please get it to Angie Klein no later than Monday, July 13. This allows adequate time to get the newsletter ready to go, get it printed, and then get it delivered. It would really help and make things go a lot smoother if articles are submitted by the requested date.

Thanks!

Angie Klein
272-0938



Show your
patriotism!

June 14 is Flag Day

Next Coalition Meeting @ St. Patrick Church: June 6 9:00 a.m.

Join us for an informative hour! Meeting begins at 9:00 and promptly ends at 10:00. On this month's agenda:

- Crime Patrol Update: numbers on garages in alleys; volunteer for new Crime Patrol Coordinator
- Treasurer's Report
- Update on park at 8th & K
- Request for volunteers for Coalition Activities (see related article on Page 2)
- New business from floor

1998 Coalition Meeting dates:

Saturday, February 7
Saturday, April 4
Saturday, June 6
Saturday, August 1
Saturday, October 3
Saturday, December 5