

TACOMA CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE TOWN HALL MEETING

Gault Middle School
June 11, 1992

Mayor Vialle called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Council Members present: 8 - Moss, Miller, Baarsma, Evans, Mykland, Silas, McElliott, and Mayor Vialle. Absent: 1 - Nielsen.

Mayor Vialle thanked Mr. Urquhart, Principal, for letting the Council conduct the meeting at Gault Middle School. She indicated that the reason for the meeting was to listen to comments from the community. She then outlined the City's response to items that had been discussed at the town hall meeting conducted on the eastside two years ago.

Mayor Vialle introduced Senator Lorraine Wojahn and thanked her for her efforts on behalf of the City.

Mayor Vialle next introduced Lt. Dave Lane and asked him to discuss the police efforts on the eastside. Lt. Lane expressed pleasure at being at the meeting and indicated he had been working in partnership with Safe Streets and the Tacoma Housing Authority and that this partnership has been successful.

Mayor Vialle introduced Council Member Ruth McElliott who recognized the many groups in the eastside that are working for the improvement of the district. Groups mentioned included the Dome Development District, 38th Street Business District, Voice of Tacoma's East and South Sides, Downtown Exchange Club, School District, Safe Streets, Housing Authority, Eastside Improvement Group, Salishan Alliance, Freighthouse Square and Chief Leschi School among others. She indicated that each group's effort is contributing to the improvement of the whole. Council Member McElliott then complimented Lt. Lane for his work in the area and thanked the individuals in the audience for attending the meeting.

Mayor Vialle next introduced Bill Factory from the Eastside Improvement Group. Mr. Factory expressed the concerns of this group which included public safety and youth activities. He then described the outreach efforts that they were conducting to reach recent arrivals from Southeast Asia in the community.

Mayor Vialle then introduced Margaret Trent from the Salishan Alliance who spoke regarding the activities of the Alliance. She indicated that they have been active in Safe Streets and are working to implement one-way streets in Salishan in order to redirect the traffic so they can have better control of activities in the neighborhood.

Mayor Vialle then introduced Dave De Forrest, McKinley Hill Boosters who welcomed Senator Wojahn. Mr. De Forrest thanked the City Council for providing the funding for McKinley Park, the traffic light on East 40th Street and the sidewalk program. He stated that something should be done with the Pipeline Road. He stated that the City has a chance to develop the road, perhaps by adding a bike path or a walkway trail rather than leaving it in its current state. He thanked the Council for being at the meeting that evening.

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Mayor Vialle called on the members of the audience for their comments. Members of the audience addressed the Council. Issues discussed included traffic and traffic signalization; Squirr's Tavern; the need for projects for young people which provide employment and constructive activities; youth unemployment; drainage; public safety; and police response.


Following residents' remarks, Council Members provided concluding comments.

Mayor Vialle indicated that the City appreciated the positive comments and the "can do" attitude that was demonstrated at the meeting and thanked everyone for participating.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

ATTEST:


GENELLE BIRK, CITY CLERK


MAYOR KAREN L. R. VIALLE