District Manager’s Letter —
Work - Eat - Play!
By Angie Lokotz

6th Avenue Business District is the FUN destination to live, work, eat, and play, thus empowering businesses, residents, and volunteers to prosper.

Mission: 6th Ave Business District serves our members through organized collaborative efforts to promote our sustainable vibrant community footprint.

This year the Board has pledged to get back to its mission of serving members through organized collaborative efforts. To that end, we are embracing the advocacy power of the Cross District Association (CDA). The CDA has found that it is sometimes difficult for single districts to get the City of Tacoma’s attention. They have started an Advocacy Committee to help organize, prioritize, and elevate those needs. Board Member Casey Cowles has represented us at most CDA meetings for years. I have recently started attending meetings as well as meeting District Managers throughout the City. Our former manager, Mario Lorenz, is planning some lunch meetings of district managers so that we can compare notes.

What are some of the needs of our district?

Some of our issues involve the homeless. How do we help them without driving away our customers who keep our businesses going?

Some issues involve absent landlords. How does a business attract customers if their furnace gives out in the middle of one of the longest cold snaps this winter? How can business thrive if the ceiling is leaky? What is a reasonable rent increase if the building is neglected? Some issues involve safety. Pedestrian safety is a priority. We all know how difficult it can be to cross 6th Ave, even at a marked crosswalk. Drivers are too busy looking for parking spaces or their friends or whether the light will change.

Customer and worker safety are issues. Does a bar-
tender feel confident closing a business at night? Are the police patrolling regularly? Does a customer go back to his car only to find a broken window and missing packages? Counterfeit bills are circulating. When a business gets stuck with a fake $100 that’s a big hit.

Stalled businesses are an issue. How long can a restaurant survive with a “coming soon” sign while it waits for approval? A month? Six months? A year?

Business attracts business. 6th Ave is at a tipping point. We can rally. We can embrace our diversity and work together to help each other. We have bridal shops, event venues, a dance studio, day spas, salons, custom t-shirt printers, artisanal coffee roasters and ice cream, exotic doughnuts, spice and tea shops that will blend to your specifications, record stores that will help you find that perfect song for the first dance, a frame store that will create a beautiful keepsake, award winning caterers, a winery that will help you make the perfect toast.

Organized collaborative efforts to promote our sustainable vibrant community footprint. That’s what it’s all about this year. Oh, and we finally got new banners! Look up, check them out. They also celebrate our diversity.

Street Beat By Peter Vanrosendael
Greetings from the eastern edge of 6ABD. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce you to Megan from PURE Spa (at Prospect). She has offered to join one of the 6ABD committees and brings a unique scope of what’s happening on the avenue, as her business (at Union) gives us a perspective from both the east and west boundaries of our little kingdom. Come to the general membership meeting and I guarantee you will be given one very good reason for joining our Business District (at least by paying your dues, if not by joining a committee).

Her presentation will surely give cause for all of us sticking together, safety in numbers, chain is only as strong as its’ weakest link, watching each others back, and civic networking. have a nice day.
Brides for a Cause
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tacoma@bridesforacause.com
Founder: Erin Scharf
Tacoma Store Manager: Christine Lindebak
Hours: Mon-Sat 10am-4pm | Sun 11am-4pm

Brides for a Cause is a nonprofit organization, which was founded in Portland by Erin Scharf in 2012.

Mission Statement/Purpose: Brides for a Cause collects and resells wedding dresses to raise funds for charity! All of the wedding dresses are donated by designers, bridal stores, and individuals from across the country.

Typical Customer/Clientele: The store and concept attract lots of different brides: the untraditional, the eco-conscious, the budget savvy, the last-minute, the plus size, and the second-wedding bride! Currently accepting wedding gowns 2012 and newer for individuals, who are looking for ways to give back after their weddings! Donating your dress allows another bride to wear it while raising funds for charity. Plus, donations are tax-deductible!

Brides for a Cause just opened their Tacoma Boutique on January 6th, 2017, so they have been here one month but they are not entirely new to the region. Since 2012, they’ve had a storefront location in Portland, OR, and would travel to the Tacoma and Seattle areas a few times a year with wedding dresses and host 2-3 day road show events at select hotels and wedding venues. They are very excited to have a permanent spot in Tacoma for all the Washington brides looking for a great deal on a wedding dress. With two bridal shops, many restaurants, caterers, venues, salons, and spas, 6th Ave may become a bridal destination providing opportunities for Ladies’ Nights and more.

Why 6th Avenue? They love the vibe of 6th Ave! It’s the only street in Tacoma they wanted to be on. The many great restaurants and local businesses on 6th Ave, provided a location where their brides could walk down the street and find a place to celebrate. They also fell in love with their space, which has a fun, industrial feel to it.

Personal Statement: Brides for a Cause is honored to be a part of 6th Avenue in Tacoma! We look forward to getting to know the local businesses, community and brides/donors. We hope people will consider donating their wedding dresses or purchasing their wedding dresses from us, so that we can continue to fulfill our mission of recycling wedding dresses to raise funds for a variety of local and national women-focused charities.

Photos provided by Brides for a Cause
Sixth Avenue Business District
Tacoma’s Eclectic Destination

Safety Committee and City of Tacoma - Violent Transients Timeline and Update

_By Casey Cowles_

I hope everyone is doing well. On 9/20 an email went out to the entire distribution list for SABD in which I asked everyone to contact COT officials for help with what I consider a very serious issue. In that email I promised we would keep on COT until assistance was offered. The discussion with COT is ongoing but we’re making progress so I wanted to provide the below timeline to let everyone know what’s going on and what the next steps might be:

9/16: My email was sent to Mayor Strickland and the entire COT Council (Full acknowledgment I mistakenly left Councilman Blocker off this email and didn’t realize, acknowledge and apologize for my mistake until later.)

9/16: I received short responses with very little substance from Councilmen Thoms, Mello and Ibsen.

9/20: An email and form letter was sent to SABD members asking for them to email our elected officials asking for help.

11/15: I sent a follow up email to Councilmen Thoms, Mello, Ibsen and Blocker. In that email I reminded the three whom replied what they’d said and asked for updates and I apologized to Councilman Blocker for my previous oversight and asked for his help.

11/15: I received short email replies with little to no substance from Councilmen Thoms and Mello. Councilman Blocker called me around this time from his vacation on the East Coast and promised he would call on his return.

12/7: Councilman Blocker did not make the call he said he would so I sent a follow up email reminding him.

1/13: Having heard nothing since 11/15 I sent another follow up email to those Councilmen whom had at least taken the briefest of moments to respond and let them know I was frustrated with their lack of assistance and that we would not go away.

1/13: I received email responses from Councilmen Thoms and Mello.

1/17: Our situation was explained to the CDA and all communication supplied to their Advocacy Committee to lobby on our behalf.

1/20: I was forwarded a letter by City Manager (now former City Manager) Mr. TC Broadnax. Although detailed the letter was focusing on homelessness as a whole rather than our safety issue. Mr. Broadnax’s letter did include mention of all the letters received from SABD members.

1/20: I replied to Mr. Broadnax’s letter to bring us back on point as I firmly believe trying to broaden the issue is an effort to get SABD to feel guilty and go away.

1/20: I received an email from Ms. Vicki Walker on behalf of Ms. Pamela Duncan. The email referenced a meeting and had a bunch of COT officials copied on it.

1/20: Based on some of the recipients I thought the meeting was another attempt to shift the conversation. I called Ms. Walker and asked for an agenda and explained exactly what our complaint was and why an off-topic meeting would be a waste of time. Because she was not the one technically asking for the meeting I also replied to her email with the same response and made sure I was clear that no meeting would be had without an agenda that showed we’d stay on topic.

1/24: I received an email from Councilman Blocker’s admin asking for a meeting.

1/24: I replied with a time and a request that Christina Smyre, our new President, also attend.

1/26: After some more back and forth I got a call from Councilman Blocker and confirmed we will be meeting on 1/31 to discuss what we can do. One idea we briefly floated was combining our forces with COT officials to get Pierce County involved.

1/26: I received another email from Ms. Walker letting everyone know today’s meeting had been cancelled and Ms. Duncan would be contacting me directly.

1/31: Christina and I met with Councilman Blocker. We spent a few minutes sharing some of the more harrowing stories and then learned some of the challenges COT faces in addressing this issue. We left the meeting with the understanding that Councilman Blocker will reach out to his COT colleagues to form a team whom along with SABD representatives will engage Pierce County officials in an effort to find funds to add more beds for prisoners whom are a danger to themselves and others. Christina is going to compile as many letters as possible with stories of the assaults and violent incidents to help illustrate the magnitude of this situation. Councilman Blocker has committed to keeping us updated on his efforts and we have committed to helping him tell the story and look for solutions.

I promised everyone on 9/20 that we would see this through and I’m committed to doing that. With that said whatever solution becomes available I know it won’t happen too quickly. As we continue to work with our elected officials I encourage everyone to continue to look out for yourselves and your neighbors and please continue to chronicle and report every incident. I know most incidents won’t be given much if any individual attention but [continued on page 8]
SABD General Meeting Minutes
01/10/17
Meeting Time & Place: Primo Grill, 9:30AM
Call to order 9:40 am by Pres. Dan Smith
Introductions
Motion to Approve Minutes (Casey Cowles move, Tracy Hansen second), Approved
President’s Update | Christina Smyre
Barricade company for Santa Parade paid in full.
Treasurer’s Report | Tracy Hansen
10,278.30
04,496.00 outstanding
05,882 ish balance
Economic Development Report | Shari Hart
- Dan Smith sent invoice to City of Tacoma in February 2016 (before work was done by the district). Banners are not up, but they are printed. Need invoice corrected and resent. Date it for December 30, 2016. Funds should come after.
- Email Shari with phone #s that the Board will answer (Board Members, especially officers).
- Once Budget approved (Annual Plan +Annual Budget), then $4,000 coming from City.
- Business Matters looking for district businesses to feature (State Street to Alder). Send Shari contact info for Angela Wehnert for Community Focus.
Residential Parking Program; annual fee yet to be determined.
Casey asks if we can as a district say anything about it? Planning rollout this January/February. See map. Part of the One Tacoma Plan, Petition Parking Technical Advisory Group for Standards and Guidelines or Operations Manual.
Community Arts Grant - AoA Not Funded. Application was received but not fleshed out. Try the Greater Tacoma Community Foundation (neighborhood & /or coalition grants gtf.org. Might get something from them.
Keep track of legal filings (EIN#, C6 status) -- Secretary needs to do
CLO Report | Imtiaz Norling
8 vehicle prowls - Leave Nothing In Your Car
No robberies
No shootings
Bar fights
Stolen cars
Traffic Stops for Crosswalks
District Manager Report | Angie Lokotz
Manager’s Report was in the January Newsletter. Time to renew memberships, join committees. Take ownership in your district. We need suggestions how to better serve you.
Adjourn 10:45
Respectfully submitted by Angie Lokotz
In absence of the Secretary

Social Enterprise Opportunity
From Shari Hart, City of Tacoma Economic Development Dept.
The City has a unique opportunity for a social enterprise business at 5401 South Tacoma Way. The hope is that the business will provide job training for youth in exchange for a favorable lease.
We are looking for a small local business that embraces community and is interested in exploring expansion to a second location.
For example, maybe Ice Cream Social would like to explore a small scoop shop that is near the Water Flume Line Trail and Asia Pacific Cultural Center; and not too far from the Sounder Station and STAR Center (sports fields). Layla could still produce/sell on 6th Ave and just have freezers – and train youth – at the South Tacoma location. This could be a great opportunity to grow a local business.
Please check out the following RFI and call me or India if you have any questions.
http://cms.cityoftacoma.org/Purchasing/FormalBids/ED17-0036F.pdf
Best,
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Community & Economic Development
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For questions about the Innovative Grant Program or the Neighborhood Business District Program, please contact Shari Hart at 591-5208 or shart@cityoftacoma.org

For questions about the Neighborhood Council Program, please contact Carol Wolfe at 591-5384 or cwolfe@cityoftacoma.org

“The City of Tacoma is offering the 2017 Innovative Grant opportunities for citizen led efforts to improve Tacoma’s neighborhoods. The Innovative Grant program provides matching funds to grassroots neighborhood groups within the eight Neighborhood Council areas that have identified a project to improve their neighborhood.

Grants may be used for a wide array of activities and projects and neighborhood groups are encouraged to think in new ways about what will work in their communities and with whom they might partner. The City of Tacoma firmly believes that equitable community participation and volunteer commitment to identify and accomplish projects within their City is beneficial to all Tacoma residents.

Funding for the Innovative Grant Program comes from the City of Tacoma’s General Fund. Projects are not permitted to be used for personal gain nor improvements to private property, unless there is a community benefit (such as a mural). All projects must provide an overall neighborhood benefit and be completed within a 12 month period.

Timeline:

Applications will be available beginning January 31, 2017 and are due March 1, 2017.

Project selection by Neighborhood Councils will take place through April 17, with applicants being notified by May 10, 2017.

Applicants should be available to present eligible projects to their Neighborhood Council during the Months of March and/or April.

All projects must provide an overall neighborhood benefit and be completed within a 12 month period.

Grant Focus and Eligibility:

Most grants requested and approved are in the range of $1,000 to $8,000. Each Neighborhood Council will select projects for funding within their geography, not to exceed $36,000 total per Neighborhood Council.

Applicants must be a non-profit or partner with a non-profit and must be open and inclusive, actively engage diverse community members in the Tacoma neighborhood where the project or activity will take place.

What We Fund:

Physical projects that have a community benefit
Non-physical projects that build capacity, engage stakeholders, build community
Youth-initiated projects and/or leadership development
Equity and human rights projects
Neighborhood / community organizing
Environmental projects such tree planting, or community gardens
Arts and culture projects
Events (funded one time only)

What We Do Not Fund:

Repeat projects/events
This grant will not fund any public works project, such as speed humps, traffic circles, vehicle-activated speed signs, crosswalks, bulbouts, lighting, etc.
Ongoing maintenance
Individual persons, businesses, religious organizations, government agencies, political groups, neighborhood councils, universities, hospitals or newspapers
Organizations outside the City of Tacoma
Applicants who have failed to successfully carry out Small Innovative Grant Projects funded in the two preceding grant cycles

Funds Cannot Be Used To:

Duplicate an existing public or private program
Support programs or services
Replace funding lost from other funding sources
Pay for an organization’s operating expenses not directly related to the awarded project
Purchase land or building
Pay for out of city travel expenses, or any lodging/hotel expenses.
Pay for private transportation expenses including mileage, gas, insurance, car rentals etc.
Pay for expenditures or financial commitments made before the project is awarded funds formally by the City of Tacoma
Rent or purchase the use of Bouncy Toys

Physical improvement projects should be for beautification or physical improvements that benefit the community.

Non-physical improvement projects should work to accomplish one of the following:
encourage new and stronger relationships among...
Members 2017

- Cocoa Sweet Designs LLC, Penny Johnson, 253-267-1717, 4318 Sixth Avenue, Suite 4, info@cocoasweetdesigns.com
- Crescent Moon Gifts, Angela Wehnert, 253-572-8839, 2502 Sixth Avenue, cmgtacoma.com@aol.com
- Curves, Pati Lynn, 253-761-9766, 5401 Sixth Avenue Suite 305, westgatecurves@gmail.com
- Goodwill, Sarah Butler, 253-759-3701, 253-341-3779, 5401 Sixth Avenue, sbutler@tacomagoodwill.org
- Gray Law Firm, The, Judson Gray, 253-759-1141, 4142 Sixth Avenue, jgrayattorney@harbornet.com
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- Melted Muscles Health Spa, Alana Schaser, 253-330-9353, 3701 Sixth Avenue Suite 2, meltedmuscles@gmail.com
- Paul Reilly N.D., Paul Reilly, 253-752-4544, 3620 Sixth Ave
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- South Sound Pano | Business Photo 360, Dan McCormack, Angie Lokotz, 253-228-2337, 704 No. Warner St., southsoundpano@gmail.com
- Sutton-McCann & Co., PS, Gordon Bower, 253-564-2217, 7320 Sixth Avenue Ste 2, admin@sutton-mccann.com
- Tacoma Frame Makers, Stacia Harvey, 253-564-2320, 3011 Sixth Avenue, frame4ubabe@gmail.com
- Tacoma Musical Playhouse | The Spire, Jon Douglas Rake, Managing Dir., 253-565-6867, 7116 Sixth Ave, jon@tmp.org
- The Spire (former Epworth LeSourd), Jon Douglas Rake, Managing Dir., 253-301-9690, jon@tmp.org
- Turntable Treasures/House of Records, Peter W. Vanrosendael, 253-272-9229, 608 No. Prospect, peter@turntabletreasures.com
- Ubiquitous Journey, Robyn Liss, 253-572-2550, 2607 Sixth Avenue, robyn@ubjourney.com
- WC Studio | Architecture Agency, John Wolters, 206-371-5152, 323-C Puyallup Ave, Tacoma 98421, john@wcstudio.com

We’re Ready for Your Membership for 2017!

Fill in, clip and mail the form below with your check (the address is in the form) and you’re all set for a great 2017 with the Sixth Avenue Business District. If you’d rather pay by credit card, please email Angie Lokotz, angie.lokotz@gmail.com, and she’ll invoice you via our Square account and we’ll all save postage.

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CHOOSE YOUR MEMBERSHIP LEVEL

- $50 New Business Member (1st yr)
- $100 General Annual Dues
- $50 Supporter (i.e. Resident)
- $200 Community Partner

Non-Profit Organization—Inquire RE: Pricing

Mail Checks to: 6th Ave Business District, 2802 Sixth Avenue, Tacoma, WA 98406

Amt Pd | Date | Check#
Innovative Grants  

grassroots organizations, neighborhoods and more established community based organizations;

provide support and opportunities to develop neighborhood leadership and organizational capacity

extend engagement and involvement opportunities to traditionally underserved populations within the Neighborhood Council boundaries

build community by providing an innovative solution to a recurring neighborhood problem

The Innovative Grant Program is not meant to serve as a funding source for basic infrastructure nor provide routine maintenance. Identifying neighborhood need for inadequate infrastructure is most effective when communicated through Neighborhood Councils and addressed within the Transportation Master Planning and 6 year Transportation Plan process, Neighborhood Revitalization Plans and/or City Council biennial budget cycles.

Successful applications for funding should be able to describe the specific benefit you are trying to bring to your neighborhood and/or what specific problem you are trying to solve for your neighborhood.

Project Criteria:
Applicants must describe the benefit to their community.

Applicants must demonstrate the neighborhood impact or public benefit of the project as outlined in the following criteria:

Funded projects occur within the city limits of Tacoma

The project implementation is supported by known neighborhood group and/or cultural groups within the impacted neighborhood through letters of support

Provide letters of support from abutting and or nearby property owners when applicable

Provide a minimum 10% match of cash or other grants, volunteer time, material and/or professional services. Volunteer hourly rate is computed at $29 per hour.

Demonstrated ability to complete project and/or activity within a 12 month timeline

Submitting neighborhood group and/or individual cannot have been funded in more than 2 successive funding cycles. After being funded for projects twice, a neighborhood group and/or individual will not be eligible for funding until another Small Neighborhood Innovative Grant cycle has been completed.”

Safety Committee  

if enough reports come from any one area said area will see increased patrols and an increased TPD presence should help alleviate some of what we’re dealing with.

Thank you all and stay safe out there.

*Please note all emails referenced above can be provided on request. Please contact me at ccowles@minutemanpress.com if interested.