

## Tahoma Unitarian Universalist Congregation - Board of Trustees Meeting Agenda

November 18, 2021 7 pm - 9 pm via Zoom

Attendees:

Reading - Sheila/ Holly (2 min)

Chalice Lighting (2 min)

Check in Question - What are your top 2 gifts you bring to your work in this congregation as a board member?

Consent Agenda:

Vote to approve 10/18/2021

Minister's Report

Treasurer's Report: Jeff R

Staff Report: Libby B.

### Old Business - Updates

- Financial transition
- Membership
- Safe parking
  - SJC Subcommittee on Housing Insecurity request
- Erien Ordination 12.17.2021 7:30pm
- Building facilities update and accounting for expenses (or possible approval for more funding?)
  - Vote to approve additional building opening funds \$1,183.15
- Coming together team updates
  - [https://covidactnow.org/us/washington-wa/county/pierce\\_county/?s=25081423](https://covidactnow.org/us/washington-wa/county/pierce_county/?s=25081423)

### New Business

1. Response to member and request for sale of church\* refer email to board from

2. Auction - Online options, possible timeline

- auction software: [https://stewardshipforus.com/intel-from-friday-forum-on-fabulous-fundraisers/?fbclid=IwAR2NN3eIYSI1L62WdjQkN2CH3pocl4tNQvRT9Enm535DSQy3\\_RmY5UvbbxM](https://stewardshipforus.com/intel-from-friday-forum-on-fabulous-fundraisers/?fbclid=IwAR2NN3eIYSI1L62WdjQkN2CH3pocl4tNQvRT9Enm535DSQy3_RmY5UvbbxM)
- Auctria- <https://www.auctria.com/>

3. Mission/ Vision/ Covenant revision\*\*\*

<https://www.tahomauu.com/about-us/our-mission-and-vision/>

**Appendix (please read prior to meeting)**

Hello Sheila, as I mentioned in my previous email and at the meeting last night, I respectfully ask the Board to discuss and consider selling the property to a developer for low-income senior housing, with appropriate Covenants and Restrictions to assure that use--including an on-site chapel for religious services which all faiths may use for in-person services with streaming.

As I'll discuss with Stacey Sunday, Pierce Co has only 49% of eligibles vaccinated (71% in 65+ age group) so we are likely to face a grim winter with high case rates and deaths among unvaccinated persons as we all return indoors. In-person, indoor services in a poorly ventilated building is too risky, even for vaccinated persons. (Delta has a higher break-through infection rate, and vaccine protection diminishes over time, requiring boosters--like most vaccines do). We can continue to meet on-line, and even in out-door covered spaces or leased gyms if we want.

In that context, and with the historical plan to move to another site/building anyway, I conclude we have a moral opportunity to provide homes for many vulnerable unhoused seniors, rather than maintain an inadequate building that we cannot use and is vulnerable to vandalism and maintenance expenses without perceivable benefit other than as a Safe Parking site for a few guests.

Respectfully,  
Congregant Member name removed

**Request to the TUUC Board of Trustees from the TUUC Subcommittee on  
Housing Insecurity  
October 30, 2021**

The Tacoma/Pierce County Pilot Safe Parking program ends October 31, 2021. This means that funds from a private grant administered through the Metropolitan Development Council are not available to continue supporting program expenses and program coordinator Colin DeForrest is transitioning to other projects. So where does that leave our Safe Parking Site?

1. Supportive organizations Safe Sites for All and the Tacoma Pierce County Coalition to End Homelessness indicate that the City of Tacoma considers Safe Parking a successful and cost effective program to support those living in their vehicles transition to more stable housing. This is a critical program to keep people from sliding further into homelessness.
2. Funds are available that could be used to support and expand Safe Parking in Tacoma and Pierce County. (There are currently three Safe Parking sites with one more opening in November. Two of these sites are in the City of Tacoma.) The City of Tacoma has not made a decision on how to use the funds.
3. The City of Tacoma does not have a plan for overnight housing during freezing or inclement winter weather.
4. TUUC has 4 guests who park irregularly and one family of three who have been parking onsite nightly for several days. (This family also has a service dog and an

additional car. They asked permission to have the dog and extra car on site and the Subcommittee approved their request.)

The Subcommittee understands that the Congregation voted to host Safe Parking for the duration of the pilot program and that no funding from the TUUC budget was approved. The Subcommittee asks for the following:

- Approval from the Board of Trustees to continue the program until the end of November 2021.
- If the City of Tacoma does not come forward with a funding plan by December 1, we agree to help our guests transition to other sites.
- If funding does become available, we would like to keep the TUUC site open until we can organize a Special Congregation Meeting to vote on participation in the Tacoma/Pierce County Safe Parking Program.

The TUUC site has helped support four guests during the past year to move into more stable housing. We have made a difference for our guests and in our community and continue to do so. The grounds are cleaner, the neighbors are appreciative and our building is more secure.

Thank you for considering our proposal,  
The TUUC SJC Subcommittee on Housing Insecurity