



## September 1, 2011 General Meeting Minutes

**Welcome and Introductions** – Whitney Rhodes, Effervescent

**President's Report** – Pacific Plaza is looking at adding a new tenant, DaVita, to their street level spaces. It is under question because the building is a public/private development and there is concern that DaVita's Medical Clinic doesn't fall under the original guidelines of their agreement with the city. Everyone is encourage to write to city council on the issue. In that same building a new grocery store, IGA, had its grand opening.

**Treasurer's Report** - \$4,709.31 in bank.

**Secretary's Minutes** - August minutes were moved to be accepted by Phyllis Harrison and Seconded by Bob Casey.

**VP's Reports** – *South*– Two new businesses, The Social (in place of where Woody's On the Water once was) and Zara Mediterranean (in place of where Sea Grill once was). Also encourage everyone to check out the Word installation which is still in place in Tollefson Plaza. *North*- Holiday Stars committee met last month. They are looking at replacing the stars with someone energy efficient. They also talked about fund raising efforts. And there was also a dedication by city members of the Goddess of Commerce which was a statue that had been resurrected. *Central* - No Report Given.

**Safety Report, Russ Ogden, Tacoma Police Department:** Metal thefts happening at Murray Morgan Bridge and around the city. A detective has been assigned to case. Drug sales are rising on Hilltop. Several disturbances at night after bars close. Citizens and businesses owners are encourage to report to police if they hear anything.

**Off Street Parking, Chelsea Levy, City of Tacoma:** There is a proposal about changes to off street parking regulations in front of the planning commission. These proposed changes would effect new construction. The goal is to retain the maximum and get rid of the minimum and not allow surface parking lots on pedestrian ways. For further info go to [cityoftacoma.com/planning](http://cityoftacoma.com/planning).

**Pierce Transit, Tina Lee:** Since Proposition 1 failed Pierce Transit has aimed their focus on efficiency. The first cut in bus routes was in June. The second will be October 2nd. The core service will remain and the focus will be on weekdays and commuter ridership. For further info go to [piercetransit.org](http://piercetransit.org) or [onebusaway.org](http://onebusaway.org).

**Good of the Order:** *Debbie Bingham*- September 12th, 9th Street Construction begins (40 days). November 10th they will start on Commerce and head up. *Judy Hyman* - Still time to sign up for Parking Day. Tonight Public Hearing for Taskforce Parking. New Bike Cage in Parking plaza north, very inexpensive. *Hailey Griffin* - Seabury students are back in school. *Ingram Drueding* - Tacoma Art Museum has opened a new restaurant Relish (menus were handed out). *David Boe* - Tonight Bowling for Boe event at Chalet 6-8:30pm. *Justin* - Wal-Mart is pushing strongly to be a merchant in Tacoma. Would like DMG to take a stand and encourage all to email the city council and tell they your views.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00AM. Thank you to the BCPA for the use of the Pantages. **Join us at 8:00am November 3rd for the next DMG meeting at the Pantages. Please take advantage of the coffee and networking time before the meeting. Doors open at 7:45am.**