

TPNA 2006 General Membership Meeting Minutes  
Fairwood Library, Renton WA  
July 5, 2006

Daniel Goldman called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. He began with a background of where he had lived in Seattle area, how he came to the Tiffany Park neighborhood, his previous experience with neighborhood association in Austin, TX, how the TPNA began (initial meeting in his home), and so on. He reiterated the goals for the association: to keep the neighborhood up, to stay in touch, maintain the quality of the neighborhood and improve things.

Daniel reiterated the way the meeting would work with Robert's Rules of Order-people would have to be recognized, they would have to limit what they wanted to say to 2 minutes, and if there were things to vote on, they could only pass by a majority. Daniel introduced Norma McQuiller from the City of Renton, and also mentioned 2 volunteer people who will be City liasions.

Daniel opened the floor for QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION:

- 1) Marina Higgins mentioned there is a problem with litter-how can we deal with that?  
Other Comments:
  - 1) How do we encourage membership-we were only a small representation of the neighborhood.
  - 2) Code enforcement question-are there ways to enforce this? People who don't mow their lawn. Neighbors repairing cars next door, coming and going at all hours-how do we enforce people having businesses in their home? Norma from the city passed out Code Compliance postcards to neighbors to use as a resource for contacting the City for possible violations. --Daniel pointed out that one of the things we are NOT doing is setting up Conditions, Covenants & Restrictions for the neighborhood.
  - 3) Where EXACTLY are the boundaries of Tiffany Park? Daniel explained that it includes Ponderosa Estates, Tiffany Park, Royal Hills -but basically it's whatever we decide in our Bylaws. Norma added that it probably includes Shadow Hawk Condos. Falcon Crest is not included.
  - 4) Issue-who are renters and who are homeowners? Walter brought that up-someone pointed out that the information is out there to find out.
  - 5) Sue Dahlberg mentioned that the new park at Ginger Creek is ALL volunteer maintained and people are paying for the water ON THEIR own...they need more help with watering and mowing. How to get help?

6) She also mentioned she thinks that if people pay dues, it should NOT be attached to a vote.

Discussion: Proposed dues-per family: Senior discount--\$2.50/yr. \$5.00/individual. There will be some overlap with people (89) paying dues annually for Tiffany Park Homeowner's Association as well.

Also-speed bump issue regarding speeding. The City Fire Department will not put in speed bumps because it slows down response time. Maybe as a group we can still do something-bumps-'turtles', maybe those small white bumps to slow down traffic.

Laura Silbernagel mentioned that there may be community service options with getting the lawn mowed at Ginger Creek.

Also, comment about dues-the people who are volunteering already are probably going to pay the dues anyway.

Jeannette ? lives across the street from Tiffany Park. Said the lights should be on all night at the Park, would like to see that enforced to cut down on crime-call, call, call the police if you see problems. Suggested phone tree calling to 911 and KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORS. Discussion of the bylaws-Daniel mentioned the bylaws are on the website-www.tiffany-park.org. Articles I & II Introduction of purpose-name and boundaries. Who are members? Who pays dues? Proposal any member can substitute 1 hour of time for dues. Given as idea that people would be more likely to pay than volunteer, due to time limitations. Seconded. Discussion: There will be water bills, there will be committees, there will be bills to pay, we have to have dues. You don't have to give up your right to vote. Richard T. (proposed treasurer) said bartering and dues paying would require record-keeping. Suggestion-garage sale proceeds-what about giving a percentage to the Neighborhood Assn?

Back to volunteer questions-can people volunteer time-possibilities of printing, helping with mailing...and so on. Frances-mentioned that the purpose of the money for dues is to establish ownership and a connection in the neighborhood.

Voting-substitute 1 hour of time in exchange for dues. Ayes Nays Motion failed.....

Vote was suspended-who are the legal voters? The suggestion was made to take the time to read and discuss the bylaws then vote on them later. Motion was made. Seconded. Daniel commented-we had to start somewhere, used other group documents as a template....perhaps adopt the Bylaws and amend later. Somebody called for the question. Bills are rarely passed as written-there is often debate and bills don't get voted on as is. Called to vote: Meeting again in 30 days (or when a room is available) In favor 17 Against 27 Motion failed

We continued a discussion of the By Laws How many votes per household? Any adult in a home over 18 Some discussion re: dues-could it be dues per family? Sue Dahlberg-

suggested that there be one vote per address. How would we charge for dues? Per family? Per individual? How would it be decided WHOSE vote gets to count? Individual charges were encouraged because 2 members may on a committee. It was suggested that HOMEOWNERS be the only ones who pay dues and vote. Motion was made to be one vote per household. Point brought up--Undue stress on treasurer to keep track of. Richard brought up that we need everyone's involvement, not just homeowners. Call to vote--Should there be only 1 vote per address? In favor 16 Against 24 motion failed i.e. individuals would each get a vote

Article 3 Membership Meetings-when is meeting held? Definitions of special meetings. Quorum requirements, written notice needs to be given 2 months ahead of time.

Article 4 Steering Committee-11 members, 4 officers-does the work of the neighborhood in between the annual meeting. Perhaps quarterly.....steering committee meetings would be open to all membership. Has expenditure limits, \$200.00 or more has to be approved. Steering committee is elected by the membership. Officers term is one year. There was a suggestion made that Steering Committee meetings be quarterly, perhaps bi-monthly. There seemed to be some agreement to that. Motion made to meet once every two months. Majority ruled. So be it.

Article V. Officers and Duties - The President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer duties were described.

Article VI. Standing committees-members of each committee are elected by the Steering Committee from the general membership. The President appoints the committee chairpersons. There are currently positions open on all the committees.

Article VII. Special committees.

There was some discussion about having a special committee for the Ginger Creek Park for upkeep and care. And possibly to have some input into issues at Tiffany Park. It is owned and maintained by the City; however, the point was brought up that the play equipment and the bark was put in place by volunteering. Suggestion-a "Parks" committee in general, to oversee the care of Ginger Creek park and to also have input on possible changes at Tiffany Park. A motion was made to have a Parks Committee for parks in the neighborhood, with emphasis on upkeep and maintenance of Ginger Creek Park.

Vote was made to Accept the By Laws as stated. With Changes-1) typo in beginning of Article 6 "and the steering committee" at the end of the sentence. 2) Change steering committee meetings to bi-monthly 3) Addition of the Parks Committee.

Voting on accepting the Bylaws-Passed by Majority HOORAY!

Daniel mentioned that there is an egroup available for the Neighborhood Association. Also, mentioned the sign up forms for the TPNA egroup discussion. Question was made

about how are we going to broadcast the info on the website? Using A boards..., Eagle Scouts project building a neighborhood bulletin board-problem with trash being left around. Richard mentioned it would be enclosed, therefore limited access. Suggestion about telephone trees for communicating...

Discussion of Steering Committee members: Kathy Shangula 2525 Edmonds Ct. SE 425 228-2911; Carol Knutson 2548 SE 16th St. 425 228-9406

Motion was made re: Election of slate of officers as proposed, with Kathy and Carol added. Passed by Majority.

Laura Silbernagel announced the garage sale dates, need for help, posters, advertising, etc. Daniel mentioned sign ups on form. They are working on finding a non-profit group to give leftovers to.

Tiffany Park picnic announcement by Donna Thorkildson-Thursday July 27th at from 6-8 pm.-thanks to the City. Hamburgers, Hotdogs, etc. but it's a potluck, so bring something to share. Volunteers and assistants needed-3 to 4 volunteers needed to man a 'Greeter' table for the Association to share information.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm (approx).

Respectfully submitted, Jody Collins Secretary

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TPNA secretary  
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