

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Tiffany Park Neighborhood Association (TPNA)**  
**General Membership Meeting**  
**Fairwood Library - 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm**  
**Tuesday March 27, 2007**

6:40 Meeting called to order by Daniel Goldman.

Brief introduction of Renton city staff: Two officers from City of Renton - Clark Wilcox and Kathleen McClincy. Carl Hamilton, Mike Stenhouse, maintenance, also Larry Rude (Deputy Fire Chief of Renton) and several others. Peter Hahn, Chris Barnes, and Ron Mar from City of Renton Traffic Planning. Kayren Kittrick - neighborhood liaison. The mayor and city council members were invited more than a week in advance. Two city council members agreed to attend. None showed up. Daniel reiterated that we want to work with the City to mitigate the dangerous problem on SE 16th - we want to work in a partnership, not get into a conflict and gave some background of what brought us to this place, primarily the conditions in the past snow and ice storms - December 2006 and January of this year, in particular:

Brief discussion of dangerous conditions on SE 16th St when icy, twice this year. Daniel asked for a show of hands of those who think that there is a problem - many, many hands went up. NO ONE felt SE 16th was safe in the icy conditions.

Also, hear from residents who think there is (or is not) a speeding problem / traffic cut-through problem. It was pointed out by a resident on Ferndale cul de sac that the city used to close the street. The question was raised about WHY the City can't close the streets - Mike Stenhouse responded from City of Renton that street crews are busy trying to plow streets - that's their first job. Second, he pointed out that people are driving in poorly equipped cars - no chains, 2 wheel drives, bald tires - THAT's the problem. He mentioned other people who live on other very steep streets manage OK because NO ONE travels on them - they're smart enough to find alternate routes.

Mike pointed out that when there's a snow event coming - the key is to BE PREPARED.

Brainstorming of ideas for mitigating the problem - either close it off during those times, or put up warning signs to use alternate routes - i.e. Royal Hills Drive

There was a discussion and a point made by Rosemary Quesenberry that she felt the Tiffany Park Neighborhood Assn. does NOT represent the membership of the neighborhood and felt we couldn't make any decisions based on information that doesn't include 'fair representation.' There was some discussion of this - the point was strongly disagreed with.

Daniel asked the question about when and how and why the City could put up a sign - what's the liability? Who gets signs and who doesn't? If some area doesn't have a sign and there's a problem - well, then who's liable?

The Point was made 'Why do we need a sign?' isn't it obvious? Well, not exactly (see Richard Thorkildson's story below.)

Renate made the suggestion that the City website post warnings/notices - or when there's a 'Snow Event', and that street closures be posted in the Renton Reporter

2nd Topic - SPEEDING, DRIVE throughs in the neighborhood on 16th going all the way through Jim Fontana - at the corner of Glenwood and 16th stated he's sorry he bought his house because of the traffic and the dangers there.

Daniel read a letter from a member of the neighborhood who reiterated about the dangers and commented that she loves the neighborhood.

Bob Garlough (SE 18th) mentioned that the County put in speed bumps in the Cascade neighborhood which moved the problem over to Tiffany Park. He suggested removing stop signs on Royal Hills Drive so it'd be easier to travel.

Donna Thorkildson (SE 16th on the hill) - 11 years lived there, also mentioned that she noticed the traffic increase as well because of the speed bumps and that the noise has increased, regardless of her new windows, busses making noise, cars zooming up the street.

Bill Reinecke (SE 18th St.) - mentioned publicly shaming the people who are doing the speeding - i.e. those members in our neighborhood

Renate Beedon (Pierce Ave) - should expect that there would be more noise and more traffic with growing neighborhoods - but speeding is not desirable. She suggested that everyone that was in the room (i.e. the residents of the neighborhood) - SLOW DOWN. She suggested - signs that say 'Local Access Only' may help. How to shame people - write down the license number - and turn it into the City website - click on Departments/Police/Traffic - Traffic Service Request - fill out info and the issue that is on your mind.

The officer in charge spoke to us about the actuality of catching speeders. He sat in his car with his radar and found it's not as bad as we think..It may be the steepness of the hill - we are limited by 3 motor officers - 58,000 people live in Renton..so needs will be addressed but it will take time

Richard Thorkildson mentioned how long he's lived in Tiffany Park - it's a great place to raise kids, and crime rate is low. He went on to tell the story of how the Fry's truck crashed into his mailbox during the ice in November and December.

The chief said he needed specifics - license numbers, time of day, location and all.

Renate mentioned 'can we use the radar guns?' The officer mentioned it would be possible to make an appointment to use the gun and the trailer.

It was mentioned that we change the speed limit coming down the hill - one spot says 15 mph, then later says, '25 mph.' Very confusing. It was suggested that maybe the 25 mph sign be moved.

It was suggested that the speed limit be increased to 30 mph on Royal Hills Driver - not a good idea.

Roger Knutson mentioned because of his home's location it would be perfect for using the radar gun

Joyce (lives on 16th) suggested a stop sign at Ferndale and 16th because of the steepness of the hill

Michael Ritchie lives on Glenwood and 16th - drivers going too fast - over curbs, screeching brakes it's too hard for cars to stop. He was asked to 'quantify' it - i.e. - document the situation.

Female officer said \$100,000 was set aside for neighborhood traffic safety, also that the focus in the Transportation dept. is shifting to the neighborhoods.

Question - are ATV's legal, quads? NO

Reiterated again by the officer - we need to document the vehicles in question and report them. Ed Eixenberger - lived in neighborhood 30 years--2 cars through my house, 11 cars hitting the house Corner of SE 16th & Lake Youngs it's only a 2 way stop - suggestion made that stop signs be put at BOTH corners. Also - question made about radar equipped stop sign - would it help? Man from Northeast Renton neighborhood encouraged us to work with the Street department to mitigate things - could take as long as 1 1/2 years, but hang in there. More comments about the amount of speed people go at around the corner at Harrington and 16th, ignoring the Yield signs..question was asked, "Is there anything else we can do?" To tie up evening - Daniel read a list of ideas that had been presented to the City for suggestions for improving the traffic situation. Richard reminded every in attendance that we are looking for volunteers to join the Transportation Committee.

## **7:55 Part 2 - Neighborhood Business Meeting**

TPNA and committee reports - Daniel Goldman - reported that the TPHA includes Ponderosa Estates, Tiffany Park HOA and everything in between

490 households, 280 units in Royal Hills

Past year was spent in organizing, writing by laws, establishing a website, helping homeowners, writing a newsletter, 44 paid members

There was a clarification about the difference between the Tiffany Park Homeowners Assn., which is in existence because of the home builders' requests - has binding CC&R's, required dues.

The proposed slate of Steering Committee officers: Daniel Goldman (1608 Glenwood Ave SE) - President, Marina Higgins (1401 Olympia Ave SE) - Vice President, Richard Thorkildson (2621 SE 16th St) - Treasurer, and Jody Collins (1403 Newport Ct SE) - Secretary, Standing Committee Members: Rosemary Quesenberry (3609 SE 18th Ct), Debbie Dixon (1500 Ferndale Ave SE), Frances Goldman (1608 Glenwood Ave SE), Sue Dahlberg (2604 SE Edmonds Ct), Carol Knutson (2548 SE 16th St), Laura Silbernagel (1620 Index Ave SE), Donna Thorkildson (2621 SE 16th St). Daniel reiterated that those who could vote are those who are paying members. The slate of officers and members was voted and approved unanimously.

Ask for committee volunteers - Daniel Goldman, Marina Higgins -Newsletter handing out - there were 3 people who volunteered

Zoning and Transportation - would handle neighborhood issues, code complaints

Crime committee - Debbie Dixon is heading that - graffiti control, work with McLendon or Home Depot to help neighbors clean up fences (by donating used paint)

Two more committees - Youth Committee - Donna Thorkildson

Parks committee - Ginger Creek - Roger Knutson mentioned that the Association received an \$858 grant for bark and railing, flowers, weed killer - reminded that the money has to be matched with 42 hours of labor - 10 people working 4 hours total.

Richard T. mentioned that there would be an information kiosk at the new site of the new building at Tiffany Park finished by the end of this June - coinciding with the neighborhood picnic

Internet Egroup description and signup - Laura Silbernagel

Garage sale description and signup, ask for volunteers - Laura Silbernagel - meeting on Sat. April 14th 1 pm, at Laura's house to organize the timing, ad placing, signage, maps made and so on - dates and deadlines. Laura mentioned that people had suggested this year that there may be households who want to raise money for the Association.

Richard Thorkildson gave Financial report - \$844.52 in account because of \$532 grant from City of Renton for newsletters. Currently have 43 supporting members, many of

whom have given more than they needed to. \$11.94 water bill is only bill for Ginger Creek park. Richard mentioned that the newsletters have been free.

PICNIC announcement by Donna - no date set yet, should coordinate with opening of new facility. Donna also mentioned the CERT training that's coming next Tuesday at Tiffany Park elementary, sponsoring an Emergency Preparedness program, to include CERT training, too.

Carol Knutson mentioned the difference between being a supporting member and just a member - everyone is a member if they live in the neighborhood - but a Supporting Member (at \$5.00/year) can help go towards the maintenance of the park, McLendon's discount card.

How was name for the park decided on? Ginger Creek - is underground in a pipe..runs behind the school and into the pipeline, through Royal Hills and into the River.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Jody Collins Secretary

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TPNA secretary  
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