

**Meeting Minutes
Tiffany Park Neighborhood Association (TPNA)
General Membership Meeting
Tiffany Park Activity Building
Tuesday, March 11, 2008**

The meeting was called to order by President Daniel Goldman at 6:40. Twenty-six (26) people were present.

Daniel gave a brief explanation between the difference of members (everyone who lives in the area) and supporting members (those who show their support of the TPNA through dues). He explained that by-laws state that supporting members may also vote when necessary, and also that Robert's Rules of Order are used at the meeting. Those in attendance were asked to raise their hand to speak and be courteous.

Daniel introduced the current officers and committee members:

President:	Daniel Goldman	Committee Members:
Vice President:	Marina Higgins	Pam Carino
Treasurer:	Richard Thorkildson	Frances Goldman
Secretary:	Jody Collins	Carol Knutson
		Clint Maurer
		Bill Roenicke
		Laura Silbernagel
		Donna Thorkildson

The nomination and election of the 2008/2009 Steering Committee was held.

Daniel introduced the proposed slate of officers and committee members. President: Jody Collins; Vice President: Marina Higgins; Treasurer; Richard Thorkildson; and Secretary: Carol Knutson.

Daniel also announced that two new Steering Committee members would be needed as he and Frances Goldman have relocated. Nominations were then taken from the floor. Bill Roenicke nominated Doug Ferneau . La Tonya Rogers also showed interest. Each candidate briefly introduced him/herself. Voting occurred and all were accepted, both officers and steering committee members.

As the new TPNA president, Jody Collins took her place at the presiding table with Daniel Goldman, and the 'pencil' was transferred to myself, Carol Knutson, as the new secretary.?

Jody greeted everyone at the meeting, and asked all to take a minute to say 'hello' to their neighbors sitting next to them. She then thanked Daniel Goldman for 'getting the [TPNA] balling rolling' by presenting both Daniel and Frances with a card and plant.

The treasurer's report was then given by Richard Thorkildson. The Tiffany Park Neighborhood Association bank balance as of March 11, 2008? is \$788.00. Richard said that monies have accumulated because the 2007 newsletter grant money (\$1 per household per year) given to us by the City of Renton was saved because volunteers delivered the newsletters by hand, and also because volunteers printed them for us. Daniel added that \$600.00 will be added through the 2008 newsletter grant from the City of Renton.

Announcements made included the pre-planning meeting of the annual garage sale given by Laura Silbernagel. This year the meeting will be held on Saturday, April 5th at 1 p.m. The meeting will be held at Laura's house at 1601 Index Ave. S.E. At the meeting decisions are made concerning the date of the sale, new ideas are discussed, signage to be used, when and where help is needed...basically, just about anything to promote the sale.

There was mention about the annual picnic as well. Unfortunately, the chairman of the picnic, Rosemary Quesenberry, was not able to attend the meeting. There was some discussion as to when it should be held. Jody said that we will follow up on the matter.

Richard Thorkildson gave a report concerning Ginger Creek Park (S.E. 16th and Beacon Way S.E.). He said that Clint Maurer, the new park chairman, put in a grant to the City of Renton for bark and gravel. Richard mentioned that there will be a work party on Saturday, March 22nd from 10am to 2pm. Bring shovels, rakes, or any tools that you may have which might be needed. Additional help will be provided by the Lindbergh soccer team. He reminded everyone that Ginger Creek Park is a public park and that everyone's help is needed to maintain it.

Daniel thanked Roger Knutson, Walter Bullock, and Mits Nakanishi for their time and effort in seeing that the park was maintained throughout the past year.

It was asked how Ginger Creek Park got its name. Sue Dahlberg explained that "it's always been there." Ginger Creek begins at the south end of Tiffany Park playfield and runs through (and under) the park itself in drainage pipes. It follows through Tiffany Park and empties to the east towards the Royal Hills Apts.

Donna Thorkildson suggested the possibility of a new committee.? She spoke of CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) which is a partnership between local emergency services and the community they serve. Emergency personnel train members of neighborhoods, community organizations and workplaces in basic disaster response skills. CERT members learn to take care of themselves, their neighborhoods and places of business in the critical period following a disaster. CERT is encouraged by Renton's fire chief, Chief Daniels.

Donna also mentioned that a new CERT training class will begin Wednesday, March 19th. The class runs for 8 weeks from 6-8pm. Richard Thorkildson said several neighbors

are already certified. [For more information contact: Renton Fire and Emergency Services Department, 425-430-7041.]

Richard Thorkildson mentioned a program call "Map Your Neighborhood." "MYN" gives information on learning about your neighbors...who has what as far as preparedness. Neighbors helping neighbors can make all the difference in how well our community weathers a disaster. [For more information contact, Deborah Needham at 425-430-7027.]

Laura Silbernagel talked about the e-group on our website. The website, www.tiffany-park.org, gives the boundaries of TPNA, names of our Steering Committee members along with their phones and addresses, archives of meeting agendas and minutes, photos, archived information about our annual picnic, our annual garage sale, and newsletters. We have also listed lost dogs and notified people regarding vandalism. To join you can contact Laura Silbernagel at 425-271-0167.

There was a lot of positive reaction to the e-group from the membership. Daniel asked if there was anyone who wanted to sign up. He said all the supporting members names would be added, but that a person's name won't be added if they don't want it to be. Daniel also mentioned that there would be NO commercial or bothersome listings tolerated.

Daniel mentioned what the standing committees are and who chairs them:

1. Membership/Finance - organizes and implements membership drives and fund-raising events for the association.
2. Chairperson: Richard Thorkildson
3. Information - prepares and distributes information at the direction of the Steering Committee.
4. Chairperson: Laura Silbernagel
5. Nominating/Bylaws - makes recommendations to the membership of suitable individuals for the Steering Committee.
6. Chairperson: currently no chairperson
7. Zoning/Transposition - makes recommendations to the Steering Committee regarding application for zoning changes and variances, streets, sidewalks, public transit, bicycle/pedestrian/automobile traffic, and related land use and transportation. Chairperson: currently no chairperson
8. Crime Prevention - acts as a liaison with local police, and makes recommendations regarding issues related to Neighborhood Watch, illegal drugs, graffiti, gang activity, sex offenders, crime statistics, and other crime prevention issues Chairperson: Marina Higgins
9. Neighborhood Youth - acts as a liaison with Tiffany Park Elementary School regarding tutoring, mentoring, Scouting, PTA, recreation resources, and delinquency. Chairperson: Donna Thorkildson
10. Parks - makes recommendations to the Steering Committee regarding maintaining and improving parks in the neighborhood, with an emphasis on Ginger Creek Park. Chairperson: Clint Maurer

Walter Bullock mentioned you can talk to your garbage man if crime of any sort is suspected. Monitors are in the sewer system and the police is called if something is out of the ordinary.

Daniel Goldman asked Sue Dahlberg how to become a block captain. Sue said it is hard when a neighborhood is so diversified. She encouraged door to door telephoning when problems arise and getting others to know and recognize you (by waving, for example).

Willie Floor brought up the problem of illegal drug houses in the neighborhood. There were several people who were aware of the problem. Sue Dahlberg said the best intervention is to call the police and document the situation, noting the cars noticed, people and what they were wearing, license plate numbers, etc.

Richard Thorkildson mentioned all the parks (the one in Tiffany Park 3 on Pierce Ave., Tiffany Park, and Ginger Creek Park). He reminded members that Ginger Creek Park has been confused as a private park when it is in fact a public park. Ginger Creek property belongs to the Seattle Public Utility Department but we have their written permission to use it. Everyone is asked to help maintain it or it will fail to be.

Walter Bullock volunteered to video transportation and pedestrian problems at the top of S.E.16th and Beacon Way S.E. It has been noticed that traffic control officers are not always available during the times of the day when they are most needed for observation.

Donna Thorkildson moved that there be a name change for a new committee. Daniel Goldman mentioned that if a new committee was formed the by-laws would have to be changed. He suggested that we think about it first. After some discussion about the name of the new committee, Donna Thorkildson brought a motion to the floor to rephrase the name to "CERT Committee". It was seconded by Roger Knutson and passed unanimously.

Marina Higgins suggested that maybe it would be a better idea to consolidate committees instead of adding new ones. Daniel agreed, but suggested that we try the new committee for a while before making any final amendments.

Doug Ferneau offered to help Marina Higgins with the Crime Committee. He said he felt we could ALL be of help since our homes are spread throughout the neighborhood.

Jody Collins mentioned getting together on our own time to discuss problems we are concerned about in our neighborhood.

There was a question brought up: Do landlords receive the newsletters? Several people agreed that renters are often a problem and that possibly owners should be informed as to neighborhood problems/situations. The newsletter has not been sent to landlords previously because we do not know their addresses. Walter Bullock suggested the phrase

of 'owners in absentia'. Daniel Goldman mentioned he felt the need for only extreme situations to be addressed.

Sue Dahlberg mentioned that our city liaison, Kayren Kittrick, may be of help concerning code enforcement issues. Daniel Goldman suggested that members first go through the Steering Committee.

Richard Thorkildson mentioned he has noticed definite improvements during snow periods on the hill of S.E.16th St. He said emergency response time has greatly improved since our meeting last March.

Jody mentioned that the TPNA is still in a fairly new stage, but that 'slow and steady' seems to be the key in order to expect changes in our neighborhood.

Bill Roenicke brought up the poor condition of the path the school children must use between Index Ave. S.E. and Lk. Youngs Way S. E. He said the city has offered to help us in cleaning it up. A volunteer committee will be doing clean-up on Saturday, May 3rd.

Roger Knutson mentioned he has noticed several trees marked on the greenbelt between Pierce Ave. S.E. and Lk. Youngs Way S.E. He showed concern of a possibility of logging. Several members said they had heard that surveying was taking place.

Jody Collins adjourned the meeting at 8:25 and invited those attending to enjoy refreshments.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Knutson, Secretary

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Dave Beedon
TPNA secretary
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