

Tiffany Park Neighborhood Association (TPNA)
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MINUTES ANNUAL MEETING
Tiffany Park Recreation Building RENTON WA
April 15, 2009 7 p.m.

I. Welcome

The Annual Meeting of the Tiffany Park Neighborhood Association was opened by President Jody Collins at 7:10 p.m. She welcomed all members (approx. 25) in attendance to the third Annual Meeting and reviewed exactly WHO is the Tiffany Park Neighborhood association, while Steering Committee member Clint Maurer displayed the map of the neighborhood as a visual.

Jody gave a brief summary about the formation of the TPNA in 2005 by previous Tiffany Park homeowner, Daniel Goldman, who recognized the need for better communication and cooperation between both our neighbors and the city. She explained the Tiffany Park Neighborhood Association (TPNA) includes three neighboring areas- Ponderosa Estates, Tiffany Park Homeowner's Association (TPHA), and the Tiffany Park neighborhood. All areas are included for better recognition and to have a greater impact with the City of Renton concerning issues such as transportation, zoning, safety and crime/graffiti.

II. Introduction of Current Officers, Steering Committee members and Guests.

All Steering Committee Officers and Members were introduced by President Collins and a short description of their positions was given. Those recognized were:

- Marina Higgins, Vice President;
- Bill Roenicke, Treasurer and graffiti chairman;
- Carol Knutson, Secretary;
- Donna Thorkildson, Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) representative;
- Clint Maurer, Parks Chairman;
- Richard Thorkildson, Parks Committee member;
- Pam Carino-Map Your Neighbor Coordinator;
- and Laura Silbernagel, Communications (egroup/website /newsletter) and garage sale coordinator.

Acknowledgement was made of Eric Thorkildson, son of Steering Committee members Richard and Donna Thorkildson. Ten-year-old Eric was commended for his helpfulness in copying and collating paperwork used at this meeting

Also recognized was another neighbor, LaTonya Rogers, who recently organized the clean-up of the pathway that is used by many of our children to and from Tiffany Park Elementary School, as well as many other neighbors. The pathway is located between the streets of Index Ave S. E. and Lake Youngs Way S.E. A Youth Group, Divine Intervention of South King County, was also involved in the cleanup as a service project.

Guest Norma McQuiller from the City of Renton was introduced. Norma is the Neighborhood Program Coordinator for the City. The Neighborhood Program was developed to encourage good lines of communication between the city and its citizens, as well as to help citizens undertake improvements or beautification projects. Picnics are also provided to bring neighbors together for food, fun, and idea sharing.

Jody thanked Norma for attending our meeting.

III. Treasurer's Report

Bill Roenicke, Treasurer, reported a balance of \$1049.04. He explained that in order to keep our

membership growth we will try to keep the dues low.

IV. Adopting/Accepting of Amendments to Bylaws-Vote

Jody explained that we have found a need to change a few lines in the bylaws- a total of 8 changes. Any changes to the By Laws need to be approved at the Annual Meeting. She asked everyone to please take the time to read through the changes suggested which were in bold type. During discussion, Neighbor Bob Garlough said he thought the change to #8 was drastic and wanted an explanation of its necessity. *[#8 amendment reads - "These bylaws may be amended by a majority vote of the supporting members attending the Annual General Meeting – from, " these bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the supporting members."*

Member David Phillips explained that he felt the change was viable-his reason being that the people who show up are the only ones who care. Those attending appeared satisfied with the reasoning. David moved the bylaws be accepted as revised and was seconded by several people attending. All amendment changes were approved by majority.

V. Election of Steering Committee Members

Jody mentioned there are two steering committee positions open. The Action committees for TPNA they may serve on include:

- Liaison with City for Transportation/Safety issues
- Annual Summer Picnic Planning
- Newsletter – writing, editing, distribution
- Annual Garage Sale Planning
- Parks Committee – maintenance and work parties
- Graffiti/Crime issues with the City of Renton.

The terms for officers are 2 years; all other steering committee members' terms are 1 year. Meetings are currently held on Thursday nights. Hosts/hostesses change throughout the year.

Lisa Brines and Bob Garlough volunteered for the positions.

VI. Announcements/Upcoming Events-Review Calendars

- BLOCK WATCH MEETING--Wednesday, April 22, 2009 7:30 SHARP
Sue Dahlberg, captain of the Ponderosa Estates Block Watch, spoke briefly about the benefits of the program. She stressed that the program only works if you CALL 911 IMMEDIATELY. It forces you to meet your neighbors and recognize any suspicious activity that should be reported.
- NEIGHBORHOOD PICNIC PLANNING MEETING--Monday, May 11, 2009 7 pm
(Annual picnic – Wednesday, August 12, 2009 5-8 pm)

'LITTLE PARK CLEAN UP'- on Pierce Ave. S.E.-- Sunday, May 17th 2009 2-4 pm

Everyone

was invited to come with gloves, shovels, rakes, and any tools.

Help us keep it looking good as it is also a part of Tiffany Park Neighborhood

Association.

- GARAGE SALE -Friday – Sunday, June 26-28. 2009 9-5 p.m.
Laura Silbernagel said there will be flyers coming out about the event. The cost will be \$5 for one day or \$10 for two or more days. Monies will be used for advertising.

Laura also mentioned the egroup, which is a good way to find out what's happening in the neighborhood. She said that anyone can join by providing her (425-271-0167) with their email address. It's a private group-only members can read comments.

She also mentioned TPNA has a public website – www.tiffany-park.org. It's a great website

with lots of links to information pertinent to our neighborhood.

Laura also mentioned the TPNA newsletter which comes out 3-4 times per year. If you have any suggestions for content, please let her know.

“COMMERCIAL”: Norma McQuiller from the City of Renton brought a license plate frame: ‘Renton, Ahead of the Curve’ to give away as a raffle gift. Jody asked the question, ‘name a new restaurant that just opened up at the Landing which is named after a fruit.’ Congratulations to winner Anita Phillips for her answer “Papaya”.

7) Questions/Ideas/Comments from the Floor

Bob Garlough mentioned that we have lost a lot of close shopping centers lately. He asked if anyone had any ideas of new places to shop. Norma McQuiller said that Uwajimaya is moving into what was once the Thriftway location in Renton Village. She thought making suggestions for new stores through use of the egroup was a good idea. She mentioned Trader Joe’s in particular, perhaps coming to the Landing.

- Clint Maurer said there was a definite need for development in the Cascade area and that we need to show our support. Norma McQuiller informed us that Tuesday, April 21st, Cascade Neighborhood Association is having their General Meeting at 7:00 p.m. She said that Bruce Anderson, who is overseeing the development of Cascade Center, will be there and that would be a good time to let him know what we want to see.
- Roger Knutson asked Norma McQuiller about the boundary between the Tiffany Park and the Cascade Neighborhood Associations: Are they now adjacent to each other, and is Cascade aware of it? In response, Norma said the boundaries *are* adjacent, and that the Cascade association is aware of it.
- Donna Thorkildson discussed CERT training. CERT, which stands for Community Emergency Response Team teaches people how to respond in a disaster and to take care of themselves as well as their neighbors. Donna said that Tiffany Park has ten people that are trained. She asked everyone to get in touch with one of the trained people and briefly mentioned their names and background.
- Marina Higgins brought up the Walk-About program the City of Renton is sponsoring. Norma McQuiller explained it's to encourage people to meet their neighbors through visiting, find out what's happening in the neighborhood, and get some exercise at the same time. [Norma McQuiller can be reached at 425-430-6595 if you are interested in the program.]
- Sue Dahlberg mentioned that there are a lot of signs littering the neighborhood, many of which are illegal. She asked that everyone keep them picked up so that our neighborhood does not look rundown.

The meeting was adjourned by President Jody Collins at 8:10 with refreshments following.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Knutson, Secretary