

Tiffany Park Neighborhood Association (TPNA)

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ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

Fairwood Library, Renton, WA

March 30th, 2010 – 7pm

I. Welcome and Introduction of Current Officers/Committee Members

The Annual Meeting of the Tiffany Park Neighborhood Association was called to order by President Jody Collins at 7:07pm. She welcomed all 22 members in attendance to the fourth Annual Meeting and introduced all officers and steering committee members of TPNA as follows:

- Jody Collins, President
- Marina Higgins, Vice President
- Carol Knutson, Secretary
- Bill Roenicke, Treasurer
- Lisa Brines, member
- Pam Carino, member
- Bob Garlough, member
- Clint Maurer, member
- Amy Thomas, new member
- Donna Thorkildson, member
- Laura Silbernagel, member

Jody recognized Richard Thorkildson for his contributions as a past member of the steering committee and his continued support to the neighborhood and TPNA.

II. Who is TPNA?

Jody presented an aerial map of the area and explained that TPNA includes three neighboring areas – Ponderosa Estates, Tiffany Park Homeowners Association, and the Tiffany Park neighborhood.

Jody explained about the various groups of people who help within the neighborhood including:

- TPNA newsletter deliverers
- Those who clean up parks in the neighborhood
- The group that walks on the first Sunday of every month to pick up litter

Richard Thorkildson gave a report on the Tiffany Park Elementary School Cleanup explaining that he and Clint Maurer cleared an area that used to be a greenhouse for the school years ago and built planter beds so that they could again use it for gardening. Jody read a thank you note from the school sent to TPNA to commend our group for the contribution.

III. Treasurer's Report

Bill Roenicke, Treasurer, reported a current balance of \$1,284.03. Income in 2009 was \$917.37 and expenses were 847.49. The 2009 Renton City Government Grant of \$506 kept TPNA in the black financially. Membership in 2009 was 66, the highest membership count to date. As of March 29, 2010 the membership is at 22, which is about the same count as last year at this time, so we are hopeful we will reach the same or higher membership as last year. Jody mentioned that dues are greatly appreciated in helping us with projects and other expenditures.

IV. Egroup Demonstration

Laura Silbernagel explained the TPNA Egroup. It is a Yahoo! Egroup that is private, therefore only those residing in the TPNA area are eligible to join. Members are able to read news about the neighborhood, view answers to questions, what has been noticed around the neighborhood, things to watch out for, etc. Laura explained how to become a member of the Egroup (it is also posted in the TPNA newsletter). Laura noted if anyone needed help in becoming a member, to contact her or Carol Knutson. Daniel Goldman asked how many are currently in the Egroup, Laura answered 67. Laura also offered to have a sign up sheet for people at the meeting to add them to the Egroup.

V. Election of Officers

Jody explained that Laura Silbernagel has offered to become President for the coming term and since there were no other opponents, Patty Phillips moved to elect Laura as President of TPNA and Marina Higgins seconded the motion.

Jody then explained Amy Thomas, a new member of TPNA offered to become Secretary of TPNA and since there were no other opponents, Pam Carino moved to elect Amy as Secretary of TPNA and Daniel Goldman seconded the motion.

VI. Appointment of New Steering Committee Member

Jody mentioned there is one steering committee position open at this time and asked for volunteers. There were no volunteers from the attendees, therefore she asked for everyone to keep an eye out for potential members.

VII. Announcements and Upcoming Events

- Little Park Cleanup is on May 15th from 11am to 1pm
- Marina Higgins talked about the neighborhood litter cleanup which is the first Sunday of every month at 3pm at Ginger Creek Park (no cleanup in April due to Easter) for at least one hour. Laura Silbernagel prepares a route to walk on these specific dates, but Marina welcomed anyone out walking at any time to pick up litter or to form other groups in the area to do the same. The purpose is to encourage people in the neighborhood to pick up litter and keep the area clean.

Carol Knutson, if in attendance, brings garbage bags she obtained from the City of Renton and everyone is encouraged to bring gloves. Trash collected is generally disposed of by the person collecting. The City of Renton has recognized TPNA for doing these walks at their quarterly meeting.

- Laura Silbernagel announced there will be a kickoff meeting for the garage sale sometime in April. She encouraged people to leave their contact information if they are interested in the meeting.

VIII. Discussion From the Floor

- LaTonya Rogers expressed concern over the potential garbage strike. She explained we may have some service but it may be limited and it looks like it may be a long strike. She suggested helping neighbors in need and trips to the transfer station may be necessary.
- Richard spoke about the Ginger Creek Park cleanup. He mentioned there will be signs announcing the date and time. Jody explained that originally we received a grant from the City of Renton to create Ginger Creek Park and that we may be able to apply for another grant for gravel for the right of way where many cars park and create mud. We are not able to receive money for maintenance, only new projects, therefore we are hopeful of receiving money for the gravel.
- Donna announced the paperwork for the neighborhood picnic is mostly done. She is working on setting a date sometime in July or August.
- Doug Ferneau asked about the “Rabbit House”. Carol Knutson said the house has been sold as the old owner’s brother had power of attorney and sold it to an owner near the neighborhood. The house is being cleaned up.
- Daniel Goldman gave status on the recreation building. The building will not open at all this year, for any event, even the bathroom, due to budget cuts. There will also be less garbage pickup by city employees, so any help is appreciated.
- Richard pointed out that Beacon Avenue has become a “dumping zone” and usually the Tiffany Park Boy Scouts picked up this area, but there are no longer Scouts in the area so any help in picking up litter in this area is appreciated.
- The next steering committee meeting is on May 3rd at Bill Roonicke’s house at 7pm (yellow house, second on left near Tiffany Park Elementary)

The meeting was adjourned by Jody Collins at 7:50pm with refreshments following.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Thomas, Secretary