

Tiffany Park Neighborhood Association (TPNA)

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ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

Fairwood Library, Renton, WA

March 25th, 2011 – 7pm

1. Welcome

The Annual Meeting of the Tiffany Park Neighborhood Association was called to order by President Laura Silbernagel at 7:11pm. She provided a little background on TPNA and pointed out the area map for members to view.

2. Prize Drawing

Bob Bukoski won the prize drawing for a Starbucks gift certificate and mug.

3. Introductions

Laura requested everyone introduce themselves that were in attendance. The officers and steering committee members of TPNA introduced themselves as follows:

- Laura Silbernagel, President
- Marina Higgins, Vice President
- Amy Thomas, Secretary
- Bill Roenicke, Treasurer
- Pam Carino, member
- Bob Garlough, member
- Donna Thorkildson, member

4. Summary of Accomplishments & Recognitions

Donna Thorkildson provided a summary of the TPNA accomplishments and recognition of members as follows:

- a. The path that cuts from Tiffany Park upwards through the neighborhood has been cleaned up, weeded, swept, and graffiti removed so that it is safer for neighbors and does not attract unwanted guests.
- b. Ginger Creek Park has been created by TPNA and been kept up through volunteer hours. Will need more volunteer hours this year.
- c. Yearly neighborhood garage sales have been put on by TPNA. This year the garage sale will be July 15th through July 17th and the fliers will be distributed through the next newsletter.
- d. Yearly neighborhood picnic has been put on by TPNA. Last year there were 7 gift certificates given away as prizes to neighbors.
- e. Christmas lights competition was the first this past year with three gift certificates being given away as prizes. Donna Thorkildson suggested doing a Christmas light walk next year and perhaps a nighttime hot cocoa and singing gathering. Daniel Goldman asked how we got the gift certificates. TPNA traded ad space in the newsletter for gift certificates.
- f. Garbage pickup around the neighborhood takes place every 1st Sunday of the month at 3pm. Next one is on April 3rd. This helps keep the neighborhood clean

as there seems to be a lot of garbage – the last garbage pickup 6 people filled their bags on one street.

- g. Egroup has been formed to keep neighbors connected and informed. It is free and private with no spam. It was noted that this is a good forum to alert neighbors of important announcements such as the request from the fire department to keep our house numbers highly visible.
- h. Clint Maurer, Bill Roenicke, and Richard Thorkildson have removed graffiti in the neighborhood (**it was noted after the meeting that Doug Ferneau also has helped remove graffiti). It was noted that neighbors should alert the city when they see graffiti and take pictures so that the city can catch the culprits. Rey Hanson mentioned a policeman stopped and asked if he'd seen a person walking by who looked suspicious as the person had just done graffiti and signed it.
- i. Donna Bacowski spent a couple of hours sweeping up needles on the Tiffany Park path.

5. Treasurers Report

Bill Roenicke explained that Chase was going to start charging TPNA to have their account so Bill moved the account to BECU who does not charge for the account and provides a small amount of interest. The total balance is now \$1,829.79 before collections made at this meeting from new members. Before the meeting there were 16 members for 2011. 2010 had 70+ members which was the highest year thus far. There are fewer members present at this meeting due to an event at Tiffany Park Elementary at the same time. Usually there are quite a few people who sign up to be members at this annual TPNA meeting. ** It was noted after the meeting that the 2010 member number was actually 50 not 70+.

6. Report on Ginger Creek Park

In Clint Maurer's absence Laura Silbernagel provided an update on Ginger Creek Park. TPNA is currently applying for a grant from the city for \$3,000 for the park. The grant will provide for the following:

- a. A picnic table will be purchased. Bill Roenicke passed around a picture of the table that is solid concrete so that it won't be easily moved and can be pressure washed to be cleaned.
- b. A stone garbage can so again it can't be moved and is easily cleaned. A volunteer will be needed to empty the garbage. It was noted that Doug and Leslie Ferneau have done the leg-work selecting the proposed picnic table and stone garbage can.
- c. Signs to request dog owners to pick up after their pet.
- d. Wood chips from PSE. The raised beds will be sprayed with white vinegar solution to kill grass and weeds and then wood chips 6 inches deep will be spread over the area.

The above will need many volunteer hours. Marina Higgins explained that in order to receive the grant there must be 150 volunteer hours committed and that we receive \$20 for each volunteer hour. The grant application is due the day following this meeting at 5pm. A signup sheet was passed around to solicit volunteer hours for the project and the hours must be completed by the end of September. Members asked a few questions

about the project for clarification and overall seemed to want to improve the park. Many wanted to help and signed up to volunteer. Jody Collins asked about the Little Park in the neighborhood and if this grant would help with that park. Marina Higgins explained that the Little Park was the responsibility of the Homeowners Association and that this request should be addressed at the Homeowners Association meeting.

7. Break

8. Prize Drawing

Karen Pinga won the prize drawing for a Starbucks gift certificate and mug.

9. Nominating & Electing Officers

- a. Laura Silbernagel was unanimously voted in as President.
- b. Per the bylaws, Marina Higgins needs to retire her position as Vice President. Donna Thorkildson motioned to become Vice President and Pam Carino seconded the motion. Donna Thorkildson was then unanimously voted in as Vice President.
- c. Bill Roenicke was unanimously voted in as Treasurer.
- d. Amy Thomas was unanimously voted in as Secretary.

10. Nominating & Electing of committee Members

- a. Marina Higgins motioned to become a steering committee member. Donna Thorkildson seconded the motion. It was then unanimously voted that all current steering committee members including Marina Higgins were voted in again as steering committee members.
- b. Laura Silbernagel requested more volunteers to become steering committee members as there are still spots available. Daniel Goldman motioned to become a steering committee member, Marina Higgins seconded the motion and he was unanimously voted in.

11. Announcements

- a. TPNA has been considering having additional mini meetings to cover special topics such as block watch, real estate financing, education on recycling food waste, and Feet First. Donna Thorkildson explained that Feet First is a group that is walking the neighborhood to assess the viability of having schoolchildren walk and ride their bikes to school rather than being driven to cut down on car traffic at Tiffany Park Elementary. Hopefully these mini meetings will be held at the Tiffany Park Recreation building. Laura Silbernagel was told by the city they may make an exception for us to use the building for meetings.
- b. The garage sale is July 15th through July 17th. Laura Silbernagel has the signs to put up for this event however there were 10 signs stolen last year. It was suggested to put stickers on the signs that say TPNA property to try and mitigate the stealing. It was also noted that fliers for this event will be sent out around Memorial Day.

- c. Laura Silbernagel explained the website and Egroup. There are currently 63 people signed up for the Egroup and she explained how to sign up if members were not already.
- d. The neighborhood picnic does not have a date set yet but hoping to do it in July. However it depends on what dates are available by the city.
- e. Marina Higgins talked about the monthly trash pickup walks and encouraged people to keep the neighborhood clean. She is thinking it may be a good idea to have people “adopt a street” so that a couple of households will pick up their street to help keep the neighborhood looking nice.

12. New Business

- a. Donna Bukoski noted that while people are picking up trash they can drop off aluminum cans at her house as she uses them to help kids in Africa.

13. Prize Drawing

Larry Gorg won the prize drawing for a Starbucks gift certificate and mug.

The meeting was adjourned by Laura Silbernagel at 8:38pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Thomas, Secretary