

TPNA Steering Committee Minutes
1608 Glenwood Ave SE
October 8, 2007

Members in attendance: Daniel Goldman, Frances Goldman, Laura Silbernagel, Pam Carino, Jody Collins, Marina Higgins, Carol Knutson, Richard Thorkildson, Donna Thorkildson. **Members absent:** Debbie Dixon, Rosemary Quesenberry.

Meeting called to order at 7 pm. Approve minutes from previous meeting. Unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report-Richard Thorkildson reported that the Ginger Creek water bill came for \$23.99 and the bank balance is \$833.00. A new member joined-the Woolkamps-a teacher at Tiffany Park Elementary.

Steering Committee positions open in March of 2008 - Richard and Daniel would like to relinquish their positions in March. No one has stepped up yet. There was some discussion about Carol Knutson stepping in... She said maybe - she needs another bit of time to think about it. Jody Collins volunteered to be Treasurer. Thanks, Jody.

Daniel introduced Pam Carino - a new member of the Steering Committee - she lives across the street from Tiffany Park Elementary and wants to see the City of Renton put in a crosswalk. She's involved in the neighborhood and wants to be more involved since the new center is there in the park. She's lived in the neighborhood for 15 years and runs a day care in her home. Daniel made sure that Pam knew all the members.

Daniel moved and it was seconded and unanimously approved that Pam be welcomed to the Steering Committee.

Newsletter discussion: Do we want to continue to hand them out door to door or mail them. Research was done to see what it would cost as a non profit-- \$175.00 for an annual fee. The total for the year if we did 3 - 4 mailings would be between \$375 and \$400.00. The advantage to mailing is that people would be more likely to read them. Door to door involves the members of the Steering Committee. There's a lot to it-getting mailing labels, buying envelopes and the time it takes to stuff them.

Daniel mentioned that he spoke with some people at the dedication of the new Parks and Recreation Center at Tiffany Park and the City MAY help with the mailing, with content and possibly paying for part or all of it. A grant has been applied for with the City for \$680.00. A newsletter needs to be done as soon as possible. Daniel said he's in favor of doing a newsletter IF we had a mailing

list--- There was some discussion about trying it for a year. We have the money and it was agreed that we should try it for a year, if we're going to pay for the permit. It may include a flyer from the City as well.

It was moved that we go ahead for a year and do the mailing, depending on getting a mailing list, and how long a year period is for the permit. It was seconded. A vote was taken - it was unanimous. We will do this for the next newsletter, hopefully before the end of the month.

Dedication of the Recreation Building - Donna Thorkildson's cub scout pack did the flag ceremony and several members attended. Our next annual meeting will be in the new building. There's a \$20/hour fee.

Parks Committee Report-another vehicle came through Ginger Creek park over the log. Wally Bullock said he would speak with the City putting up a better barricade. Follow up to the question of whether we can do any work in Ginger Creek - verbal okay via Norma McQuiller. There was a request to 'get it in writing' via email so a work party could be started. The City gave them a grant to do some bark and gravel work and Richard will work on that.

Zoning / Transportation letter not written-re: speeding / icy conditions on 16th. Daniel volunteered to help Richard write it. If nothing is sent in writing, Richard urged us to document if there are any problems / accidents. There was some more discussion about the possibility of still pursuing getting a crosswalk on Kirkland again... Daniel said to wait until there's a response from 'Jerry' at the City. So sit tight.

Youth Committee-Richard Thorkildson mentioned the Tiffany Park Cub Scouts group is dwindling because there just aren't that many kids, as they are from other countries and are not familiar with it. There's nothing we can do as a committee - we just discussed how important it is.

Discussion of membership of Rosemary Quesenberry - she has attended only in December of 2006, and for part of the annual meeting, and has missed 3 meetings. Per the Bylaws, it was moved and seconded that Rosemary be taken off the committee, as Rosemary indicated she would not be able to attend. There was also some discussion about the fact that Debbie Dixon hasn't been coming either and we need someone to be in charge of the Crime Prevention committee - Marina Parr volunteered to do that. There was some discussion about getting people from other parts of the neighborhood - perhaps Roger Knutson. Donna Thorkildson - said she'd call the Roberts family in the Ponderosa Estates. There was a vote to accept Rosemary's resignation from the Steering Committee.

New business: CERT Training-Donna Thorkildson mentioned that she's involved in this group and there is a "Shake Up" in March - a simulation of a

disaster. Donna suggested perhaps we could do an emergency simulation here in our neighborhood - we're probably not ready for that. There was also a discussion called 'Map Your Neighborhood' - to help each other in a disaster. It was suggested that we put something in the newsletter about these opportunities.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10.

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