

TPNA Steering Committee Minutes  
2621 SE 16<sup>th</sup>  
December 10, 2007

**Members in attendance:** Bill Roenicke, Carol Knutson, Daniel Goldman, Donna Thorkildson, Frances Goldman, Jody Collins, Laura Silbernagel, Marina Higgins, Pam Carino, Richard Thorkildson. **Members absent:** Debbie Dixon. **Others present:** Clint Maurer.

Meeting began at 7:05 p.m. Donna and Richard Thorkildson's house. Moved and seconded and carried that we approve last meetings' minutes

Clint Maurer introduced himself. Lived 7 or 8 years in neighborhood. Lives on Edmonds Ct. Wants to get involved in the community. Daniel asked if he'd like to be involved in the Steering Committee. He said yes.

Daniel suggested -- Should we change the nights we meet to NOT interfere with the night that the Renton City Council meets, just in case our committee members want to attend the council meetings.

I. Treasurer's Report - Richard Thorkildson - \$785.31 bank balance. Only one bill paid--\$11.93 water bill for Ginger Creek.

II. Daniel reiterated that he had moved out of the neighborhood and would be vacating the President position when someone else steps in to fill it. The bylaws state that the replacement would have to have been a member of the Steering Committee. He asked for volunteers for the position. Richard Thorkildson said he'd like to volunteer as President. It was reiterated also that Jody Collins would take over as Treasurer in March of 08. Daniel also mentioned that someone would also need to move into the Secretary position.

III. Bill Roenicke introduced himself - lived in the neighborhood for 20 years. Works at Boeing. He shared that he once ran for State Senate in 2004. Actually got 10,00 votes with only 3 weeks of campaigning. Mentioned that the demographics in the neighborhood have been changing, sort of going down hill and wants to see that worked on. Perhaps it's 'irresponsible owners' who don't supervise their renters. Daniel Goldman moved that Bill Roenicke be accepted as a member of the Steering Committee. It was seconded and voted unanimously. IV. Daniel suggested that we have our Annual meeting in March 08 in the new building at Tiffany Park. The fee is \$20/hour which we will pay. He suggested we discuss just the general condition of the neighborhood. How to make it stronger neighborhood, get more people involved. Promote people joining Association, make some signs, mention the egroup/website. Also promote the picnic and the garage sale. Daniel said, it was agreed that we need to get more organized and stronger as a group.

V. There was some suggestion/discussion about Steering Committee groups. Roger Knutson was 'taken off' in absentia as Parks Chair. Carol indicated he did not want the position. Clint Maurer volunteered to be chair.

VI. Marina - Crime Prevention chair met with the city of Renton people about crime statistics for this neighborhood. The numbers show we are very low. The woman also from the city repeated that any suspicious behaviour call 911. Marina said she'd oversee who owns that right of way to the pathway between Lake Youngs Way and Pierce Ave - the short cut between Pierce and the School. The graffiti needs to be cleaned up on the fence, too. Some research will be done.

VII. Newsletter/Information committee - newsletter grant will be approved from the city for printing and mailing. Marina made a suggestion that a blurb be printed about who does what in the neighborhood be put in there. If you want to promote that you do babysitting, mow lawns, you fix broken lights, etc. It was strongly suggested that we define what a neighborhood association is or is not.

Non profit mailing information is affordable, but it's not clear whether we qualify for those rates. Laura, Daniel and Jody will discuss the issue to make a decision on whether to mail or hand deliver these before they go out sometime around Feb. 15th. Laura says she has a resource that will print them for free. Any article ideas should be emailed to Daniel.

VIII. Zoning and Transportation committee members Richard and Carol Knutson (including ad hoc member Sue Dahlberg). Richards going to wait to send a letter to the City about the icy, dangerous conditions on 16th until the signage issue is ironed out at the top of the neighborhood. Pam Carino also mentioned that the crosswalk she suggested across the street from Tiffany Park was denied by the City.

IX. Richard suggested that we contact Debbie Dixon to see if she wants to remain on the committee, as she has missed several meetings. Jody Collins offered to call her to find out. She will report back to Daniel.

X. Richard said it had been suggested perhaps we have the summer garage sale at Ginger Creek Park, just to get people familiar with the Park. It appears some people think it's a private park.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Jody Collins, Secretary

Action items -

- Daniel - reserve room for annual meeting.
- Jody - Call Debbie.
- Daniel - write newsletter draft.
- Laura and Jody - help with newsletter text.
- Marina - check on status of shortcut.

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TPNA secretary