

TPNA Steering Committee Meeting
Minutes
October 13, 2008 7 pm
Roenicke home

The meeting of the Tiffany Park Neighborhood Association Steering Committee was called to order by President Jody Collins at 7:05.

In attendance were Bill Roenicke, Pam Carino, Laura Silbernagel, Clint Maurer, Richard Thorkildson, Donna Thorkildson, Doug Ferneau, Carol Knutson and Jody Collins. Not attending were Marina Higgins and LaTonya Rogers.

The meeting began with a guest speaker, Cindy Parks, the Community Programs Coordinator for the City of Renton, and acting representative of the Block Watch Program. She gave a short talk about the program which assists in deterring neighborhood criminal activity. The program opens the lines of communication between neighbors/citizens and the police department, enabling the neighborhood to be the eyes and ears of the department. She explained how the program helps capture and apprehend criminals. (For example, any suspicious activity-even suspicious vehicles-should be reported to 911. 911 is not just for emergencies anymore.) Cindy offered to help interested neighborhoods get started in the program. She mentioned that she has not been in our area for many years, but that recently many houses in the neighborhood have been targeted, and perhaps we may want to think about joining the program. Cindy can be reached at (425)430-7521.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1) The minutes of the September meeting were seconded and approved by those attending the meeting.
- 2) Richard Thorkildson gave the treasurer's report. The current balance is \$1299.74. There was a water charge for Ginger Creek Park in September.
- 3) Bill Roenicke was given the job of redefining the TPNA boundaries. They are no longer correct as written because of the annexation of the Benson Hill Area and the extension of the City limits. Bill presented a map he had drawn up with the streets of the boundaries marked in the color yellow. There was a lot of discussion that followed. Because of the uncertainty, he offered to rework them and will try to have them ready at the November meeting.
- 4) We are still looking for someone to replace Richard Thorkildson as treasurer. We are looking for someone responsible and trustworthy to fill the position. Jody asked Bill Roenicke. He agreed, but asked if he could wait at least 2 months because of another commitment. Richard mentioned that the job is easy, however getting things going is not. He said we need to get things going for tax purposes. Richard will show how to file a tax return for the TPNA.

Committee and Ad Hoc Committee Reports:

1. Parks Committee- update/info
Clint Maurer said he purchased gravel with the rest of the grant money from last year. At the work party held the weekend of October 11-12 the gravel was spread, grass was mowed, weed and feed was applied, grass seed was put down and fertilizer was added.
Clint said the new grant application was turned in and bark for the north and front sides was asked for. Norma McQuiller had a few suggestions as far as what we might ask for as grant monies is coming near its' end. It has been noticed that nearby neighbors are beginning to

maintain adjacent areas which greatly improves the parks appearance. Clint said that Wally Bullock pruned many of the shrubs. He needs help with the south side.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Clint said that when the gravel was delivered he noticed how much traffic was on SE 16th Street. He suggested that some wide striping (possibly 3) be painted on the pavement and that a "slow on hill" sign be posted nearby as a reminder for drivers. Clint will contact the City about the issue.
2. Richard Thorkildson suggested some 'drug-free zone' signs be put at either end and will find a source for them.
3. The pathway near the school was weeded somewhat and swept by Jody Collins and Carol Knutson recently. They found that the weeds have gotten out of control -more than could be reasonably handled. They noticed that a few neighbors are using it and are helping to maintain it. Carol will check on the availability of paint for striping the shallow steps along the path, as there is a concern about safety and possible tripping.
4. Jody asked Carol to contact Wendy Kirchner (Norma's assistant) about securing a late July date for the 2009 summer picnic. It was determined at the September meeting that July seemed to be the best time of the year for the picnic.
5. Doug Ferneau brought up the issue of trees overhanging sidewalks on Pierce Ave. He was wondering how it should be resolved. The problem may be considered a code compliance matter, however, if not, Doug said he would do it if necessary.
6. A change in the day of the meeting was discussed. Jody took a hand count as far as what were good days for everyone.

IT WAS DECIDED TO CHANGE THE DATE OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE MEETINGS TO THE ***FIRST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH.***

7. The next newsletter was discussed. Jody suggested we publish 3 a year (February, June, and October.) It was suggested that there be a target of November 1st for our next issue. Laura Silbernagel explained that although color copies are more expensive, the real problem involves a two (2) week lead-meaning we are short on time. Suggestions as far as what to include were: the Block Watch Program, several pictures of Ginger Creek Park workers, details about the September picnic-including attendance, food, prizes and winners, pictures of helpers, and new boundaries. If you can think of any others, contact Jody at (425)226-4355.
8. Laura mentioned that next year's garage sale planning meeting should be held in February '09. She needs lots of lead time to schedule this huge event. More information to come.....

REMINDER: THE NEXT SC MEETING IS ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11th at Roger and Carol Knutson's 425 228-9406

Respectfully Submitted,
Carol Knutson