

Tiffany Park Neighborhood Association
Steering Committee Meeting Minutes
March 1, 2010 7 PM
Thorkildson home

The meeting was called to order by President Jody Collins at 7:07 PM.

Steering Committee members present were Bill Roenicke, Carol Knutson, Laura Silbernagel, Lisa Brines, Marina Higgins, Jody Collins, Donna Thorkildson, Pam Carino, and Clint Maurer. Bob Garlough was not able to attend. Also attending was a guest, Amy Thomas.

Jody Collins asked if there was anything to be added to this month's agenda. Laura Silbernagel said she would like to add a website update.

The meeting began with a welcome from the committee to Amy Thomas. Amy has agreed to be a steering committee member for the year 2010-2011. The commitment Amy has shown to her neighborhood is greatly appreciated.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Discussion and Approval of minutes from the January 4th, 2010 meeting
Members of the steering committee acknowledged the receipt of the January minutes. Pam Carino moved to approve them as read; Donna Thorkildson seconded the motion, and they were approved as written.
2. Treasurer's Report
Bill Roenicke, Treasurer, reported that the current balance of the TPNA is \$1401.37. Bill gave a report to the committee for the past year from his tax records including income and expenditures. TPNA would have been financially insolvent as dues were not adequate to meet the expenditure. We are fortunate to receive grants from the City of Renton.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. NO SOLICITING signs-Discussion
Carol Knutson reported she had inquired about the possibility of NO SOLICITING signs to Norma McQuiller, Neighborhood Program Coordinator. Carol was told that the city did not agree with the erecting of these signs. She was told that it "boils down to how many rights can be taken away from citizens, that some people actually welcome solicitors"-using herself [Norma] as an example. Norma said the signs in Fairwood West are in King County where Renton has no jurisdiction. Norma said she assumed that the signs were purchased by Fairwood West Homeowner's Association.
2. City of Renton Neighborhood Grant Deadline
Clint Maurer, Parks Chairman, reported that the Grant is in process and is due March 12th, 2010. He is looking into the possibility of having gravel put down on SE 16th St. adjacent to Ginger Creek Park. There is very little from what was put there and the area has become muddy from numerous cars parking there.

3. Newsletter Grant Application Deadline

The Newsletter Grant Application is due March 12th, 2010. Carol Knutson is filling out the grant this year. Each year the City of Renton gives recognized neighborhoods \$1 for each house that is contacted. The money may be used in any way the neighborhood decides.

4. Annual Meeting

There was a discussion by the steering committee concerning the agenda of the meeting and what will be needed (I.e. refreshments, membership forms, neighborhood map, etc.

5. Newsletter

Laura Silbernagel reported that the Feb/March newsletter is finished. It is 8 pages long, has 2 paid advertisers, and the "Yellow Pages". She said that the newsletter stuffing will be done Saturday morning, March 6th, at Karen Pinga's house. Volunteers are still needed. They will also be putting pencils with our website into them.

6. Picnic

The Annual Picnic was also discussed. Carol Knutson said that picnics can only be held on Wednesdays or Thursdays this year from May 1st through September 15th. It was decided that this year's picnic will be held during the month of July. The actual date has not been decided on as yet. Donna Thorkildson said she would be the chairman this year. Several people offered to help, including Lisa Brines, Carol Knutson, Pam Carino, and Marina Higgins,

7. Trash Clean-Up Walk

The next Clean-Up Walk will be on Sunday, March 7th from 3 to 4 PM. The chairperson, Marina Higgins, suggested we meet at Ginger Creek Park now. She feels the consistency of meeting in the same place will be less confusing to neighbors should they choose to join us.

8. Steering Committee Resignation

Richard Thorkildson has decided to resign as a steering committee member after many years on the TPNA. After serving as treasurer for over three and a half years, and a committee member since, we would like to thank him for his help at our meetings and other events.

OTHER:

Website Update

1. Laura Silbernagel, Communications Chairperson, said the upgrade to the website has been purchased at a cost of \$119.00 for three years. We will now have plenty of disk space for all information we want to put on the website including the newsletters, the links to other associations, the pictures and anything else we want to put on the website.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Knutson, Secretary