

Tiffany Park Neighborhood Association
Steering Committee Meeting Minutes
May 3, 2010 at 7pm
Roenicke home

The meeting was called to order by President Laura Silbernagel at 7:15pm.

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

Old Business

1. Discussion and Approval of minutes from the 3/1/10 meeting
Members of the steering committee acknowledged receipt of the March minutes. Donna Thorkildson moved to approve them as read; Pam Carino seconded the motion, and they were approved as written.
2. Treasurer's Report
Bill Roenicke reported a balance of \$1,414.03. He noted a bill for \$3.07 for postcards and realized this should go to Jody Collins. He also noted the number of memberships at this time is in the high forties.

New Business

Committee Reports

1. Parks – Clint Maurer
 - a. Grant
Clint missed the deadline. However there is a new grant deadline and Clint will apply for this grant to cover “pooper scooper” signs.
 - b. Date for Ginger Creek cleanup
Clint will determine the date after asking around who can do the cleanup, i.e. Boy Scouts, students, perhaps people in need of community service hours. Carol Knutson has some plants that were donated and will be planting them at Ginger Creek.
 - c. Mowing schedule for park
Clint will put together a schedule. Laura Silbernagel volunteered to mow in the middle of June.
2. Garage sale meeting
There was a garage sale meeting on 5/1/10. The dates of the 2010 neighborhood garage sale will be 8/13 to 8/15. Advertisements will be posted in the Seattle Times, Renton Reporter, Little Nickel, Craigslist....
3. Picnic Report
The neighborhood picnic will be on 8/26/10. Setup will be around 5:30pm and the picnic will be held 6pm to 8pm. There will be another meeting for the picnic in July to iron out the details. It was agreed that the newsletter should go out

- about a month before this and the garage sale. Donna Thorkildson will write an article about the picnic for the newsletter and will stress that the community needs to donate food. After some discussion, it was agreed that the article should suggest what foods to bring, but will not lock people into bringing a specific food item. The city will provide hot dogs, lemonade, and condiments. More tables are needed and Donna Thorkildson, Bob Garlough, and Laura Silbernagel volunteered to provide tables. There was a large prize last year (thank you Marina) and it was discussed that perhaps there should be a few more smaller prizes, especially for kids. Donations for these items would be ideal and Donna Thorkildson agreed to write to local businesses to solicit donated items and/or cash.
4. Report on the City of Renton quarterly neighborhood meeting
Bill Roenicke went to the meeting and reported that the City of Renton is interested in the individual neighborhood groups such as ours and wants to keep them existing and functioning. Topics discussed included:
 - House numbers need to be displayed so that emergency personnel can read them from the street
 - The monthly trash pickup that TPNA does was well liked by the city
 - There is a problem with squatters in empty houses, however not in this area
 - There's a possibility of other grants that we could be eligible for
 - The City is committed to stopping graffiti and prevention efforts seem to be working
 5. Graffiti at Ginger Creek Park
A discussion took place about the graffiti at Ginger Creek and elsewhere in the neighborhood. The city is usually able to identify who is doing it by their style and "signatures" on the graffiti. It is important to take pictures and send them to the city (Norma McQuiller) so that they can record the offenses at the police department. The rock at Ginger Creek Park needs to be pressure washed to remove residual paint from graffiti and resealed.
 6. TPNA annual meeting
The general consensus was disappointment in the turnout at the annual meeting, however the location is a detriment to these meetings. Hopefully the meetings can take place in the neighborhood next year. Carol Knudson read a letter that was found at the meeting but was not signed and was supposed to go to the Tiffany Park Homeowners Association instead of TPNA. The letter expressed anger about the rock that was placed there last year that is inscribed with the Tiffany Park Homeowners Association name.

Neighborhood Issues

1. Dog waste problems
Clint Maurer is hoping to receive a grant from the city so that we can post "pooper scooper" signs.

1. As a side note – Bob Garlough saw a City of Renton police volunteer rounding up stray dogs. Clint Maurer was going to check on this through his contacts.
2. Overgrown sidewalks
Bill Roenicke reported that the city wants us to try to work with our neighbors to keep the sidewalks properly groomed but the city can step in if need be. It was concluded that this should be mentioned in the newsletter and Donna Thorkildson will write the article. It was also mentioned to perhaps go door to door to alert neighbors of this issue and ask if they need help in clearing the sidewalks.
3. Sign at Tiffany Park ball field
The sign states that nobody is to use the field unless they are scheduled to use it. There are requests to have it taken down, but that may be a liability for the city. Bill Roenicke was told that the reason for the sign is so that the field will not be messed up when it is set and ready for a game. Perhaps the sign should instead read that people can use the park unless it is set up for a game. Bill will pursue this with the parks department.
4. Gate on Beacon Way SE
It is requested that the gate on Beacon Way SE be opened during the I-405 construction so that neighbors and emergency personnel can have another route into the neighborhood. It was noted that emergency personnel have the keys to the gate. Bob Garlough will contact the city to inquire about opening the gate.
5. Parking lot at Tiffany Park Elementary
It is requested that the parking lot at Tiffany Park Elementary be open for public use, especially when there is a game. Bob Garlough will ask the school district what the policy is on this and see if it can be changed.
6. Path pickup
Bill Roenicke commented that the path needs to be picked up. The June trash pickup will concentrate on this area.

Steering Committee Issues

1. Meeting on Mondays
It was discussed whether Mondays are the best day for steering committee meetings. There was consensus that it is the best day and meetings will continue to be held on Mondays.
2. Next steering committee meeting will be on Monday, June 28, 2010 at Donna Thorkildson's home at 7pm.

Meeting adjourned by President Laura Silbernagel at 8:24pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Thomas
Secretary