

Tiffany Park Neighborhood Association
Steering Committee Meeting Minutes
September 13, 2010 at 7pm
Silbernagel home

The meeting was called to order by President Laura Silbernagel at 7:10pm.

Steering Committee members present were Bill Roenicke, Laura Silbernagel, Donna Thorkildson, Pam Carino, Clint Maurer, and Amy Thomas. Lisa Brines, Carol Knutson, and Bob Garlough were not able to attend. Beth Asher from RentonLive joined the meeting as a guest.

Guest - RentonLive

Beth Asher from RentonLive provided information on a website her group has created for the benefit of Renton. The website is <http://rentonlive.com>. The website has just been developed for Renton residents to find and post information about Renton. It is a social networking site that posts news, concerns, pictures, sports, PTA's, clubs, and organizations. It is not limited and is there for our use to share information and to also connect with other neighborhoods within Renton.

Old Business

1. Discussion and Approval of minutes from the 6/28/10 meeting
Members of the steering committee acknowledged receipt of the June minutes. Laura Silbernagel moved to approve them as read; Donna Thorkildson seconded the motion, and they were approved as written.
2. Treasurer's Report
Bill Roenicke reported a balance of \$2,062.01.

New Business

1. Dog Waste Problems
Clint Maurer will apply for the next city grant so that a pooper scooper sign can be installed at Ginger Creek. We are hoping to get a sign that has bags attached to it to encourage people to pick up after their pets. There is a lot of dog waste at the park at the moment. Clint will also follow up on the rounding up of stray dogs as there have been many sightings lately and Bob Garlough saw a City of Renton police volunteer rounding up stray dogs awhile back.
2. Overgrown Sidewalks
The only improvement noted was Pam Carino noticing a large tree had been cut back on 20th street. Since TPNA does not have enough bandwidth to help neighbors, it was decided not to go door to door requesting sidewalks be cleared. We will just keep an eye out for those who do clear their sidewalks. Laura Silbernagel did notice a section of sidewalk crumpled by the school and is going to send pictures to the city to request repair.
3. Parking lot at Tiffany Park Elementary

Since games will be starting up in the spring, it was suggested we inquire as to opening the parking lot for public use. Bob Garlough (not present) was going to follow up on this.

4. Path Pickup & Trash Walk

Laura Silbernagel picked up the path but it is now very littered again with cigarette butts, bottles, and plastic. Laura suggested for the trash pickup that Marina Higgins should send out an email on the egroup to try and get more attendees. Laura will also put it on the neighborhood website and exact dates will be posted in the newsletter. Marina suggested making the trash pickup somehow more fun, perhaps having ice cream at the end or something of the sort. Laura mentioned the path should be the area of concentration every three times or so.

5. Parks – Clint Maurer

- a. Grant – Will follow up on this, there should be money to receive from the City, perhaps find out more about grants at the quarterly meeting.
- b. Date for Ginger Creek cleanup – Clint talked to Richard and it looks like there is interest from the boy scouts to help clean up the park.
- c. Mowing Schedule – Will set this up since the grass will start growing again. Will remove some bushes so that it is easier to mow.
- d. Laura offered help to anyone who wanted to do work on the parks.
- e. Would be useful to keep track of volunteer time spent on the parks as this may help with the grants. Donna worked approximately 15 hours this year.

6. Garage Sale Report

Laura Silbernagel reported that we had 51 families for the garage sale, so it was profitable. Laura had bought new software for the maps so the event was a bit more expensive this year, but the signs were printed for free (as in the past), so that always saves money. It was noted that it would be beneficial to have people sign up in advance rather than on the day of. Will put an effort towards this next year. Also to note, there were 8 signs missing after the event.

7. Picnic Report

Donna Thorkildson reported that this was a successful event, although not as many people were there as in past years, most likely due to the weather. There were probably around 145 people in attendance whereas there were 200+ in prior years. There were more hot dishes and enough variety of foods. It was disappointing we could not use the park restrooms. The setup was well organized as was the cleanup. The signs were fantastic. For next year:

- a. Marina suggested giving everyone plates as they walk in rather than after the food comes out to prevent a big line at the sign up table.
- b. Have a cake with a cake cutter handing out pieces
- c. Perhaps have it a week or so earlier
- d. More gift certificates would be nice; it would be good to start collecting them from businesses earlier than the week before the picnic.

8. Graffiti

No new graffiti noted in the neighborhood. Laura has taken pictures of the graffiti on PSE's sign and is going to send it to the city. Bill Roenicke cleaned up the graffiti on Ginger Creek Park rock with the help of sealer donated by Doug.

Bill also noted there is graffiti on the fence along the path and will pressure wash this with Richard.

9. Follow up on FAA rule about kites
There's an FAA rule stating no kites can be flown at Tiffany Park. Bill Roenicke has called about this and has received no response. Will follow up with a letter and will also mention the rule about no bikes being ridden in the park as well.
10. Quarterly Neighborhood Meeting Sept. 30
Laura will RSVP for everyone who wants to attend
11. Containers for cleanup
Carol Knudson followed up on getting a container from the city for the park cleanup and was told that unfortunately it wasn't in the budget and we could no longer receive them. Clint knows of people that could help with trucks, etc. and also could use neighbors' yard waste.

New Business

1. Holiday Gathering
Donna Thorkildson suggested doing a holiday gathering during December similar to what we do with the picnic. Perhaps have music, carols, and hot chocolate. We could use the electricity on the building like we did for the picnic. It was then decided it might be better to scale down the event by having a decorating contest of all the houses in the neighborhood. There will be three prizes with the steering committee voting on the houses. It will be announced in the newsletter, to be delivered by the end of October.
2. Next steering committee meeting will be held November 1, 2010 at Donna Thorkildson's house.

Meeting adjourned by Laura Silbernagel at 8:24pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Thomas