

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

The Steering Committee meeting was called to order by President Laura Silbernagel at 7:00 PM.

Those attending were Carol Knutson, Bill Roenicke, Donna Thorkildson, Laura Silbernagel and Pam Carino. Supporting member Richard Thorkildson was also present at the meeting. Those unable to attend were Vice President Marina Higgins, Secretary Amy Thomas, Bob Garlough, Clint Maurer and Lisa Brines.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Discussion and Approval of minutes from the September meeting. Those members present acknowledged receipt of the minutes. Richard Thorkildson moved to approve them as written. Laura Silbernagel seconded the motion and they were approved unanimously.
2. Treasurer's Report
Bill Roenicke reported a balance of \$1924.61. Reimbursements were made the past month for picnic and newsletter supplies. The monthly water bill for Ginger Creek Park was also paid. Bill said there is an outstanding check to Daniel Goldman for the annual domain dues. Laura Silbernagel is going to inquire about it.

NEW BUSINESS

Committee Reports and Neighborhood Issues

1. Dog Waste Problems in Ginger Creek Park
Several people have been allowing their dogs to 'use' the park improperly. It was mentioned that a need for dog poop/scoop signs may be necessary as a reminder for people to clean up after their animals. Bill Roenicke gave us an idea for the sign to use. He mentioned that there is a small cost involved in having them printed. Donna Thorkildson suggested that we attach them to some of the leftover campaign signs. Laura Silbernagel suggested we might apply for a grant for more sturdy, professional signs.
2. Pathway Pickup (near Tiffany Park Elementary School - between Lake Youngs Way SE and Index Ave. SE). It was brought up that the pathway is in need of maintenance again. Laura mentioned that it is a target for the monthly trash pickup about every 3 months, although there are many weeds that need to be cleared. Donna mentioned that she was told 'Preen' works well in combating many weeds. Richard said that we have also used salt in the past.
3. Parks Report
Bill Roenicke reported that he had several meetings, one with Norma McQuilller, Neighborhood Program Coordinator. height and density of shrubbery at Ginger Creek was discussed, so someone on the outside can see through the bushes - preventing "hiding" in the park. She also said that she could possibly arrange for us to get a pass so we could dump the debris free of charge. We would need to arrange with a few neighbors to have some pickups

available for filling. She also suggested that we keep track of our hours spent in maintaining the park to use as sweat-equity credit when applying for a grant. Bill, along with Roger and Carol Knutson, also met with Norma and Terry Flatley, Urban Forestry & Natural Resources Manager from the City of Renton's Community Services, who gave us suggestions on which plants to thin, which plants to take out or prune, which to spray, etc. He also mentioned that we could get wood chips to spread free of charge from PSE. Bill noted that two nights ago (October 30th) someone went through the park again and damaged their vehicle by hitting some of the rocks. He also said that Roger Knutson suggested that the white pipes in the park be removed because most of them do not work any longer due to exposure to the weather and people stepping on them. Originally the white pipes were installed above ground to help with the watering while the plants were establishing themselves. It was agreed that we can use a hose now if watering needs to be done and that Roger can disassemble the pipes.

4. Tiffany Park PTA Refrigerator

Pam Carino said she learned that the PTA's refrigerator went out. She asked if we could have it worked on and in exchange advertise that person's business in the newsletter free of charge as a thank you. The steering committee thought it was a good idea to show goodwill and suggested asking neighbor Ray Roberts. His telephone number is 206-406-3666.

5. Graffiti/sidewalk follow up

Laura mentioned that the graffiti on the SPU enclosure (Ginger Creek Park) has been reported to Renton code compliance and that we have a reference number of the report. Reported to Renton code compliance; there is a reference to that report as well.

OTHER BUSINESS

- 1 Laura said she needs to get our tiffany-park domain name management changed from Daniel Goldman's name to her own.
- 2 A grant for the newsletter also needs to be written. Laura will take care of that because she is the Newsletter Chairperson.
- 3 All Ginger Creek Park history needs to be gathered and given to the Parks Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 by President Laura Silbernagel.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Knutson (substituting for Amy Thomas, Secretary)

**NEXT STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING WILL BE AT 7 PM ON
MONDAY, DECEMBER 6TH AT THE THORKILDSONS**